

Autumn
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write I am looking forward to this evening's disco. The Bispham Christmas Disco back where it belongs. I'm sure it will be a wonderful evening and one that will raise the much needed funds that support some of the wonderful things that happen in school. As a staff we really do value all of the support you give us and we will be working with the School Council to ensure the funds are spent on things the children really want.

This morning saw the dress rehearsal of the year 5 show, performed to the rest of the school. As ever due to their hard work in rehearsal near to my office I am sure I know the songs as well as the children do. That being said, nothing replaces the joy to be had watching children perform to their families and I am sure many of you are looking forward to that as much as I am. It never fails to bring a tear to my eye. I was pleased to welcome year 2 pupils from Banks Road to watch the show this morning. This was their first semi-formal contact with our school and marked the beginning of a long and positive transition experience. I was very impressed with how well they behaved and they certainly enjoyed the show.

Tonight we will have our school Christmas Disco, back where it belongs in December. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this very popular event and know it will be the great success it always is.

Have a lovely weekend.

Andrea Goetzee,

Headteacher

Notices



Lining up on the playground - As the children are quite excitable at the moment we are trialling a partial return to classes lining up on the playground in the morning and at the end of break. Years 5 and 6 will be lining up towards the field side of the playground and I ask that parents who accompany their children into school leave this part clear after the bell goes. Thank you.

Lost Property - This is my usual end of term reminder about lost property. This will be sent for recycling at the end of term so please come in and check it out if you have lost items to track down.

Christmas Tree - Carrying on our work around the children having a voice about what happens in school and understanding about how democracy works, we applied these principles to the purchase of the school Christmas tree. Classes discussed which was more environmentally friendly, a real tree or an artificial one. I am sure this debate is happening in many houses. There are arguments for both sides but after the discussion the children voted and by a margin of 3 to 2 the artificial tree was chosen. I was able to purchase a beautiful 10 feet high tree and that is now on display and looking fabulous in our school hall. The tree was purchased by the Bispham Friends Group and we thank them for their continued support in so many aspects of school life.

PRIME bottles - Prime is a fruit drink that allegedly has some value on ebay. It has been noted that these, mostly empty, bottles have been brought into school. There have been issues about children hiding them and giving them out. There is no place in school for this. If you purchase this product for your child, please ensure the bottles remain at home. Any found will be confiscated. Thank you.



Key Dates

December

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
 9th Our first 60th anniversary event
 16th and 17th Parents 'meetings
 24th - 26th Book Fair in school
 30th - 1st February Bikeability in school



February

w/c 6th Children's' Mental Health Awareness Week
 7th Safer Internet Day
 10th Behaviour Reward Afternoon
 10th End of half term



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	1	Pegasus	4
Hydra	1	Leo	1
Columba	8	Volans	7
Andromeda	2	Phoenix	6

Heroes

Orion: Maxwell D.
 Pegasus: Samuel P.
 Hydra: Ayden C.
 Leo: Lucia M.
 Columba: Finley W.
 Volans: Leo D.
 Andromeda: Darci B.
 Phoenix: Arjan K-S
 Forest School: Evie B.

FOREST SCHOOL

Please note that Forest School has finished for this term. It will resume after the holidays and I will give you the dates for the groups before the end of term. Meanwhile, Miss Carr will be supporting Christmas activities across the school.

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 diamondjubilée@bisphamdrive.net