

Spring
2024

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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March 1st 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the saying goes, March comes in with the lion and goes out with the lamb. The month certainly lived up to that today but hopefully calmer and warmer days are not too far off.

This week has been an R.E. week in school where the children have spent time learning about different aspects of a number of religions. There have also been a number of philosophical debates and the children have really impressed their teachers with the maturity and depth of their thinking. If you haven't already had a chat about this why not ask you child what they were discussing and you will certainly be as impressed as we were.

Sadly, I have had to note a few moans on the facing page. It is our aim to continually strive for excellence in all that we do at Bispham and uniform is no exception. Certainly, secondary schools are very strict on this so we ask for your support in ensuring your child is dressed appropriately so this doesn't come as a shock. We want them to be proud of being at Bispham and to show this in all that they do.

As I said last week, our Inset Day on Monday was an opportunity for us to meet future colleagues from the Spencer Academies Trust. We got the opportunity to find out about some of the work they do and also to share with them some of the things we do in school of which we are most proud. Our sessions went down very well and clearly we are doing something right as we have been approached by some trust staff to come and have a look at what we do. Exciting times.

Enjoy your weekend.

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher

Notices

Uniform – A number of pupils are currently wearing incorrect uniform. I am politely reminding you that skirts, tights and trousers should be grey not black. Uniform is part of showing that the children are in the Bispham school community and are proud of this. If replacing black uniform is an issue I am more than happy to loan correct uniform so that no child feels that they are standing out for the wrong reasons.

Make up - Another gripe I am afraid. A number of children have begun coming to school wearing make up including foundation, mascara and coloured lip gloss. While we understand that some experimentation make take place at home, at primary age wearing make up on a daily basis is inappropriate. School will purchase face wipes and children wearing make up will be asked to remove it.

National STEM week - Week commencing 11th March will see the school marking this national event. We will begin on the Monday with a whole school investigation entitled ' Do tall people run faster?' It might be fun if you wanted to have a chat with your child/ children about this.

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

March

7th World Book Day

25th Year 4 matinee performance 1.30 pm

26th year 4 Evening performance 6.00 pm

28th End of term

April

15th Back to school

17th Year 5 Anglo Saxon Day

17th Year 3 visit Gurdwara

w/c 22nd Shakespeare Week

22nd Year 4 visit Hindu Temple

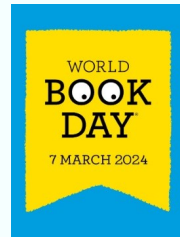
May

1st year 5 visit Mosque

6th Bank Holiday

w/c 13th SATs Week

24th End of half term



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	Pegasus Maxwell, Able, Ivy, Arturo
Hydra	Leo
Columba Ayse, Lyla, Sansa	Volans
Andromeda Zach	Phoenix Alfie, Bonnie, Esmee

World Book Day

Bedtime Story

After a successful event last year the Bedtime Story is making a return next Thursday. Children are invited to get into their pyjamas and return to school for 6.00 pm. There they will be given hot chocolate and a biscuit before they settle down to hear a few stories. This is a free event and should be booked via Weduc so we know how many to expect. All children should be accompanied by an adult. Please join us.

HEROES

Orion: Louie L.

Pegasus: Antek M.

Hydra: Maleah-Mae N.

Leo: Dotty B.

Columba: Jasmine S.

Volans: Joshua N.

Andromeda: Charlotte M.

Phoenix: Abigail R.

Forest School: Arwen S.