

Summer
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



April 28th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week in school and one that has seen two of our year groups make visits to places of worship. We visit the local church every year and in addition to this we see enabling children to visit the homes of other religions as an important part of building mutual respect. By meeting with people of different faiths and finding out about their beliefs and having the opportunity to ask questions contributes enormously to the tolerance and understanding that is a vital part of living in 21st century Britain. Year 3 loved seeing the Sikh Gurdwara while year 4 had a wonderful time at the Hindu temple. Throughout the children behaved really well and were a credit to the school and yourselves. Next week year 5 visit a Mosque and we are currently planning a visit to a synagogue for year 6.

Other news this week is that we will have to wind down our fundraising group the BFG's. We live in very busy times where everyone is working flat out to try and outrun the increasing cost of living. If, however, people decide that they can help then we will get it started again. Hopefully, this will only be a temporary stoppage and the Summer Fair and the Christmas Disco will resume in the future.

Finally, a plea to those of you who allow your children to walk home alone. Please talk to them about how to be safe, mindful of vehicles and not jumping on each other. We want the children to return safe to school every week and there have been one or two issues.

Best wishes

Andrea Goetsee

Notices

Inset Days 2023/2024 academic year - The Inset days for next year are Thursday 4th January, Monday 26th February, Friday 21st and Monday 24th June. The long weekend in June has been popular in the past and I am pleased we can bring it back next year.

Sunflower planting at Toton library - I have been asked to share with you a sunflower planting and growing competition that is being held at Toton library. It's part of their coronation celebrations. You will find full details attached.

Skateboarding - The skateboarding lessons and clubs have been a great addition to our P.E. offer and it has been a delight to watch the children's skills develop. I know that a number of pupils are now boarding regularly which is brilliant. I plan to bring the lessons back for next year as they have been such a success.

BFG Winding Down

After bulletin appeals I'm afraid that no one has been able to offer support in organising events. I think this is a function of the times we are now living in. Sadly, this means there will be no Summer Fair this year. Monies remaining in the BFG fundraising account will be transferred to school. These will be used to finance extra activities and those materials our budget will not stretch to. When we purchase these items I will tell you via the bulletin so that you know that the money raised previously continues to work for the children.



Key Dates

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	2	Pegasus	8
Hydra	2	Leo	3
Columba	1	Volans	10
Andromeda	2	Phoenix	4

Heroes

Orion: Heather L.

Pegasus: Francesca J.

Hydra: Amelia-Alice M.

Leo: Betsy S.

Columba: Theo B.

Volans: Harris B.

Ben R.

Andromeda: Kacy L.

Phoenix: Sophia E.

Forest School: Kacy L.

Coronation Day Competition

Next Saturday marks the coronation for King Charles III. We will mark this event by dressing to a red, white and blue theme on Friday. We are also holding a portrait competition for A4 portraits of the King. We will use these to decorate school. Any style of artwork can be used, children can use their imagination. Please send entries in by 9.00 am, Thursday 4th May one winner per year group to be announced in Friday's Hero Assembly.