

Autumn
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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October 13th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever, there is a lot to talk about in this week's bulletin, my last for this half term.

We marked World Mental Health Day on Tuesday with Miss Naik leading an assembly to reconfirm our belief in the importance of ensuring children understand that mental health issues are something we should be open and talking about. They all watched a short video where the Princess of Wales talked about the aims of the day.

You can see what they watched if you follow this link <https://www.annafreud.org/resources/schools-and-colleges/talking-mental-health-animation-and-teacher-toolkit/>

As I write about mental health I want to touch upon general winter illnesses. As you would expect, the NHS has noted an increase in the normal illnesses related to the autumn and winter months and has asked schools to share with parents an advice letter about help and support, you will find this attached to the bulletin. Please also remember that if your child has vomited they should not come back to school until they have been clear of symptoms for 48 hours, this will help prevent spread through the school which can be rapid.

Next Friday we will be marking another event day, the Give Racism the Red Card, wear it red day. I only mark in school those days that I feel relate closely to our school values and this is one. There is no place for racism in modern Britain and we need to regularly renew our commitment to this and to supporting diversity, inclusivity and equality. So please send your children in red next Friday.

Andrea Goetzee, Headteacher

Notices

Breakfast Club - Please remind your children to be careful as they enter school as there may be vehicles entering the school premises at the same time. Keep your children with you, don't let them run ahead so we can all ensure they are safe.

Photos on the school playground - We understand that you like to take spontaneous pictures of your children, however, when this takes place on the school playground it can cause concern. Some of our children are not allowed to have photographs taken for various reasons so please help us respect their families' wishes and refrain from using cameras or phones on school premises unless express permission is given. Thank you.

Library Opening Times - Remember our lovely school library is open to you after school on Monday and Thursday until 4.00 pm for you to share a book with your child or help them choose their next read. There are always staff about to offer suggestions of books too.

Parent Governor Vacancy

I have waited until our new parents have settled in to advertise the fact that we have one parent governor vacancy on our governing body. 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 6th November. If we have more than one application, 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.



Key Dates

October

20th Behaviour Reward Afternoon

20th Give Racism the Red Card wear red in school day

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

30th St Andrew's Day children can wear service uniforms to school if they wish

December

1st BFG Christmas Disco 6.00 - 8.00 pm



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	Pegasus
Hydra Eden Z.	Leo
Columba Alfie K. Ingrid L.	Volans
Andromeda Harris B. Yu Yu C. Yat Zi C. Jess H.	Phoenix Daniel W. Leo D. Benjamin B. Josie W. Molly W. Darcie G. Rosie H. Toby W. Holly L. Elliott B.

Heroes

Pegasus: Arturo S-P

Hydra: Elsa S.

Leo: Daniel C.

Columba: Howard S.

Volans: Cassia S.

Andromeda: Luan R.

Phoenix: Melody J.

Forest School: Willow C.

60 Reads

Reward Afternoon Update

We know many of our pupils have been reading regularly at home since school returned. They do this because they love reading and we reward this because we know how important this is. If your child is on track to participate in the reward afternoon on December 20th, they should have recorded around 25 signed off reads at home by now. If they haven't then October half term will provide the perfect opportunity time to get back on track - please help them to go for it.