

Spring
2024

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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January 19th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Like everyone we have been doing our best to keep warm this week but we have also enjoyed the sunshine after weeks of dull skies so we are not complaining. Thank you for ensuring your children are adequately dressed for the weather and also for Forest School activities which will only stop if the temperature goes below - 5 degrees - we didn't quite get there this week.

On Tuesday I attended some thought provoking training regarding developing a whole school approach to becoming an actively anti-racist school. Given the background rhetoric that has been around in the media and with some high profile public figures, it is no longer enough to call ourselves non-racist - we need to become anti-racist. In considering the difference you may wish to have a look at a short video on YouTube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXB4TD_AdS8 I am hoping to put together a group of staff and parents to consider how we can best enact this at Bispham Drive. If you are interested in becoming involved or sharing your views please email the school office.

I have added a few things to the diary this week. Namely Children's Mental Health week and the national Safer Internet Day. I will share with you next week how we will mark these. Until then you may wish to sign up for some free police led training around cyber crime, see the final page for details.

Finally, thank you to the parent helpers who enabled year 5 to have such a successful visit to the National Space Centre on Wednesday.

Andrea Goetzee, Headteacher

Notices

Book Fair - The Book Fair returns to school next week and will be open after school until 4.00 pm from Tuesday until Friday. Children will also be able to browse the wide selection of books at lunchtimes. Payment for books can either be using cash or contactless (QR codes will be available to facilitate this). Please come along and see what's available and support our work in getting children to read just for the pleasure of it. We know that books compete with online gaming and that can be hard to resist but reading is still accepted as a vital life skill and is closely linked to success academically and in the workplace in adulthood.

Book Fair Competition - Children have been asked to make a story box or a story sack to display in the library. There are some vouchers to use at the book fair as prizes. The deadline is Monday. If you need inspiration about how to make one please follow the link below.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/resources/how-make-and-use-story-sack/>

Inhalers in school - We are currently compiling a register of the children with inhalers in school. This will help us to ensure that inhalers are in place and within use by dates. If your child needs to have an inhaler in school please email the school office so that checks can be put in place.

School lunches on visit days - A quick reminder that if you want school to provide a packed lunch on a visit day you must let the school office know. For allergen reasons we are not allowed to



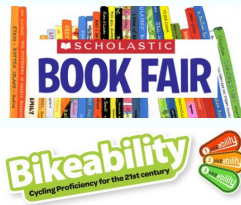
Key Dates

January

23rd - 26th Book Fair in school

30th Year 6 visit to synagogue

29th, 30th 31st Bikeability Year 5



February

1st Bikeability Year 5

2nd NSPCC Number Day

w/c 5th Children's Mental Health Week

6th Safer Internet Day

9th Behaviour Reward

9th End of half term

19th Return to school

26th INSET Day

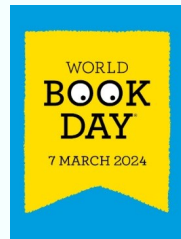
w/c 26th R.E. Week activities



March

7th World Book Day

28th End of term



April

15th Back to school



Headteacher's Awards

Orion Eloise, Olivia, Celeste

Pegasus

Hydra Olive

Leo Oliver

Columba Edye, Sansa

Volans Ruby D, Ursula, Hannah, Farha

Andromeda

Phoenix Alfie, Melody, Lara (x2), Leo, William, Darcie, Anson

HEROES

Orion: Jacob D.

Pegasus: Samuel G.

Hydra: Rory L.

Leo: Emmett M.

Columba: Thomas T.R.

Volans: Jacob E.

Andromeda: Brayden D.

Phoenix: Preston N.

Forest School: Thomas S.

Cyber Safety Training

The East Midlands Cyber Crime Team are offering free online training to parents and carers. This will provide up to date information about how to help your children stay safe online. Online activity for children is increasing every day so staying clued up will help you help them stay safe. You can book the training by following this link.

<https://www.eastmidlandscybersecure.co.uk/webinars>