

Autumn  
2023

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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Bispham Drive  
Junior School  
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September 22nd 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fully settled back into the routines of school and the atmosphere around school remains very positive as children are really getting to grips with their learning.

Wednesday saw us enjoy a real tradition at Bispham, namely the 'Sorting Hat Assembly'. This is the time when each new child in the school are sorted into one of our bee themed teams. There will be times throughout the year when they will work together as teams that cross class and year group boundaries. The most obvious of these is Sports' Day, scheduled for June 5th next year, but we have a few other events in the planning stages at the moment. I'll share these as they are developed. Everyone always loves this assembly, even the new members of staff who also have to come onto the stage, put on the hat and get sorted themselves.

This week I have also had the pleasure of meeting quite a number of you at the 'meet the team' events. These are so important for us all to set out expectations for the year and also to share what your child is going to be doing and how you can support them. If you were unable to attend you can find all of the slides on your child's Google Classroom page. Also remember we are always happy to answer questions either by email or face to face at the end of the school day.

Enjoy your weekend.

Andrea Goetzee,

Headteacher

## Notices

**Free School Meals** - Circumstances for families can change very rapidly and times can become difficult. If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals it is really worth investigating this as it brings other benefits as well. Families who are or have been, in the last 6 years, in receipt of this benefit can also access, under the terms of our Pupil Premium Strategy, support with the purchase of school uniform and support in paying for school trips and visits. If you want to find out more about free school meals, follow the link below where you can set up an account and make an application.

<https://notts.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/SynergyWeb/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx/>

**Blue Peter Book Badge** - This is a wonderful new badge in the iconic series with a beautiful badge designed by Quentin Blake. On Monday I challenged all of the children to achieve this and today your child should bring home the paper documentation they need to complete. Once completed they can return it to school and we will send them all off. It would be a wonderful thing if we could get the whole school to win their badge and a great start to the reading year at Bispham. Please look out for the forms and encourage your child to complete them.

**Open Library** - As part of our wish to support you in supporting your children read, we will be opening our wonderful library to you after school on Monday and Thursday. You can come along and read together or browse the books.



### Key Dates

#### September

27th Individual pupil photos

29th Craft open morning and Macmillan coffee morning

#### October

w/c 2nd National Hygiene Week

5th National Poetry Day

9th Parents' meetings (not Pegasus)

10th World Mental Health Day

10th Parents' meetings Pegasus

11th Parents' meetings All classes

w/c 16th Year 5 residentials

20th Behaviour Reward Afternoon

20th End of half term

#### November

6th Back to school

w/c 6th UK Parliament Week

9th BFG Film Night

15th Year 4 cinema Trip

15th year 6 visit Beaumanor Hall



### Headteacher's Awards

<b>Orion</b> -	<b>Pegasus</b> Ivy H.
<b>Hydra</b> Frances M. Eleanor H.	<b>Leo</b> Estelle C.
<b>Columba</b> -	<b>Volans</b> Ursula F. Sofia W. Elizabeth I. William E.
<b>Andromeda</b> -	<b>Phoenix</b> Alfie W.

#### Heroes

**Orion:** Eloise W.

**Pegasus:** Dhevan N.

**Hydra:** Keira W.

**Leo:** Gabby A.

**Columba:** Ingrid L.

**Volans:** Lyra T.M.

**Andromeda:** Yat Zi C.

**Phoenix:** Spencer L.

**Forest School:** Molly W.

#### BFG

Our wonderful fundraising group had their initial meeting this week and the first date to be set was for the all important Bispham Christmas Disco. So save the date - Friday December 1st - more details will follow. The Bispham Friends Group is always looking for volunteers to help run their events so if you think you have a little time you could give please get in touch with them, you can email them on

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