

Autumn
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



30th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the children spent this morning polishing up their best smiles and ensuring that their hair was just right I could not help but reflect on how quickly the weeks are passing.

This week I have been fortunate enough to have time to meet and chat with quite a few of you. On Tuesday I got the chance to meet with many of our new parents at the year 3 introduction evening. Along with them, I enjoyed hearing what their teaching team has in store for them and was pleased to hear how much parents are looking forward to the year ahead.

Another big event for us was the coffee morning and reading café that we had yesterday. The turnout was phenomenal and it was lovely to see everyone chatting and sharing books with the children. As has been said at the introduction evenings we believe passionately in the value of reading to children as being essential to support them throughout their lives. A high level of reading is absolutely associated with greater academic and economic success in adulthood, as well as being a wonderful way to relax and unwind so your continued support is invaluable.

The coffee morning was also a fundraiser for the Macmillan charity and you certainly did us proud in terms of cakes and donations. I am very pleased to say that we raised an amazing £386 and that has been banked with the charity today. We plan to hold a morning like this each term so if there is a charity you would particularly like to see us support then please get in touch. Have a lovely weekend.

Andrea Goetsee
Headteacher

Notices

THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND PHONES - While children are not allowed to bring phones into school they are using them at home. Recently I have had a small number of parents informing me that their child has been the subject of what they consider to be intimidating contacts from other pupils. It seems that some children are passing telephone numbers to other children without the owner's knowledge which is, of course, completely unacceptable. Please monitor how your child uses technology and social media as it is very easy for things to get out of hand leaving all children vulnerable.

LOST PROPERTY - After only 4 weeks back at school we have already collected a large amount of lost property, mainly clothing. Named clothes are returned to the child, unnamed clothes are recycled or added to our uniform store. If you are missing anything please come and look.

BISPHAM FRIENDS GROUP MEETING NOVEMBER 1ST 6.00 PM

I was happy that a small number of parents joined us at the information meeting this week. I was also able to gather a few more names of people willing to help out during the coffee morning. Others have expressed an interest but were unable to make either event. The Christmas Disco is now provisionally booked for Friday December 2nd and a planning meeting will take place in school on Tuesday November 1st at 6.00 pm. We will meet in the staff room so if you would like to join us please enter school via the car park and we will let you in. The disco requires people to do a variety of things and we could always use more volunteers so please have a think about offering to help. The BFG is a great way to get to know parents across the school and the work they do brings so many benefits to all pupils.



Key Dates

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

2nd BFG Christmas Disco

5th Year 5 matinee show 6th evening

12th Year 3 matinee show 13th evening

14th Church visit, Christmas Lunch, Theatre in school

16th School Christmas Jumper Day

19th Autumn Term Reading Reward Tea

20th Christmas Party Day

21st Toy Day in school, Behaviour Reward Afternoon and End of Term



January

5th Back to school



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	8	Pegasus	5
Hydra	12	Leo	7
Columba	4	Volans	
Andromeda	1	Phoenix	5

Heroes

Orion: Harry H.

Pegasus: Elsie F.

Hydra: Bella W.

Leo: Oscar J.

Volans: Elliott B.

Andromeda: Amelia K.

Phoenix: Olivia R.

Forest School: Ayse S.

THE SCHOOL'S DIAMOND JUBILEE



Are you a former pupil or do you know someone who is. We would love to hear your memories of the school and share any photos you may have. We want to have a real celebration of our 60 years please join to be a part of whatever we plan.

You can contact us via email at diamondjubilee@bispnamdrive.net