

Autumn
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



7th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week in school as, incredibly, we move towards the October Half Term break. Preparations for winter are underway and the flu vaccine was successfully delivered to the children on Wednesday.

We've enjoyed celebrating National Poetry Day and held a special assembly to give the children the chance to showcase their work. It was wonderful to hear so many children share their thought provoking work, much of which was focussed on the natural world around them. I was even motivated to write my own poem to introduce them. There will be opportunities for some of you to hear more poetry work after half term when we will be teaching it more formally.

I hope you all got the message this week about the extension in the hours of our After School Club. After a number of enquiries we will be open until 6.00 pm (latest) after half term. At the present time we will absorb the extra costs and see what the uptake is before making it permanent, but we are keen to support Bispham families as much as we can particularly as many more people move back to working in offices rather than from home.

At Bispham we are always keen to keep communication between ourselves and you open and we look forward to seeing you all at the parents' meetings next week. We are also trialling another form of social media and you can find out about our new Instagram page opposite.

Have a lovely weekend.

Andrea Goetsee

Headteacher

Notices

INSTAGRAM– While we have Twitter accounts for the whole school as well as each year group they are not often accessed by parents. The feeling in school is that Instagram is now the more frequently accessed social media so we are launching our own account to see if it creates greater interest. We want to use it to share photos, videos and blurbs about our activities, trips and events. Settings have been made as secure as we can, e.g. we get to check every post and message before it can be posted, photos cannot be copied and used. We'll trial this until Christmas to see if it is a more effective way of sharing all the wonderful things we do in school. **If you do not wish your child to be included in account pictures and have not completed a permission form to this effect please do so .**

The account is called bisphambees

LOST PROPERTY - This is a final call out for you to retrieve any items of lost property before half term. Labelled items will be reunited with their owners. Unlabelled items will be recycled in the school holidays.

Football Squad Coaches - Miss Rawson is managing our school football squads this year. As we hope to run a 5/6 boys, girls and mixed teams, as well as development squads in years 3/4 she would value any help you may be able to give with after school coaching. If you feel able to give some time please contact the school office saying which days you are available and we will try to set up coaching sessions.

BISPHAM FRIENDS GROUP MEETING NOVEMBER 1ST 6.00 PM

Don't forget a planning meeting for the BFG Christmas Disco is taking 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.



Key Dates

October

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

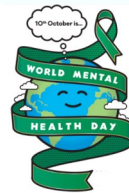
19th Autumn Term Reading Reward Tea

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	10	Pegasus	2
Hydra	11	Leo	3
Columba	17	Volans	8
Andromeda	5	Phoenix	4

Heroes

Orion: Max V.

Pegasus: George W.

Hydra: Eva-Lily F.

Leo: Tilly S.

Columba: Anson C. / Marcus L.

Volans: Toby W.

Andromeda: Luca C.

Phoenix: Ruben S.

Forest School: George B.

Hooped Earrings - A number of children have started coming to school in hooped earrings. The school uniform policy states studs are the only acceptable earrings in school. This is for health and safety reasons as with over 200 children running about at break and lunchtime there is a chance of them getting caught and causing injury. Thanks for your support with this.

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 so please join us and be a part of whatever we plan.

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