

Autumn
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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11th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we marked Remembrance Day in school by taking part in the national two minutes silence. Yesterday the children were given a thoughtful and informative assembly by year 6 so they were well prepared to treat the event with the dignity it deserves.

Next week will be busy as we mark both Anti Bullying Week and UK Parliament Week. Two important events in one week so there will be a lot going on. The week finishes with BBC Children in Need and we will be having a non uniform day, with a spotty theme where possible, to raise money for the cause. It's even more important during these challenging economic times.

There is still time to get in your nominations for parent governor if you are interested. If you want to find out more, our chair, Cheryl Cooper is always happy to have a chat. The deadline is on Monday.

Talking of deadlines, the time has come to book your child's place for our Christmas Lunch. As ever, to allow for food orders to be placed the deadline is earlier than for our usual dinners. Please place your order by December 5th, everyone who wants their child to have a lunch should order regardless of whether they always have school lunches or not.

Lastly our Christmas Disco is available to book on Weduc. Places are limited due to health and safety restrictions so please book early to guarantee your place. Enjoy your weekend.

Andrea Goetzee,

Headteacher

Notices



ODD SOCKS DAY MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER - Next week is Anti Bullying Week across the country and on Monday we will be having an assembly to mark this. As part of this we encourage children to wear odd socks on the day to show that everyone is a little different and that this is a good thing.

UK PARLIAMENT WEEK - Next week is also UK Parliament Week and as we have done before we want to use this to educate the children around the democratic process and how important it is to take part and have a voice. We plan to undertake a referendum to find out what issues are really on the children's minds. I asked the School Council to talk to their classes then share the outcomes with me and it was obvious that children are picking up on a lot of the stories that are in the press. We will vote to find out which are most important to them then communicate this to their local MP Darren Henry. The issues have been phrased in a way to emphasise empowerment through action rather than to worsen the concerns. I have shared these with you as you may wish to discuss these with your children in preparation for the vote.

1. More needs to be done to protect the planet for the future
2. Countries need to work harder to avoid conflict
3. There needs to be more control over how social media is used

BFG Christmas Disco

Please find attached a letter with details of the disco to be held December 2nd - book early to avoid disappointment.



Key Dates

November

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

17th Year 5 Cinema visit

17th BBC Children in Need

18th Year 3 Cinema visit

24th Year 4 Cinema visit

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	0
Hydra	2	Leo	0
Columba	7	Volans	3
Andromeda	4	Phoenix	9

Heroes

Orion: Eden Z.

Pegasus: Isaac S.

Hydra: Elizabeth I.

Leo: Ayse S.

Columba: Willow M.

Volans: Maisie T.

Andromeda: Christine K.

Phoenix: Lucas S.

Forest School: Maxwell S.

ONLINE SAFETY

I have recently had my regular refresher training in safeguarding and it was noticeable how much was about online and social media safety. I plan to send out a survey to find out what help you may wish for and how you wish to receive it.

THE SCHOOL'S DIAMOND JUBILEE



This week I was excited to be contacted by a former pupil who was one of the first in school. They have photos and other memorabilia that they will be lending us. I also hope to put together a podcast of memories past and present to share with you all. If you would like to take part you can contact us via email at diamondjubilée@bisphamdrive.net