

Summer
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



5th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy week in school as the summer term progresses and we finally get some weather that matches the name. The school grounds are springing back to life and the birds I saw building a nest outside my office window are now fledging their youngsters.

The children have really taken to collecting the values stickers on their bookmarks and quite a number are getting close to receiving their Bronze Star. I am seeing children sharing their personal achievements whether that be working to develop an academic area they feel they need to strengthen or discovering more about a new area of interest. I am also hearing about simple acts of kindness and touching acts of remembrance. One such was the child who finished a piece of embroidery begun by a grandparent who is no longer with them, creating something that will be treasured for years to come. I am so proud of all of the ways Bispham children are finding to show they understand and respect our school values.

We also had a little fun this week on 'Star Wars Day' when we had a wonderful array of Star Wars characters around school. The children were particularly excited to see that a very much alive Darth Vader had joined them at lunchtime complete with light sabre and helmet. Thank you to Miss Cox one of our middays for doing this for the children.

Please enjoy the anticipated lovely weather this weekend.

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher

Notices

SUMMER FAIR - 2022 sees the return of our popular Summer Fair. It will take place on Friday July 1st. The BFG have been planning a range of family activities for the event which is also a great opportunity to bring a blanket and enjoy socialising on the school field (weather permitting of course). I have been asked by the BFG to appeal for helpers at this event, they do brilliant work to generate the funds to buy so many things to enhance the children's experience at Bispham so please volunteer. It doesn't matter how much time you can offer, as little as a 30 minute stint manning the bar would be a real help. You can contact them direct on bfg@bisphamdrive.net or via the school office. They are a friendly and welcoming group and they would love to hear from as many of you as possible to make this the wonderful event you all deserve.

Gurdwara – This week saw the first of our visits to local places of worship with year 3 children going to a Gurdwara. They thoroughly enjoyed the visit which is such an important enhancement to our statutory R.E. provision. Meeting people of different faiths and learning about their worship will go a long way to promoting the tolerance and open mindedness that we want our pupils to embrace. The year 3 children did the school proud, their behaviour was exemplary and they thoroughly enjoyed the morning. Thank you to all the parents who also attended and who helped make the visit possible.

SPORTS DAY - As I mentioned previously, this year, we return to our traditional competitive team Sports Day on June 7th. A couple of phone calls from parents has made me realise you are not sure whether you are invited. The short answer is YES we love to have spectators. The event takes place in the afternoon with exact times being made available closer to the day. As for the day itself, more information on our new teams is on the next page.



Key Dates

May

w/c 9th Year 6 Sats Week

w/c 16th Year 6 residential visit

17th Year 5 visit to Mosque

w/c 23rd School celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

27th Street Party

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 5 visit to Hindu temple



Message for our Year 6 pupils

Next week is Sats week and for the first time since 2019 our year 6 pupils get to show just how fabulous they are. They have worked so hard and are completely ready to do brilliantly. I am sure you join me in wishing them the very best in the coming week. Get plenty of sleep this weekend!



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	3	Pegasus	2
Hydra	2	Leo	3
Columba	1	Volans	2
Andromeda	3	Phoenix	1

New Teams

We had a lively start to the afternoon today when we allocated all of the children to a new set of teams. This was done in preparation for the Jubilee Enterprise Week but will also be important for Sports Day. There are now six teams, named after a variety of bees. We have Honey, Bumble, Miner, Carpenter, Mason and Longhorn. The children have now come up with a range of fundraising ideas so I'll keep you informed on progress.

Heroes

Orion: Chester Pratt

Pegasus: Ayse Sahin

Hydra: Elliott Benton

Leo: Boaz Sanders

Columba: Lucas Doherty

Volans: Grace Tooley

Andromeda: Josh Lee

Phoenix: Annanya Mishra

Forest School: Ingrid Lau