

Autumn  
2023

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



November 10th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen us mark a number of events. Most importantly we held an assembly to mark Remembrance day to encourage the children to reflect on the respect they owe to those who serve in our armed forces. I am sure many of them will be participating in events this weekend.

The other feature of this week has been UK Parliament Week and we have talked to the children about the importance of democracy and how it works. As part of this we held our annual referendum. I worked with the School Council to decide the question we would be seeking to answer and there was one issue that got everyone fired up - the use of fidget toys in school. All the councillors felt that these are getting out of control and are becoming a huge distraction in class. It was astonishing how strongly they felt about this so we have put this to the vote to see if their views reflect the views of the whole pupil cohort. As we are showing how participating in the democratic process can lead to change we will abide by the result of the vote and use it to create a policy on the use of fidget toys in school which I will share with you in due course. As this will represent the views of Bispham pupils I will be asking you to abide by the policy once it is in place.

Finally, I am in that part of the year when I start to hear the same songs over and over again. Yes, the stage is up and the year 3 and year 5 Christmas shows are in rehearsal. A wonderful time of anticipation in school. Have a good weekend.

Andrea Goetzee, Headteacher

## Notices

Odd Socks Day Monday 13th November - Anti bullying Week always begins with Odd Socks Day. Let your children go wild with their sock choice and show that we are all different and that being different is something to celebrate not hide.

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 - We still have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are thinking about joining us our Chair of Governors, Cheryl Cooper, will be outside school at the end of the day on Thursday if you would like to have a chat. She will be wearing an orange school lanyard.

### BFG Christmas Disco Friday December 1st 2023



Tickets for this very popular event will go on sale this evening at 6.30 pm. The deadline for bookings is 4.00 pm on Monday 27th November although as spaces are limited they could sell out before then. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

You will receive a confirmation of your booking via Weduc within 24 hours of the deadline and your paper tickets will be issued by the end of school on Thursday 30th. You will find a poster attached to this bulletin with all of the information you need. These events raise crucial funds that buy things for all of the children. Most recently the BFG funded a class set of glockenspiels, the new play equipment shed and play equipment for all pupils to enjoy at break and lunchtimes.

Donations of chocolate for the tombola are requested in return for a non uniform day on November 24th. Cake donations are requested on the day of the disco.

This is always popular so book your tickets in good time.



### Key Dates

#### November

w/c 13th Anti Bullying Week

14th Year 3 cinema trip

15th Year 4 cinema trip

15th Year 6 visit Beaumanor Hall

17th Children in Need wear something spotty

24th Non uniform for chocolate donations

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

4th Year 5 Matinee performance 1.30 pm

5th Year 5 Evening performance 6.00 pm

11th Year 3 Matinee performance 1.30 pm

12th Year 3 Evening performance 6.00 pm

15th Christmas jumper day in school

18th Whole school church visit, Christmas lunch and theatre performance

19th Christmas craft and coffee morning

20th Reading Reward Afternoon

21st Christmas party day

22nd Behaviour reward and end of term



### Headteacher's

### Awards

Orion	Olivia U.	Pegasus
Hydra	Olive B. Eleanor H. Keira W.	Leo
Columba		Volans
Andromeda	Isla L. Laura K.	Phoenix Melody J. Lara B. Ben B. Bonnie W. Ben R.

#### Heroes

Orion: Celeste J.

James G.

Pegasus: Henry D.

Hydra: Darcey D.

Leo: Estelle C.

Columba: Chester P.

Volans: Joshua N.

Andromeda: Phoebe C.

Phoenix: Benjamin B.

Forest School: Phoebe D.

#### Broxtowe Youth Homelessness

I have been approached by this very local and valuable charity to ask for support in buying small gifts they can give to young people who are struggling in the area. It is shocking how many young people need support so I have attached their flyer to this bulletin to ask for your help. You can send any donations you wish to make to school and we will ensure that they get to the charity in good time for Christmas.

Thank you.