

Spring  
2023

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



February 24th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever it has been lovely to welcome all of the children back to school after the half term break. I have enjoyed hearing about the things they have done and they have got back to their learning quickly and enthusiastically.

This week we undertook an evacuation of school as part of our emergency planning requirements. I understand that this can cause some anxiety for some children. We are not allowed to give notice of these so to support the children it would be helpful if you could explain, as we do in school, that such practices are a normal part of helping ensure we can keep everyone safe in school. That being said, the children did very well and were calm and mature in their response to the alarm call.

Next week sees some big changes in PE provision across the school as swimming starts in year 4 and skateboarding moves to years 3 and 5. To make things clear I have attached a short schedule so that you can understand who is doing PE when and ensure your child has PE clothing on the correct day. I have asked the office to ensure this is on the Weduc newsfeed for your future reference.

Finally, I hope to see as many year 5 parents as possible at the meeting after school on Monday to discuss the upcoming residential. It's a lovely visit and we look forward to telling you all about it.

Have an excellent weekend.

Andrea Goetsee

Headteacher

## Notices

**World Book Day Thursday 2nd March** - We will be marking the day in the following ways:

- Children to come dressed as an adjective
- Children to complete a family homework activity
- Join your child from 9.00-9.30 or 3.00 - 3.30 for reading time in school
- Bring your child back to school in their pyjamas at 6.00 pm for a bedtime story. Places bookable via Weduc.

**Red Nose Day Friday March 17th** - In the past we have sold noses in school, however the system has now changed. This time school would have to pay £2.50 up front for every nose and stand the cost of any not sold. I do not feel that this is correct use of school budget so have an alternative plan. While children are very welcome to wear noses you may have bought them, I thought that we could face paint a nose on children who didn't have them and include a fun motif as well. All you would need to do is place a note of permission in your child's P.O. and send in the donation of 50p. We will also have a non-uniform day, again for a nominal donation. The theme is Mr and Miss books and to make it easy you could reuse the adjective costume from World Book Day where before they were, for example, the colour red they could call themselves Mr or Miss Red for the day. Details of other activities to support the cause will follow.

**Photographs on the playground** - Please ensure that if you photograph your own child that you are mindful of other children who may be included in the background. Thank you.



### Key Dates

#### February

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

w/c 20th Assessment Week

24th Year 3 Easter experience at St Peter's

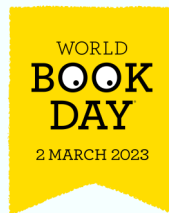
W/c 27th Year 5 Residential visits

27th Year 4 Matinee performance 1.30

28th Year 4 Evening performance 6.00

31st Behaviour Reward Afternoon

31st End of Term



### Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

We have all seen the terrible events of the last few weeks affecting people in Turkey and Syria. A fundraiser is taking place at the Pearson Centre in Beeston tomorrow between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm. If you wish to show your support a flyer is attached with full details.



### Headteacher's Awards

Orion	2	Pegasus	4
Hydra	4	Leo	1
Columba	4	Volans	1
Andromeda	15	Phoenix	5

#### Heroes

Orion: Erica M.

Pegasus: Mason O.

Hydra: Rio H.

Leo: Freddie D.

Columba: Brayden D.

Volans: Ellie W.

Andromeda: Beth R.

Phoenix: Amber L.

Forest School: Reece 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 [diamondjubil-lee@bisphamdrive.net](mailto:diamondjubil-lee@bisphamdrive.net)