

Autumn
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



December 1st 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the first day of advent I am introducing to you the charity we will be raising funds for over the festive period. We have made a connection with Broxtowe Youth Homelessness which is based in Stapleford. They support young people from the age of 16 to 25 who are struggling to find a place to live or to maintain independent living.

On Tuesday, a representative from the charity came in to school and talked to the children in assembly about their work. I was surprised by the number of young people they are supporting and how many referrals they are receiving. It is hard to think about young people only 5 years older than our year 6 pupils finding life so difficult. So we decided to help out.

On December 15th we will be having our annual Christmas Jumper Day and any donations you make will go direct to the charity. Year 5 will also be fundraising as part of their topic work which references homelessness. The team will publicise this as it gets underway. Also, any money raised at our Christmas Craft and Coffee morning on the 19th will be contributed.

Please support us if you can. One of our year 4 pupils, Eleanor in Hydra, was so struck by the fact the charity wants to give their young people a lovely Christmas party that she donated the pocket money she has been saving for months and brought in £75 to school. We don't expect that from everyone but it was a simply lovely thing to do.

Andrea Goetzee,
Headteacher

Notices

Language Café - I have been asked to advertise a wonderful initiative by the local church group. This will be of interest to any parents who have English as an additional language. The Language Café takes place at Toton Methodist Church on Mondays between 11 and 12. It is a relaxed place to spend some time socialising and for those who can stay is followed by lunch, at no cost.

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

December

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 day



MERRY
Christmas



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	Pegasus Mila S. Willow S.
Hydra	Leo Samuel P.
Columba Betsy S.	Volans Ruby D.
Andromeda	Phoenix Preston N. Nyssa C. Macey D. Spencer L.

HEROES

Orion: Ivy H.

Pegasus: Daveed R.

Hydra: Joshua B.

Leo: Arwen S.

Columba: Edye J.

Volans: Spencer H.

Andromeda: Luca B.

Phoenix: Esmee S.

Forest School: Alfie 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.