

Spring
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



January 20th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It may have been cold this week but we all remained warm in school and got on with the learning. We have been preparing for the arrival of the annual Book Fair and are excited to see what new titles will be available. Staff have got on board by photographing their book shelves at home for children to try and link the teacher with the books. Some have been kinder than others in including a few various obvious clue books linked to their interests outside of school. I do hope that you will be able to come and have a look as sharing a book with your child provides some wonderful memories and I know I missed this so much when my own children decided they were more than capable of reading for themselves.

This week in assemblies we have begun to explore aspects of Chinese culture in the run up to Chinese New Year which falls on Sunday January 22nd. We learned about a composer, an artist and about the celebrations themselves. I feel this is particularly important now that we have a number of Chinese children in school and I am sure you will join me in wishing them 'Gong hei fat choy' which translates as happiness and prosperity. We will have a Chinese themed menu on Monday 23rd, more information can be found on page 3 of this bulletin.

Please enjoy the weekend and stay warm.

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher

Notices

Please note the final payment for the year 5 residential is due on January 31st.

Uniform reminder - There are a few small issues around uniform at the moment, we keep our expected uniform as cost effective and easy to get as possible. In line with our uniform policy we are now in the winter phase which means shirts rather than polo shirts should be worn. This also means suitable warm and waterproof coats, during recent downpours we had a number of children who were inadequately prepared. We like the children to get as much fresh air as possible and this ensures they will. In terms of jewellery small stud earring are what is safe in school, we are starting to see less appropriate styles creeping in. We are also seeing nail varnish on some children which is also not appropriate for school. I know that this may seem petty but adhering to the uniform policy shows children have pride in their school and also means they focus on their learning and not on being in a fashion competition with their peers. If uniform is of a specific concern to you please get in touch with the office to see what help we can give.

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.

Parking around school - We always try to maintain a positive relationship with our neighbours around school as they are often helpful to us in keeping an eye on the grounds when school is not in session. This week, I have received a complaint from one who states that a parent parked across their drive at the end of the school day and was less than polite when challenged on this. Please help us by parking safely and thoughtfully when



Key Dates

January

24th - 26th Book Fair in school

30th - 2nd February Bikeability in school for year 5

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

20th Back to school

21st Shrove Tuesday

w/c 27th National Empathy Week



Chinese New Year Menu Monday 23rd January

Quorn dippers, sweet and sour sauce,
savory rice, vegetable sticks
ice cream

Please note the pizza that would normally be served will be the lunch menu for Tuesday next week.



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	3	Pegasus	1
Hydra	1	Leo	1
Columba	5	Volans	5
Andromeda	9	Phoenix	4

Heroes

Orion: Esme H-H.

Pegasus: Maleah-Mae N.

Hydra: Ken W.

Leo: Ursula F.

Columba: Shanza A.

Volans: Spencer L.

Andromeda: Fraser M.

Phoenix: Maddison H.

Forest School: William W.



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