

Autumn
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



4th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's always good to get back to school especially for this half term, one of the busiest with lots of activities planned as we run up to Christmas. The year 3 and 5 Christmas shows have begun rehearsals and your support with learning lines and songs is always appreciated.

Each year group will also be enjoying their cinema visit as part of the national Into Film Festival. We are always looking for opportunities to inspire and celebrate the learning the children do and we know these will contribute to this. Dates are on the next page.

It was lovely to see so many year 3 parents in school this morning for the poetry recital. I know the children enjoyed sharing what they had been working on and we love to share that with you.

We also relaunched the Times Tables Rockstars platform to year 3 and the whole school this week. It was a riotous but fun assembly so please encourage your children to use the site, automatic recall of times tables facts make so much of what we do in maths easier.

Finally, we are still appealing for parents to fill the two spaces we have on our governing body. It's a great way to support what we do in school and the whole team is very welcoming. I've attached the information again and extended the deadline until Monday 14th November.

Enjoy the weekend.

Andrea Goetsee, Headteacher

Notices



BFG CHRISTMAS DISCO - A planning meeting took place this week and we hope to go forward with this. Help and support is still desperately needed to ensure that it does. The BFG are also asking for any small raffle prizes you may wish to donate. If you are able to offer any help with the preparation or on the night please contact the school office. Full information will be sent out next week.

Toton Churches– During the winter months the church group will be offering two new services. Firstly a language café starting on Monday November 7th and secondly a warm space for coffee and a chat. Please see the information attached to find out more.

Social media - After the half term break staff have been hearing reports from parents of unpleasantness including swearing, name calling and other negative behaviours by children to children. These incidents can come back into school and cause problems yet there is little we can do to control this. The advice to school has always been that children who behave like this are not mature enough to manage social media safely. If you allow your child to use social media, please monitor how they use it as they can leave themselves open to getting drawn into all sorts of potentially dangerous situations. Thank you.

Forest School Footwear - Wellingtons are definitely appropriate for wearing in Forest School, particularly at this time of year when they can get very muddy. However, muddy boots are not great inside school. If your child is coming in wellies, please send in alternative footwear for them to wear when not in Forest School, this can even be slippers if you wish.

*****PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL TO MAINTAIN THE HEALTH OF SOME OF OUR PUPILS*****



Key Dates

November

9th Year 6 Cinema visit

11th Remembrance Day

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

17th Year 5 Cinema visit

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	6	Pegasus	1
Hydra	10	Leo	2
Columba	2	Volans	1
Andromeda	3	Phoenix	5

Heroes

Orion: Logan B.

Pegasus: Layla- Mai B.

Hydra: Jasper V.

Leo: Roshi S.

Columba: Jessica G.

Volans: Bob C.

Andromeda: Kacy L.

Phoenix: Edna K.

Forest School: Luca C.

FAMILY HELPERS

We are always pleased to welcome family members into school to support our work. It could be to hear readers or help out with an art project. If you would like to please let your child's class teacher know.

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 please be a part of whatever we plan. You can contact us via email at diamondjubilee@bisphamdrive.net