

Autumn
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



25th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Obviously this week has been very busy in school with the visit from Ofsted. I would like to pass on the thanks of myself and all of the staff for the good wishes, kind words and sometimes even chocolate that you gave us. It was all much appreciated at a time that is so stressful.

On Monday, school was a very noisy place as most of the children got together to watch the England match. I didn't need to watch it myself as the roars of celebration made it very clear to me when England had scored. This week I showed around one of the very first pupils to attend the school when it first opened in 1963. It confirmed to me that it is often those one off experiences like watching a World Cup match together that will stick in the memory.

We are rushing towards Christmas events and I want to remind you that the deadline for ordering tickets for the disco next Friday is November 29th. It is always such a wonderful way to start off the festive season and I hope to see as many of you as possible next week. I also remind you that the deadline for ordering a school Christmas lunch is December 5th and we really cannot accept orders after this date as we will be unable to add to our food order beyond this.

After a busy week I am looking forward to a relaxing weekend and I wish the same for all of you before we start to get Christmas busy. Have a lovely one.

Andrea Goetzee,

Mrs Hollis and Mrs Doeswijk's Top Ten Story Books for Juniors.

The Highland Falcon Thief by MG Leonard and Sam Sedgman

A brilliant mystery adventure aboard a fabulous steam train. The first of a series where mysteries happen on train journeys all over the world for Harrison and his Uncle Nat.

Omar Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian

A really enjoyable read about a boy, his friends and their escapades.

The Boy With Wings by Lenny Henry

A look at bullying and the importance of having good friends in good times and bad. Tunde discovers new found powers in this book, but will he use them wisely?

A Pinch of Magic by Michelle Harrison

The first book in another brilliant series about the Widdershins sister—this is the first book - great characters, a bit of magic and some time travel.

Malamander by Thomas Taylor

We love this book about the heroic Herbie Lemon and his friend Violet Palmer set in Eerie-on-Sea. Mystery, danger and a mythical beast— what more could you want?

The Lion Above the Door by Onjali Q Rauf

Another hard hitting bestseller from the author of 'The Boy as the Back of the Class'. This story deals with the histories that are less well documented and the forgotten heroes of key events.

Troofriend by Kirsty Applebaum

A science fiction book that looks at a futuristic life with AI robots.

Aisha and the Spirit Bird by Jasbinder Bilan

A beautiful and immersive read set in the Himalayas with real jeopardy for Asha and her friend Jeevan as they journey across the mountain into a busy city in search of a relative.

Murder Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens

A series of books based around two crime-solving friends. This is the first in the series. If you like whodunnits - you'll love this. (Best suited to years 5 and 6)

Can You See Me? By Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott

A really compassionate insight in life for an autistic child. (Best suited to years 5 and 6)

More recommendations coming soon! Next time - a non-fiction focus!





Headteacher's Awards

Orion	5	Pegasus	0
Hydra	0	Leo	2
Columba	7	Volans	2
Andromeda	1	Phoenix	14

Key Dates

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



Heroes

Orion: Emily C.

Pegasus: Arla M.

Hydra: Alfie K.

Leo: Edye J.

Columba: Alfie W.

Volans: Arthur E.

Andromeda: Olivia A

Phoenix: Sofia S.C.

Forest School: Charlie D.

THE SCHOOL'S DIAMOND JUBILEE



We are starting to hear from former pupils but would love to hear from more. I will be putting 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 diamondjubi-lee@bisphamdrive.net

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest school next week is

Group 2

Please remember warm clothing & a change of clothes.

