

Autumn
2023

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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December 8th 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

December and the festive season got off to a great start with the disco last Friday. The total raised was £1,900, a brilliant effort. Thank you to everyone who organised and supported the event.

You may recall I mentioned a child making an exceptional donation to our nominated charity last week. On Thursday the Nottingham Evening Post published a lovely article about this which will help promote fundraising, you can find this online with the following link <https://www.nottinghampost.com/news/local-news/generous-eight-year-old-gives-8954904>

Fundraising continues next week with our Christmas Jumper Day on Friday. Year 5 have also sourced donations, mostly of food and beverages, which they will be selling next week. You will find some flyers attached to this bulletin outlining what they are doing. I appreciate it is an expensive time of year but any contribution you can make will go directly to supporting those struggling.

This week we had to change the way people arrived and departed from school. This was to avoid a flooded path and the associated mud. Hopefully we won't have to do this too often but if the situation reoccurs we will repeat this, largely for health and safety reasons. You will receive a Weduc message telling you that flood routes are in place should that happen and, as ever, there will be plenty of school staff around to help.

I hope your preparations for the festive season are further along than mine. Have a lovely weekend.

Andrea Goetzee, Headteacher

Notices

LOST PROPERTY - We have quite a bit of lost property in school including some expensive looking water bottles. This will all be recycled after the holiday so if your child has lost anything please come in and check before we break up.

Drop ins for parents of children on the autistic spectrum– You will see a flyer advertising these attached to this bulletin.

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

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

Anti Bullying Week Poems Podcast

The podcast of the poems written and read by each class during Anti Bullying Week is now available by following this link.

<https://soundcloud.com/bispham-drive-junior-radio>

Headteacher's Awards



Orion	Pegasus George T.
Hydra Kai Hongyu	Leo Isaac Elsie
Columba Ayse Ingrid Hiro Howard Mailliey	Volans Oscar Amun Sofia Zach Spencer Tilly Ariana
Andromeda Freya Phoebe Arthur Jay Isla Ellie	Phoenix Alfie Boaz Anson Preston Marcus Melody Lara Leo Daniel

HEROES

Orion: Zara F.

Pegasus: Willow S.

Hydra: Esme H-H

Leo: Emily C.

Columba: Mailliey M.

Volans: Elizabeth I.

Andromeda: Leanne S.

Phoenix: Alfie W.

Forest School: Oscar J.

Price Rise Breakfast and After School Club

At the request of some parents we started this service as schools returned post pandemic. At the time I stated we could only do this if it broke even as I can't subsidise this from school budget. Since that time we have extended the hours covered and experienced the same cost of living inflation that we all have - through this we kept the price the same. The clubs are now running at a loss so, with regret, we have had to increase prices to try to make them break even so that they can continue. I do hope that you understand our position.