

Summer  
2023

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



May 26th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week of great weather has seen the children working hard and the staff equally so. I can hardly believe we have reached the summer half term already.

This week, aside from the weather there have been some other lovely things happening in school. The children in year 5 were entranced by the hatching of the butterflies from the chrysalises that they have been avidly watching. They showed me some amazing video of a butterfly emerging - very David Attenborough.

I have also given out headteacher awards for some brilliant work and have shared the excitement of children becoming increasingly independent. In assembly this week I encouraged all children to look back in their books to see just how much they have progressed this year. Sometimes it is easy to focus on what we have not yet achieved, we need to turn that around and make sure we all celebrate what we have achieved so far. We talk about DRIVE in school all the time and it works because it tells us all that we need passion and energy to learn, but also reminds that learning is a journey.

All of the children have travelled so far this year. They deserve to have a lovely half term to get them ready to make that final push towards the summer break.

Have a lovely week.

Best wishes

Andrea Goetsee

## Notices

### Parent Governor Vacancies

Due to changing work commitments we now have two vacancies for parent governor positions. Governors are invaluable in supporting what we do in school and we are a friendly body who try to keep demands on time to a minimum. Please look at the attached information. If you are interested in applying and would like to talk to myself or the Chair to find out more, please contact the office who will be happy to arrange a meeting. The deadline for applications is 9.00 am Monday 12th June. If we have more than two applications you will be invited to take part in a parental vote. Please consider the role, it is truly rewarding to be part of what we do.

**School uniform** - As we approach the last half term of this school year I am making a request that you continue to ensure that your child is in proper school uniform. We are starting to see inappropriate footwear and highly branded sports wear creeping in. Being part of our school and its values is about being proud of our uniform. I have made it as easy and cost effective to buy as I can. If you are unsure about what constitutes our uniform please have a look on the school website.

**Scootering** - If your child brings a scooter into school please remind them they should not be ridden on the school site. We are more than happy to store them during the day but need to be safe. Recently, we had near miss with a toddler and an older child and want to ensure that we do everything we can to prevent injury. Thank you.



## Key Dates

### 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  
 27th Year 2 children visit with parents  
 29th Banks Road sports afternoon here  
 30th Year 6 transition event

### July

w/c 3rd Assessment week  
 7th BFG Summer Fayre 6.00 - 8.00 pm  
 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 Year 6 Leavers' assembly 2.30 pm  
 25th End of school year



## Headteacher's Awards

Orion	-	Pegasus	- whole class
Hydra	3	Leo	1
Columba	-	Volans	1
Andromeda	-	Phoenix	4

### Dogs around school

As we have some children who have a genuine fear of dogs and this causes them a great deal of stress when they get in close proximity to them.

Please could we remind parents and carers that when dropping off and collecting children, dogs should be kept away from the school front and back entrances. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

### Nottingham Castle

I was very pleased to find out that Nottingham Castle will be reopening on June 26th. Their new terms are a single purchase adult ticket cost £12 and allows unlimited visits for a year. The ticket will also include up to 3 children under 15 to visit with one paying adult. I believe the refurbishment was actually very good and hope that enough visitors are attracted to enable it to remain open long into the future. If you visit please let me know how it goes.