

Summer  
2023

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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May 12th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Sats has taken up the time of many staff as we welcomed our year 6 pupils in at 8.00 am for a special breakfast club. The weather put a bit of a dampener (literally) on our plans to get them outside in the afternoons.

Some of you may have picked up on national media that there has been something of a negative reaction, amongst teachers nationally, to the especially tricky and drawn out nature of many of the tests this year. I too am concerned about the potential damage these tests could do to some children and will be adding my voice to those who have written to their MP's about them. I would certainly like to invite them to try the tests themselves to fully grasp what we are asking of children, many of whom are still only 10 years old.

That being said, we are obliged to complete the tests and so we work exceptionally hard to support the children towards taking them. I am pleased to say that our pupils have shown great determination and resilience this week, we really couldn't have asked for any more from them. I do hope this all pays off as they prepare to leave us for the next stage of their education.

Tests done, we now look forward to a busy rest of term with lots planned and more to come. Please keep an eye on the diary page to ensure you don't miss anything. Enjoy Eurovision if you watch it and enjoy the weekend and more settled weather.

Best wishes

Andrea Goetzee

## Notices

### Brilliant News

After the sad news on the bulletin of April 28th that we were going to have to wind down the BFG parent fundraising group I am so happy to tell you that a small group of parents have come forward to keep it going. This is fantastic news and means that we hope to hold our usual Summer Fair later this term. I am particularly happy as these events are a wonderful opportunity to get together and celebrate our wonderful school community. Throughout the year, so many of the conversations myself and staff have with families is all about academic needs that it is lovely to be able to stop and just enjoy socialising.

The reformed group plan to meet in school soon to make some plans. We will let you know when we have the date of the next meeting and hope you can come along. You are welcome to bring children if that helps, we will find something for them to do while you talk.

Thanks so much.

60 Reads check - If you wish your child to reach the 60 reads goal then they should have completed around 26 - 30 reads by now to be comfortably on track.

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



### Key Dates

#### May

26th Behaviour Reward Afternoon  
26th End of half term

#### June

5th Return to school  
5th World Environment Day  
5th 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



#### July

14th Reports out  
17th/18th Year 6 premiere  
19th Parents meetings about reports  
20th Year 6 leavers' event  
24th Reading reward am  
24th Behaviour Reward pm  
25th End of school year



### Headteacher's Awards

Orion	Whole class	Pegasus	2
Hydra	5	Leo	6
Columba	13	Volans	4
Andromeda	-	Phoenix	-

#### Heroes

Orion: Corey W.  
Pegasus: Kobi E-G.  
Hydra: Spencer H.  
Leo: Jacob E.  
Columba: Lara B.  
Volans: Luan R.  
Andromeda: All  
Phoenix: All

LEGO is one of the most popular activities at our popular Breakfast and After School clubs. We plan to purchase more but before we do thought we would send out a request to anyone who is thinking of getting rid of any LEGO and might like to donate it to the school. Anything amount will be a useful addition to what we already have. Thank you.

