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## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



February 2nd 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A bulletin made up of appeals and flyers. Please read the request about parking. As we stand on the front gate we have seen examples of some quite dangerous parking and are genuinely concerned that someone could get hurt.

Miss Carr is also appealing for garden waste to support our Forest School and ecological activities. Waste can be brought to school in bags and given to Miss Carr. These activities are so loved by all of the children and your continued support will enable us to offer them the richest experience that we can.

I said this was a bulletin of appeals. Mr Fitch is asking for any unused or part used paint match pots you may have. He is often asked to make things to be used around school, the most recent being a 'corn hole' throwing game for our Breakfast Club and After School Club. These mini projects usually need painting so having a range of paints in small quantities will be perfect.

I need to reinforce a message from the school office, after half term our Weduc system will no longer send out information by email. The only way to receive updates and essential notifications will be through the App. So please ensure you can access this, if you have any problems contact the office team to see how they can help you.

Finally, today we got numbers happy as we marked Number Day and raised money for the NSPCC. The children also watched a film about the work the charity does. Thank you for your support with participating in these important parts of our safeguarding role.

[Enjoy Nottingham Light Night if you are planning to attend.](#)

Andrea Goetzee

## Notices

### Parking

We have received some negative comments regarding parking around school as people are parking over drives and across road corners. Please be considerate when you park as not only can this be irritating to neighbours trying to get to work, but more concerningly, it also represents a significant risk to our pupils as they make their way into school.

Please work with us to keep our community safe.

Lunar New Year - Saturday 10th February marks the Lunar New Year which will see the start of the year of the Dragon. You may be interested in participating in some events to mark this, especially as they fall over half term. Please see the flyer attached for more information and links to book.

Chetwynd Barracks Half Term Activities - You will also find attached a flyer regarding half term activities organised by their Community Development Team. This may be of interest to our military families.

Multiplication Tables Year - Later this year our year 4 pupils will take part in the statutory tables check. Also attached to this bulletin is information for parents about this that we have been asked to share by the Department for Education.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

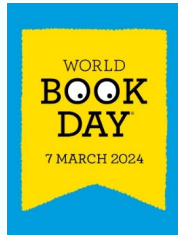
Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. After the success of last year instead of coming as book characters we are asking pupils and staff to come dressed as an adjective. This time we are asking that when they think of an adjective they go to a thesaurus and see if they can find an even better synonym to use. Building vocabulary by stealth! We will also be running the community free storytelling and cocoa event at 6.00 pm as it was such a lovely experience last year.



### Key Dates

#### February

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  
 15th Year 5 Viking Day  
 17th Year 3 visit Gurdwara  
 w/c 22nd Shakespeare Week  
 22nd Year visit Hindu Temple



#### May

1st year 5 visit Mosque  
 6th Bank Holiday

### Headteacher's Awards

Orion	Pegasus
Hydra <b>Ethan, Alexander</b>	Leo <b>Samuel</b>
Columba <b>Jasmine, Ayse, Howard, Betsy, Freddie, Eva</b>	Volans <b>Ruby, Macey, Delilah, Jasper</b>
Andromeda <b>Isla</b>	Phoenix <b>Marcus, Elliott</b>

### HEROES

Orion: **Eloise W.**  
 Pegasus: **Abel L.**  
 Hydra: **Corey W.**  
 Leo: **Arla M.**  
 Columba: **Lucia-Mai M.**  
 Volans: **Phoebe D.**  
 Andromeda: **Reece P.**  
 Phoenix: **William W.**  
 Forest School: **Daniel K.**

Dear Families,

As you know we are continually working to develop our Forest School and Rewilding areas, and we could use your help! It is the time of year when many people will be tidying their gardens, and we would like your garden waste!

-- We are looking to replenish our natural materials for den building - so if you have any long branches or leafy/ferny branches for this please bring them into school.

-- We are also looking to create a compost pile to grow pumpkins on and mulch to protect the root areas of our trees in the summer. For this we need leaf litter/mulch/wood chip/ grass cuttings/prunings and general garden waste. So if you don't already use this for your own garden please bring these into school to help support our outdoor areas. Thank you. Miss Carr