

Autumn
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



9th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be the last full bulletin of the term so I will make the most of it to share all of the wonderful things that have been happening in school this week.

First of all a big thank you to the BFG for organising the disco last week. It went down really well and I enjoyed talking to quite a few of you on the night. I even enjoyed the macarena. The money has all been counted up now and I am very pleased to tell you it raised a brilliant £1,182.48. Thank you to everyone who came and made it such a special event and special thanks to those who stayed behind afterwards to ensure the clean up was fast and efficient. Today, I met with the School Council to decide our priorities for the remainder of the year and they certainly have a lot of ideas about how it can be used to support the school. Watch this space.

Other news this week has been the wonderful performances of the year 5 show 'Sulky Santa and the Boy Who Didn't Believe'. The responses from those watching were extremely positive and I know the children got a lot out of performing, you could see the smiles on everyone's faces. Next week we get to see what year 3 have been working on. It's lovely to be in a school at this time of year.

Christmas activities start next week with our church visit, Christmas lunch and theatre performance. I look forward to it.

Andrea Goetzee,
Headteacher

Notices

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.

Illness in school - In common with a lot of schools we have quite a lot of children ill at the moment. Just general coughs and colds but enough to affect 10% of the children. We are promoting hand and respiratory hygiene in school (Catch It Bin It Kill It) to try to minimise the spread of these bugs. If you think your child may be contagious then please keep them at home and we can quickly reduce the numbers of children who are absent from school.

Strep A - this week I have shared with you the latest information for parents around the worrying headlines we have all been reading. I hope that has been reassuring. If you need further reassurance or directing towards official information please get in touch with the office and we will always try to help.



Christmas Craft Morning

Monday 19th December 9.10 - 10.30

A big part of Christmas in primary school is the chance to get out the glue, glitter and paint as we make a variety of Christmas crafts. If you would like to help out then please join us on the final Monday morning of the term. A quick work of advice, wear old clothes as it can get messy. It would be lovely to see you.



Key Dates

December

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



WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



Headteacher's Awards

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

Heroes

Orion: Daniel C.

Pegasus: Joshua B.

Hydra: Farha

Leo: Lyra

Columba: Zack B.

Volans: Eleanor S.

Andromeda: Finn T.

Phoenix: Gabrielle M.

Forest School: Leo D.

SAVE THE DATES

It's been assessment week in school this week. I want to draw your attention to the 16th and 17th of January when we will be having parent meetings to share the results and agree next steps to develop your children's learning.

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