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BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



January 27th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have had the Book Fair in school and it has been lovely to see so many families browsing, enjoying and purchasing books. School staff have also been swapping classes at the end of the day to enjoy sharing a book with a different class to the one they normally read to. My diary meant I only got to do this once but I loved the time I spent reading in Andromeda yesterday. Reading to my own children at bedtime was always a special time for me and I was sad when they outgrew this. I hope that you get to share this time as often as possible and get as much out of it as I did.

On a more serious note, this week I have been looking at our attendance figures. As a school, we are in a pretty good place on this. However, there are children who fall into the category classed as 'persistent absence' that is attendance figures below 90%. Attendance this low can have a significant impact on a child's achievement. In the coming weeks, I will be contacting the families of these children to see what support we might need to put in place to ensure we see the children in school as much as possible. If you feel this affects you, you can always call the office and arrange an appointment to have a chat with me to see how we can help.

Finally, as ever, I wish you the very best of weekends and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher

Notices

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

Police led online safety training event - I recently went to an update meeting about safeguarding and the key theme was the vulnerability of children online and how difficult it is for adults to keep up with new trends and dangers. The police officer who was there shared information about a piece of online training they are offering to parents on Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7th February at 7.00 pm, it lasts an hour and can be booked via the following link. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-advice-for-parents-safer-internet-day-tickets-511593388597?aff=ebdsoporgprofile#search>

After School club bookings - We have had a number of children remaining at school although they are not booked for the club. So far we have been able to accommodate them, however, as the numbers we can take are driven by staff to child ratios this might not always be the case. Please book your places via Weduc so we have the correct numbers of staff in school for the number of children remaining. Thank you.

Chewing gum - A small number of children have been found chewing gum in school. Sweets are not allowed in school except for special occasions. Chewing gum, in particular, leaves a horrible mess. Please ask children to leave these sweets at home.

Gate closure - The recent cold weather has seen an increase in the number of children arriving late into school. School begins at 9.00 am and the school gates will be closed at this time so please ensure your child is in school ready to learn at the correct time.



Key Dates

January

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



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	6 + whole class	Pegasus	1
Hydra	4	Leo	2
Columba	9	Volans	2
Andromeda	1 + whole	Phoenix	2

Heroes

Orion: Finley B

Pegasus: Sebastian K

Hydra: Thomas TR

Leo: Poppy H

Columba: Leanne S

Volans: Esmae S

Andromeda: Lewie C

Phoenix: Dylan B

Forest School: Aarav P



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