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## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



February 3rd 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen our year 5 pupils complete their Bikeability training. This is a comprehensive training programme designed to promote safe cycling. Those that pass the basic training are also taken out onto the roads around school to give them the knowledge, skills and judgement to cycle more widely. I am pleased to say that everyone completed the course and are proud owners of their Bikeability badges to prove it. Well done year 5!

There are messages about World Book Day on the next page, written to give you as much notice as possible about how we plan to mark it. In addition there are a few more events I wish to mention. On Monday we are offering you the chance to get to grips with how we teach your children maths. There will be samples of teaching and the opportunity to find out how best to support your child. Please come along, teachers want to do their best to help you. The meeting starts at 6.00 pm.

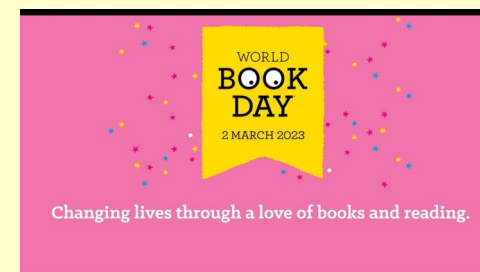
Next week also sees us mark Safer Internet Day. As more evidence emerges about the harm that children can come to online and on social media, it's becomes ever more important to educate them. There is also an opportunity for you to get up to date guidance from the police, there is a link to their free training under the key dates list.

As ever lots is going on as we approach half term, have a lovely weekend.

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher

## Notices



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 then 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 pyjamas. 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 under 'offers'.



## Key Dates

### 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



Police led online safety training event - This is a reminder about training the police are offering parents to help them safeguard their children on line. It takes place 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>



## Headteacher's Awards

Orion	1	Pegasus	1
Hydra	3	Leo	1
Columba	4	Volans	4
Andromeda	13	Phoenix	6

### Heroes

Orion: James L.

Pegasus: Lottie R.

Hydra: Dhan S.

Leo: Joshua N.

Columba: Josie W.

Volans: Isla L.

Andromeda: Tom W.

Phoenix: Dexter W.

Forest School: Layla-Mai 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 [diamondjubilée@bisphamdrive.net](mailto:diamondjubilée@bisphamdrive.net)