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BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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September 8th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm, quite literally welcome back to all of you. We have had a wonderful start to the new year and the atmosphere around school, pretty much from the very beginning of Tuesday, has been happy and relaxed. The children have already been hard at work and certainly seem to be enjoying their new classes.

We have spent some time this week sharing with them the expectations of our new Behaviour Policy. You can find the policy on the school website if you would like to have a look. The policy is informed by extensive training Mrs Doeswijk and I had with the DfE's Behaviour Hub programme and seeks to support a totally positive behaviour and learning culture across the school. Behaviour at Bispham is already good, what we are seeking to do is remove the irritating low level stuff, like talking at quiet times and having a glass half empty attitude to learning. The children deserve the very best we can give them and I truly believe this policy will have a tangible impact on learning across the school. With academic results as good as we are already getting the sky really is the limit for us.

I have put a number of key dates on this bulletin and these will be added to the Weduc calendar in the next few days to ensure you can keep track of what we do. You might want to note the meet the team meetings we will be holding week commencing 18th September as these are invaluable in making sure we are all working together around the children. Have a great weekend.

Andrea Goetzee,

Headteacher

Notices

Academy Meeting - Yesterday I sent out a letter informing you of our intention to become part of the Spencer Academies Trust.

The meeting will take place at 5.30 pm in school on Wednesday next week. It will be your opportunity to hear from the trust about how we will work together and also an opportunity to ask questions. We ask that you indicate your intention to attend via Weduc so that we can measure interest and ensure seating is available. At the present time there has been only one expression of interest, so please if you intend to come let us know. It may be that you are perfectly happy with our plans, which is great, but if you want to discuss anything this is your chance to do just that.

Uniform - Part of our push for an truly outstanding behaviour and learning culture in school is to ensure that school uniform is worn. In this way we encourage children to be proud to be part of our wonderful school and all it represents. We have removed the notion of a summer and winter uniform, children can choose either a white shirt, with tie or a polo shirt throughout the year. I also ask that you support our PE uniform which is plain white t shirt and black shorts. Full details of uniform can be found on our school website. We have also firmed up on what children should wear for Forest School as a health and safety matter. Children with morning sessions should come ready for Forest School and have a uniform to change into, afternoon groups should come in uniform and change for Forest School after lunch. Thanks for your support.



Key Dates

September

w/c 11th Forest School starts again
 13th Academy Parent Meeting 5.30 pm
 w/c 18th National coding Week
 18th Year 3 meet the team 6.00 pm
 19th Year 4 meet the team 6.00 pm
 20th National Fitness Day
 20th Year 5 meet the team 6.00 pm
 21st Year 6 meet the team 6.00 pm
 27th Individual pupil photos
 29th Craft open morning and Macmillan coffee morning

October

w/c 2nd National Hygiene Week
 5th National Poetry Day
 10th World Mental Health Day
 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



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	Pegasus
Hydra 1	Leo
Columba	Volans
Andromeda	Phoenix 1

Forest School

Our wonderful Forest School teaching begins again next week with Group 1. As it is such an active and sometimes messy part of our learning it is important that you fully understand how it works and what your child will be doing. Please see the attached information which tells you all about it. There is also information about what children should wear to participate in Forest School. As mentioned previously, this is seen as a health and safety matter and so we will have to be firm about a child only taking part if they are wearing the right clothes and the older the better in that case. As the times of Forest School are one of the most frequent questions phoned into the office we have sent a paper schedule home today for your noticeboards. This information can also be found on the Weduc App. I look forward to seeing the children exploring our environment and discovering so much about both it and themselves in the process.