

Autumn
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Obviously, everything this week has been overshadowed by the recent very sad news about Queen Elizabeth II. We have begun a book of remembrance in school, remembrance because I want to encourage the children to recollect the positive memories they have rather than focus on the sadness. This is open to parents and carers as well and can be found in the entrance to the school hall for all of next week. We will mark the event in other ways next week, again with the focus of celebrating the unstinting service that the Queen gave the country and the commonwealth.

Beyond that, the children have made a very positive start to the new school year. I have been into classes every day and have enjoyed seeing the children engaging with their learning, smiling and relaxed. I have already given out quite a number of Headteacher awards and also some value stickers towards both bronze and silver stars which is wonderful.

This bulletin is one of the main ways that school communicates with home. As ever, it contains information and key dates and I have to say that some of the messages are quite serious so please read them and encourage others to do so.

Next week we restart formal P.E. lessons and children can come to school dressed in P.E. kit on those days to maximise the time they spend on the lesson. Forest School also returns next week (full information attached) and today children should have brought home A5 poster with days and dates on so you know exactly when sessions take place. Have a good weekend.

Andrea Goetsee

Headteacher

Notices

60 Reads Reward Afternoon - The Reading Reward afternoon will take place on Monday 19th December and will be for every child who reads 60 times or more at home this term between September 5th and December 14th (cut-off to allow time to plan the event). Reading should be signed off each week and a cumulative total will be recorded so children know if they are on track. I am sorry but we have to be firm and say we cannot accept retrospective recording as this is unfair to other children.

Uniform - While most children have returned to school smartly dressed there are still a few not following our policy. I have made it as easy and inexpensive as I can and urge you to help your child show they are proud to be at the school by wearing it. It supports our values and ensures more expensive clothes are saved from wear and tear. If following our uniform policy presents any issues for you please get in touch as I may be able to help. Please also note that incorrect P.E. kit (plain white t shirt and black shorts) will mean your child cannot participate in the lesson.

Back gate reminder - The reopening of the back gate has been very popular. A member of school staff is always around when it is open. It does have to close promptly at 9.00 am and 3.40 pm to ensure the security of the school and to allow staff to promptly return to their other duties.

CCTV - A further reminder that we now have CCTV installed across the school site which covers both playgrounds and the field and I wanted to ensure that you were all clearly aware of this.

ANDREW TATE - THIS MAN HAS RECENTLY BEEN BANNED FROM MOST SOCIAL MEDIA FOR HIS RACIST, HOMOPHOBIC AND MYSOGYNISTIC BEHAVIOUR. HE IS ACCUSED OF INCITING HATE CRIMES. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED TO ME THAT SOME OF OUR OLDER CHILDREN HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT HIM AND LAUGHING. PLEASE KNOW THAT VIEWING HIS MATERIAL COULD BE SEEN AS RADICALISING A CHILD AND TRIGGER SAFEGUARDING ACTION. PLEASE MONITOR WHAT THEY WATCH.



Key Dates

September

19th Year 3 Parents' meeting 6.00 pm

20th Year 6 Parents' meeting 6.00 pm

21st National Fitness Day

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

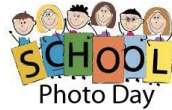
December

5th Year 5 matinee show 6th evening show

12th Year 3 matinee show 13th evening show

14th Church visit, Christmas Lunch, Theatre in school

**NATIONAL
FITNESS
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**National
Poetry
Day**



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	3	Pegasus	3
Hydra	4	Leo	1
Columba	9	Volans	2
Andromeda	2	Phoenix	1

Heroes

Orion: Elsa S.

Pegasus: Francesca J.

Hydra: Ollie B

Leo: Delilah B.S.

Columba: Nyssa C.

Volans: Amelia E.

Andromeda: Isabella C.

Phoenix: Kasian W.

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 diamondjubi-lee@bisphamdrive.net

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

Playground gym equipment

The gym equipment in the back playground is designed for children 7 and above, please do not let younger children use it as they could get hurt.

Thank you.