

Autumn
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



December 15th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is my final bulletin of the year and I have left the arrangements for next week on the page opposite to ensure you are clear what is happening. I also thank you for your support of year 5's fundraising this week I will send out a message once the total is in.

Firstly, I congratulate our year 3 pupils on the lovely Nativity they performed this week. They did a wonderful job and parents told me they couldn't believe how much more mature their children were after only 3 months. I also thank them and you for turning out for the evening performance despite torrential rain and floods, true determination.

We have so much planned next week as we approach the end of term. Staff have been planning for weeks to give the children a wonderful week and we hope to see as many of you as possible at the craft morning on Tuesday - just remember glitter may be involved when you decide what to wear!

We have also planned an exciting 'Passport Day' for the one day week we have at the start of next term. This geography based day will give the children a taster of a number of countries around the world, so something to look forward to.

Finally, we plan a musical assembly for the school next Friday so if your child has been rehearsing seasonal music on an instrument let us know and we can get them to perform. Have a great Christmas.

Season's greetings

Andrea Goetzee, Headteacher

Notices

Hat making competition - A week ago, Mrs Baker challenged the children to make a seasonally themed hat for a fun competition. The only rule is that it must be wearable. Entries are due in on Monday to wear at our Christmas lunch if the children wish.

As I say it's only for fun and not compulsory.

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. (Yr4 on Thursday 21st Dec).

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

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

19th Christmas craft and coffee morning from 9.00 am

20th Reading Reward Afternoon

21st Christmas Party day

22nd Behaviour reward and end of term

Christmas jumpers just for fun



January

5th Return to school Geography theme day



Notices

A hearing aid in a case was found in school on Tuesday. If you know of anyone who has lost one, please contact the school office.

We have an unclaimed raffle prize from the Christmas Disco ticket number 405



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	Zachary, Celeste, Eloise	Pegasus	George, Ivy
Hydra	Eleanor, Maleah -Mae	Leo	Oliver
Columba		Volans	Lyra
Andromeda		Phoenix	Elliott

HEROES

Pegasus: Mila S.

Hydra: James L.

Leo: Emily B.

Columba: Sansa H.

Volans: Ada S.

Andromeda: Maisie T.

Phoenix: Jessica G.

The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England, Rachel de Souza, is keen to gather the views of children, young people and their parents ahead of next year's general election. Your voices can be heard by completing her 'The Big Ambition' survey. Schools have been asked to share this as far as possible as it is an important piece of research which will support policy development. There is a flyer attached to this email which contains a QR code linked to the survey.

Thank you.