

Autumn
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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September 29th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather has begun to turn we've continued to work hard in school and both myself and Mr Belton have spent time in classes looking at how the children are learning. The atmosphere in school remains calm and relaxed and the children are working hard, in fact, the peaceful feel around school was commented upon by several parents this morning. Our new Behaviour Policy is having a really positive impact on combatting those low level distractions that can cause so much disruption.

The Macmillan coffee morning was well attended today and we raised £145.65 for the charity in a very short space of time. The other motive for the event was to give as many of you as were able to attend, the opportunity to see your child in class when school is in session and to feel for yourselves how positive it all is. I enjoyed talking to as many of you as I could and there will be other events in the future so hopefully everyone can join us at some time.

I am constantly reviewing the ways we communicate in school and will undertake a parental survey in the next few weeks to gather your thoughts. I spend time writing this bulletin every week but am not sure how many people read it so that will be of particular interest. In line with parent request we will start giving warning of when popular activities come up for booking so please note the yellow box on the next page.

Have a good weekend and enjoy the Goose Fair if you are going.

Andrea Goetzee,
Headteacher

Notices

**PARENT EVENING APPOINTMENT BOOKINGS WILL
OPEN AT 7.00 PM THIS EVENING**

Bad weather clothing - This week has seen us experience some extremely heavy downpours and yet we still have some children not wearing coats. Even though we let them into school early on days like these we still had some very wet and uncomfortable children who were not really ready or able to learn. I appreciate it can be difficult, but please ensure they wear coats and that they use hoods as this will ensure their day in school starts well.

P.E. Kit - We have a small number of children who have forgotten their kit or who wear inappropriate kit for P.E. We believe that taking part in these lessons is very important and we do not want children to miss out, therefore we have acquired some kit and will loan this to children to enable them to take part. All kit will be freshly washed as we have a machine in school. Also please note that cycling shorts are not part of our P.E. uniform and shorts will be loaned to those children who wear them.

The Wildlife Trust Big Wild Walk Initiative - Between October 16th and 30th. The Wildlife Trust is challenging families to get out and explore the nature on their doorsteps and hopefully raise some money. If you would like to find out more follow this link

**[https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/
TheWildlifeTrustsBigWildWalk2023?](https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/TheWildlifeTrustsBigWildWalk2023?)**



Key Dates

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

8th Year 6 cinema trip

9th BFG Film Night

10th Year 5 cinema trip

w/c 13th Anti Bullying Week

14th Year 3 cinema trip

15th Year 4 cinema trip

15th Year 6 visit Beaumanor Hall



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	Olivia U.	Pegasus	Dhevan N. Zainab Z.
Hydra	Eleanor H. Olive B.	Leo	-
Columba	Lily E	Volans	Lyra T.M.
Andromeda	-	Phoenix	Kayden F. Toby W.

Heroes

Orion: Max K.

Pegasus: Maxwell O.

Hydra: Henry L.

Leo: Abigail T.

Columba: George B.

Volans: Jasper V.

Andromeda: Zack B.

Phoenix: Rosie H.

Forest School: Thomas T.R.

Online Safety

As a school we strive to support parents keeping up with changes to gaming systems and online platforms. You will find below links to some useful websites.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.childnet.com/>

<https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk/internet-safety.htm>