

Spring
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



February 10th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the last day of the half term all of the children have had the opportunity to enjoy another, high quality, performance in school. We were lucky enough to secure a fully funded visit by the Lakeside Arts Theatre and their current show 'Moon Rabbit And Other Stories From China'. The children were enthralled by the stories and loved the range of traditional musical instruments they got to see and hear. Please ask your child about it and if you wish to see for yourself the show is at local venues until February 16th.

This week I had my first meeting with the parents who volunteered to support on home-school communications. It was productive and showed that what is needed is simple tweaks to remove some annoying niggles. Indeed, Mrs Fitch will be in touch shortly to signpost some areas of the Weduc App that you may not be aware of as sources of information. We plan to meet again next half term and I will continue to let you know the impact these meetings have.

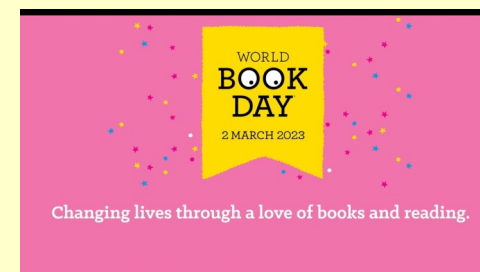
With communication in mind I have left the information about World Book Day on this week's bulletin to give you plenty of time to think about it. I have also attached the homework activity that your child should have brought home today.

Finally, thank you to those parents who were able to attend the maths information evening on Monday. It was felt to be very useful and we hope to run another one soon. Have a great half term.

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher

Repeat Notice



As you know, reading is very important to us at Bispham and we really want to make a fuss about World Book Day this year. I thought it would be a good idea to give you plenty of notice of our plans for March 2nd.

- Instead of characters from books, we would like children to come dressed as an adjective. This can be as easy as them coming as a colour or as complicated as them exemplifying, for example the adjective chaotic or bubbly. We plan to do some practical activities based around the costumes so the more creative the better.
- Homework - The children will bring home an activity designed to identify the reading history of a family member.
- Reading time in school - You are invited for the first and last half hour of the day to share a story with your child.
- Bedtime Story - A new event for school where you are invited to bring your child back to school at 6.00 pm in their py-jamas. We will give them hot chocolate and share some bedtime stories. The event will last 45 minutes. You are most welcome to stay with your child. To confirm numbers please book your free place via Weduc.



Key Dates

February

10th End of half term

20th Back to school

21st Shrove Tuesday

w/c 27th National Empathy Week

27th 3.30 pm Year 5 parents' meeting about the residential

March

2nd World Book Day

w/c 13th British Science Week

17th Red Nose Day details tbc

w/c 20th Assessment Week

W/c 27th Year 5 Residential visits

24th Year 3 Easter experience at St Peter's

27th Year 4 Matinee performance 1.30

28th Year 4 Evening performance 6.00

31st Behaviour Reward Afternoon

31st End of Term



Our YouBees video group produced a video for Safer Internet Day, you can watch it here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	-	Pegasus	2
Hydra	-	Leo	3
Columba	6	Volans	13
Andromeda	7	Phoenix	6

Announcements

Rowing Contest - Yesterday two children from each year group took part in a rowing contest at George Spencer. With very little preparation they did really well, coming second out of ten competing schools. Of course we were commended for the excellent behaviour of our pupils and for the positive attitude they brought to the event. Well done and I hope to share picture's on the next bulletin.



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