

Autumn
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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November 24th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move inexorably towards December I thought it would be useful to outline our plans for the final week of term. It is not often that we have a whole week in the last part of the autumn term so we have been able to pack quite a lot in, some of these could involve you so there is plenty of time for you to think about joining us.

Banks Road fundraisers have been in touch to ask us to advertise their wreath making activity so I have attached their flyer for your information should you wish to join them.

Our end of term includes the 60 reads reward tea so I'm reminding you about this so you can check that your child is on track to participate. We really would like to see as many children as possible take part and the routine of reading that this will set up will be of enormous help as they progress through their education.

A couple of quick reminders as we approach winter and wetter, muddier weather. Firstly, as you use our paths at the side of school at the beginning and the end of the day I ask that you are mindful that these are routes we use to get children into and out of school. Teachers report children having to trek across the muddy field as parents are blocking paths. Please also ensure your child has an adequate coat for weather conditions.

Finally, thank you for the wonderful donations for the Chocolate Tombola at the school Christmas Disco, they will help fundraising.

Andrea Goetzee,

Headteacher

Notices

Disco tickets - As I mentioned last week tickets for the Christmas Disco sold out very quickly. A number of families were disappointed so we are holding a waiting list. If you purchased tickets and now do not intend to use them, please let us know as we will be able to pass them on. As I also stated last week the number we are allowed in the school for this event are set by a fire safety officer, not by school or the BFG.



School Events w/c 18th December



Monday 18th - Visit to St Peter's church for some readings and songs (we will be looking for some parent volunteers to support the walk to the church). This is followed by the school Christmas Lunch and then a visit from a theatre group in the afternoon.

Tuesday 19th - You are invited to join your children in class to enjoy craft activities (9-10.30 am), there will be a coffee morning as well- donations of cakes or seasonal fayre much appreciated.

Wednesday 20th - Reading Reward Afternoon for those children who make 60 signed off reads at home by Friday 15th December.

Thursday 21st - Party Day. Children can bring party clothes to change into. Each year group team will send out more information closer to the day.

Friday 22nd - Children can bring toys to school (nothing that requires plugs or has internet connectivity and no phones or tablets). There will be a traditional singing assembly in the morning and then the whole school Behaviour Reward Afternoon. Christmas jumpers can be worn, no donation required, just for the fun of it.

Unless otherwise stated full school uniform should be worn each day. School will finish as usual at 3.30 pm.



Key Dates

November

30th At 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

January

5th Return to school Geography theme



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	Pegasus George T.
Hydra Corey W. Ethan D. Millie N. Logan B.	Leo
Columba Howard S.	Volans Ada S.
Andromeda Rowen M.S.	Phoenix Abigail R. (x2) Macey D. Bonnie W. Esmae S. Willow C. Bob C. Ben R.

HEROES

Orion: Teo H.

Pegasus: Murrin S.

Hydra: Indiana S.

Leo: Lottie R.

Columba: Ollie B.

Volans: Amelia-Alice M.

Andromeda: Ellie W.

Phoenix: Anson C.

Forest School: Yu Yu C.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Thus far we have not received any nominations for our parent governor vacancy. This is a really valuable role where you will be able to support the school in delivering the very best education possible to all of our pupils. We only have 2 early evening meetings a term as we know everyone is busy. If you think you may be interested please contact the school office and either Mrs Goetzee or Mrs Cooper (Chair) will call you for a chat.