

Spring  
2023

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

### 21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



January 13th 2023

As part of an occasional feature I asked two year 6 children to share their view of the first week back in school.

Dear Parents and Carers,

For the 60th jubilee celebration of the school we have a 1960's day finding out what it was like when Bispham Drive Junior School first opened.

During 1960's day, the whole school had a taste of what school was like for their grandparents. Pupils learned that in maths instead of learning about fractions and BIDMAS they would repeatedly practice their times tables. We also experienced what English lessons were like. Most year groups had to copy long, boring paragraphs in silence. This was to practice handwriting. We also found out how little art, science or history were taught.

The 1960's day was stricter than today. We were very relieved when we went back to 2023.

This week we tried an exciting new activity, skateboarding! We all had safety gear on which was good. Skateboarding builds confidence and is lots of fun. Even our teacher had a go and has two bruises to prove it!.

First week done.

Maja M and Connor P

## Notices

**FOREST SCHOOL** - In last week's bulletin I shared the dates of Forest School this term together with a reminder that children need to bring a change of clothes on their days. This has been particularly important this week and continues to be as the grounds the children use are extremely muddy. The change of clothes is to ensure they are dry and warm after their session and a change of footwear is also vital. Sadly, without a change of clothing children will not be able to participate due to the risk of them becoming cold and wet afterwards.

**P.E. Kit** - I must also ask you to ensure that your child is wearing the correct P.E. Kit on the days they do it. This includes suitable footwear as we often take the children outside and there is a risk of slipping during lessons. Again without this, it is simply not safe for children to participate. Also a reminder that earrings should be removed to participate.

**Parent support with home school communication** - Last week I appealed for parent representatives to help ensure we don't miss out any much needed information in our communication. I have received one or two offers of help. The appeal remains open until next Friday. If you can spare an hour each half term to talk to me about what we have planned in school please let the office know so I can arrange the first meeting.

**Parent information** - We have a meeting at 6.00 pm on Monday February 6th to tell you about how we teach maths at Bispham. This is in response to requests to help parents support their children so please come along.

**Parent conference** - I have been asked to share with you a flyer advertising a conference for parents of children with additional needs. It takes place on March 7th and full details are attached.



## Key Dates

### January

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

6th Parent meeting about maths teaching at Bispham and how you can support your child 6.00 pm

7th Safer Internet Day

10th Behaviour Reward Afternoon

10th Performance of Moon Rabbit and other stories from China

10th End of half term



#### WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



### Book Fair and 60 reads information

The Book Fair opens after school on January 24th and finishes on the 26th. It's a great way to browse some of the latest books with your child, please come along and support it.

After a wonderful reading reward tea we are now counting towards the next one. All reads signed off at home between December 16th and March 24th will count.



## Headteacher's Awards

Orion	2	Pegasus	2
Hydra	2	Leo	0
Columba	12	Volans	9
Andromeda	3	Phoenix	11

### Heroes

Orion: Sarah A.

Pegasus: Henri L.

Hydra: Daniel K.

Leo: Adam T-R

Columba: Melody J.

Volans: Laura K.

Andromeda: Connor P.

Phoenix: Isla R.

Forest School: Olive B.



### 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 [diamondjubilee@bisphamdrive.net](mailto:diamondjubilee@bisphamdrive.net)