

Autumn  
2022

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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



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**Bispham Drive**  
Junior School  
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16th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting week in school as classes have got to grips with their new topics which they will be learning about over the term. This week has also marked the return of the sorting hat assembly (after 3 years of not being able to do this due to Covid restrictions). The Year 3 children and some children who joined us late last academic year enjoyed the magic of the sorting hat who has told them which House Team they will be in for their time at Bispham.

We have also had the team from Drumba in school to train selected Junior Instructors across Years 4-6, whilst the Year 3 classes watched on. For those parents new to us in Year 3, Drumba is a fun, upbeat and high intensity workout that combines the latest chart topping hits with drum playing and dance routines. The Drumba instructors were extremely impressed with the Junior Instructors and look forward to them supporting and leading Drumba sessions across school.

On Monday, it is of course a bank holiday to mark the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. As mentioned in last week's bulletin, we have begun a book of remembrance in school to recollect the positive memories you all have. This book is being filled with lots of memories. As we still have a number of children yet to write in it, we will be keeping it available until Friday next week when it will then be sent to the Royal Family.

Beyond that, the children continue to make a very positive start to the new school year. As Mrs Goetzee has been on a course this week, I have had the chance to walk around all the classes and interact with children who remain enthusiastic and engaged with their learning.

Have a good Bank Holiday weekend.

David Belton (Deputy Headteacher)

## Notices

**National Fitness Day—Next Wednesday (21st September) marks National Fitness Day in School. To celebrate, staff will be outside to greet children and parents and will participate in walking around the field (or playground if it is too wet). Parents are encouraged to join us for this so make sure you bring your trainers! Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits as the day will consist of active fun challenges, including a work-out assembly, and cross country/circuit training at lunch.**

**PE kit—Now PE is well underway for the year, for safety reasons it is important your child attends school in the correct PE kit. We have noticed a few children not in the correct kit, including wearing earrings and 'skorts'. To ensure all our children are safe, your child will not be able to take part in PE lessons if they do not have the correct kit. Can I please remind you, as mentioned in last week's bulletin, our policy states white t-shirt (without large branding over) and black shorts. If you have any problems obtaining these, please get in touch with the school office where we can offer kit to borrow.**

**Forest School Kit—It has been noticed some children are struggling to take out / put back in their earrings before and after Forest School sessions. This is causing some children distress, so if your child cannot independently and promptly remove these, please do not bring them into school wearing earrings that day.**

**Macmillan Coffee Morning— Thursday 29th September—(9am—10.30am)—We will be hosting a Coffee Morning where parents will be invited to come into school and read with their child in the hall. You will be able to purchase refreshments including tea and coffee as well as a selection of cakes. If possible, school would appreciate any donations of cakes for our cake sale to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.**

### BFG Needs You!

**Due to many of the BFGs leaving as their child has moved to secondary school, we are recruiting a new batch of volunteers for our PTA. The BFG are an important part of our school community and have raised finances for school for us to purchase things such as our Reading Circle, Radio Station and hall sound system. Without their support, school would not be able to provide such wonderful opportunities for our children. Therefore, we would welcome any of you willing to give some of your time to join part of the team. The previous year's BFGs are welcome to support if you are new to the role. If this is of interest, a meeting will be held at school on Wednesday 29th September at 5.30pm. Any help, even if only a little, would be greatly appreciated.**



## Key Dates

### September

19th Year 3 Parents' meeting 6.00 pm

20th Year 6 Parents' meeting 6.00 pm

21st National Fitness Day (PE kits)

21st Year 4 Parents' meeting 6.00 pm

22nd Year 5 Parents' meeting 6.00 pm

29th Macmillan Coffee Morning and Reading Café

30th Pupil photos

### October

6th National Poetry Day

10th World Mental Health Day

11th/12th Parents' evenings

14th Behaviour Reward & End of half term

31st Return to school

### November

11th Remembrance Day

w/c 14th Anti Bullying Week and UK Parliament Week

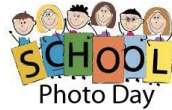
### December

5th Year 5 matinee show 6th evening

12th Year 3 matinee show 13th evening

14th Church visit, Christmas Lunch, Theatre in school

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## Headteacher's Awards



Orion	5	Pegasus	2
Hydra	9	Leo	0
Columba	0	Volans	1
Andromeda	3	Phoenix	5

### Heroes

Orion: Ethan D

Pegasus: Noah W

Hydra: Ingrid L

Leo: Zach C

Columba: Preston N

Volans: Jess H

Andromeda: Bobby R

Phoenix: Zac T

Forest School: Bob C

### THE SCHOOL'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

This academic year marks our 60th anniversary, you may have seen the sign by the main gate which alludes to the opening in January 1963. We have many ideas about how to celebrate and welcome your contribution as well. If you have any ideas or are yourself an ex pupil, or know someone who is, we would love to hear from you about your recollections and also see any pictures you may have. You can contact us about this event via email at [diamondjubilee@bisphamdrive.net](mailto:diamondjubilee@bisphamdrive.net)

We would like as many people as possible to get involved so please do get in touch.