

Summer
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



April 21st 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A welcome return to school for me and I hope the same is true for all of the children. As the Easter break is always one where I get DIY jobs done around the house and garden my relief on returning to school is often to get respite from the thorns and decorating. The April weather has lived up to its reputation for changeability but we have been able to open up the field this week (not today sadly) which is always a sure sign that summer is not far away.

I have updated the calendar on the next page to show the large number of events that are happening across the school. As ever I will keep this updated and Mrs Fitch will ensure events are noted on the Weduc calendar as well to ensure you keep up to date.

I would also like to draw your attention to the message about the BFG, our brilliant fundraising group. The existing team are unable to continue due to children leaving the school. While a small group enabled the Christmas Disco to go ahead, if there are to be any more school community events they need many more to offer to help. School staff are unable to offer much beyond a general hand, so if things like the Summer Fair are to happen then they need you. Please have a think and if you can help get in touch,

Finally, may I say Eid Mubarak to all of our families celebrating this weekend.

Best wishes

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher



Notices

EMERGENCY ALERT SUNDAY APRIL 23RD 2023 3.00 PM

This Sunday will see the first country wide emergency alert go out. This will sound on all devices for 10 seconds and could be concerning for some children. In order to prepare them for this and so that they understand why it is necessary you could go to the government website to get information to share with your child. <https://www.gov.uk/alerts>

Sports Day - I know it is some time away but Sports Day is one of those daytime events that we know parents are always eager to come to. Experience of the British weather tells us that early June is the best time to arrange this. This year we are going for Wednesday June 7th in the afternoon (the afternoon of the 8th is our back up should the weather not be fair). So I'm drawing your attention to this so that you have sufficient notice to organise time away from work should you wish to join us.

Call out for the BFG

A small number of parents got together to organise the successful Christmas Disco fundraiser. They really need your help if they are to be able to hold our usual Summer Fair. The money they have raised in the past has paid for many things in school including the Hobbit Hut, Reading Circle and the audio visual system in the hall. The school budget simply does not stretch to these. Please contact the BFG on bfgmail@bisphamdrive.net to offer to help. Thank you.



Key Dates

April

24th Year 3 visit Gudwara

May

1st Bank Holiday

3rd Year 5 visit to Mosque

8th Coronation Bank Holiday

9th - 12th Sats Week

26th Behaviour Reward Afternoon

26th End of half term

June

5th Return to school

5th World Environment Day

Year 4 Times tables check begins

7th Sports Day (8th Back up day)

13th Class and team photos

w/c 19th Year 6 residential

26th Inset day

w/c 27th Assessment week

27th Year 2 children visit with parents

29th Banks Road sports afternoon here

30th Year 6 transition event



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	10	Pegasus	5
Hydra	4	Leo	3
Columba	4	Volans	2
Andromeda	-	Phoenix	4

Heroes

Orion: Alexander B.

Pegasus: Eleanor H.

Hydra: Charlie D.

Leo: Francesca E.

Columba: Macey D.

Andromeda: Harry B.

Phoenix: Grace T.

Forest School: Tom W.

60 READS

Reading is so vital to the future of every child that we do everything we can to support it. Providing a reward afternoon to those children who read 60 times in a term is a way to help you encourage your child to go for this target. Please keep reminding them and help them keep on track to achieve this. 60 reads will be counted between 25th March and 17th July that equates easily to 4 a week. Please support this.