

Summer  
2022

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

### 21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



20th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's always slightly strange in school when a whole year group is away for the week and that's been the case as year 6 have enjoyed their residential visit to Coalbrookdale in Staffordshire. A problem with the bus at the start did not in any way impact on their enjoyment and we welcomed a tired but happy group of children back to school this afternoon. They're now ready to make the most of their last half term and a week at Bispham.

It is worth mentioning here how grateful I am that I have staff who are willing to take part in residential visits. Some parents have suggested that it is some kind of holiday for staff when in fact it is an exhausting if rewarding time away with pupils and away from their own families. I have no way of compelling staff to take part and they do not get paid extra to do them. As Bispham's headteacher I am lucky to have staff who are keen to give the children this wonderful experience.

There have been lots of comings and goings this week and on Tuesday our year 3 pupils found themselves in the unusual position of being the only children in school for most of the morning. Year 4 were swimming and year 5 went on their visit to a mosque. As the weather was so lovely they took full advantage and English lessons moved outdoors as they acted out stories around their work on the stone age. They will use this to write about a woolly mammoth getting into school and as many of them will, apparently, focus on me getting either kidnapped or attacked by it, I will read them with interest.

Have a good weekend.

Andrea Goetzee (Headteacher)

## Bispham's Celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Monday - We crown our monarch for the week in an opening assembly. Teams meet for a morning preparing for Enterprise Week.

Tuesday - Thursday - Our Enterprise week market place will be open at lunchtimes. These will be busy and fun days and we hope to raise some money for a variety of charities. Participation is voluntary but if you wish to send your child with some money to spend, if possible, please send in change rather than notes. Some activities involve henna designs or face painting. If you are happy for your child to have these should they choose, please make a note in their PO.

BISPHAM BAKE OFF - The theme is 'The United Kingdom Past and Present'. There are two groups, years 3 & 4 and years 5 & 6. There are 3 prizes per group. Cakes should be brought in on Thursday morning and judging, including tasting, will take place on the afternoon. Judges will include our school chef, our Chair of Governors, myself and the School Council.

Friday - Fancy dress Friday on the theme of 'Red, White and Blue'. An assembly where our monarch will award the Community Cup to the team who raises the most for their charity. Our monarch will also award the Bake Off prizes. There will follow a morning of crown making. In the afternoon we will hold a 'street party' outside (the weather is looking good for this). School will provide a pizza muffin for all children, it would be lovely if you were able to send in a few cakes or some crisps to add to the party. If you wish to send something in then please do this on Friday morning. The food will be shared among all of the children in our school community.

I have a small gift for every child at the end of the day to help them remember the occasion.



## Key Dates

### May

w/c 23rd Queen's Platinum Jubilee Week

25th Spring term reading reward tea

27th Street Party /Behaviour Reward

27th End of half term

### June

6th Back to school

7th Sports Day

7th Book Fair arrives in school

9th Back up Sports Day

10th Year 4 visit to Hindu temple

### July

1st BFG Summer Fair

4th New parent meeting 6.00 pm

5th Transition Day Bispham

5th & 6th Year 6 transition days to GSA

15th Reports out

18th Year 6 matinee performance

19th Year 6 evening performance

21st Year 6 leavers' social

26th Behaviour Reward

27th 2 pm Year 6 leavers' assembly

27th End of school year



## Headteacher's Awards

Orion	5	Pegasus	2
Hydra	2	Leo	2
Columba	1	Volans	1
Andromeda	-	Phoenix	-

### Heroes

Orion: Amun Cheema

Pegasus: Betsy Stevens

Hydra: Esmae Smith

Leo: Laura Kozuch

Columba: Evie Boulter

Volans: Olivia Roberts

### Prehistoric Secret Science Show

From time to time I hear about some interesting activities and like to pass this information on. This Tuesday Wollaton Hall is hosting an exciting event. It takes place between 4.30 and 8.45 pm and is a paid for event so I'm not suggesting anyone goes. Instead I've been asked to share the flyer in case any of you would like to attend. Whether you choose to or not I have it on good authority that the new exhibition at Wollaton Hall is well worth a visit.