

Spring  
2024

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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Bispham Drive  
Junior School  
*Ad esse optimum*

March 15th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been about all things STEM in school. Miss Nott has done a fantastic job in organising interesting, inspiring and fun events for all of the children. On Monday all the children took part in the investigation into 'Do taller children run faster?' It was wonderful to see the children carrying out the investigation and listening to all of the questions and ideas they put forward. Data is being crunched and there will be a full report next week.

The children were also really interested by an assembly given by two people who work in STEM areas. We have previously called on parents for this but decided this year to give them a break - instead Miss Nott recruited her partner and a friend. This just goes to prove that when you get involved in education everyone you know is a potential resource!

Those of you who enter school from Bispham Drive will have noticed some new planting on the grass area outside of year 3. We decided to replace the tree that was blown over just before Christmas with our own little fruit orchard. Not only are these attractive trees they also reinforce the message to children about where food comes from. I'm not sure what we will see this year, but in the future we hope to have apples, pears, apricots, plums, damsons, cherries and greengages. So from an unfortunate event comes a positive response.

Finally, earlier this week I released the Ofsted report to you. Thank you for the positive messages you have given in response. We can now get on with our core work of ensuring the educational experience your children get at Bispham is the best that it can be.

Enjoy your weekend.

Andrea Goetzee,  
Headteacher

## Notices

Amendment to the P.E. uniform policy - After queries from children and some parents we have reviewed our policy on P.E. and have decided that black leggings are perfectly acceptable wear. All other aspects of uniform remain the same.

Forest School - To facilitate assessments across the school I confirm that, as previously stated, there will be no Forest School for the next two weeks. It will recommence when we return on April 15th. In the meantime, please see below some ideas to keep interest going. Also attached is a plea to promote wildlife in your gardens.

[https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/natures-calendar/natures-calendar-march?](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/natures-calendar/natures-calendar-march?utm_source=notes_on_nature_20240302&utm_medium=email&utm_term=notes_on_nature&utm_content=1&utm_campaign=notes_on_nature)

[utm\\_source=notes\\_on\\_nature\\_20240302&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=notes\\_on\\_nature&utm\\_content=1&utm\\_campaign=notes\\_on\\_nature](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/natures-calendar/natures-calendar-march?utm_source=notes_on_nature_20240302&utm_medium=email&utm_term=notes_on_nature&utm_content=1&utm_campaign=notes_on_nature)

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/things-to-do/woods-through-the-seasons/spring/>

Tesco Easter Egg Colouring Competition - Today your child will have brought home an Easter Egg template that Tesco have asked us to share. It needs to be returned direct to Tesco.

Changes to Breakfast and Afterschool club bookings - Due to the increase in numbers at both of our clubs we need to make changes to the booking system to ensure correct staffing and provision of catering. If you require a breakfast club place this now needs to be booked by 3pm the day before. Similarly for afterschool this needs to be made by 10am on the day the booking is required. If you turn up to either club without being on the register we may not be able to accommodate you and could be turned away. I hope that you can support us in this, we do not want to enforce longer term bookings as we want to give you the flexibility for your families needs.



### Key Dates

#### March

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

26th BFG Spring Disco



#### May

1st Year 5 visit Mosque

6th Bank Holiday

w/c 13th SATs Week

24th End of half term

### Headteacher's Awards

Orion Zachary, Max B, Chloe

Pegasus

Hydra Frances

Leo

Columba Ayse, Mailliey

Volans Ken

Andromeda Zach, Isla,  
Leanne, Harris

Phoenix

### HEROES

Orion: Jack L.

Pegasus: Zainab Z.

Hydra: Harry H.

Leo: Alfie C.

Columba: Ayden C.

Volans: Adam T.-R.

Andromeda: Loksa L.

Phoenix: Oliver K.-T.

Forest School: Mia P.

### Red Nose Day

Joke Competition Winner

Joke: What tells the time at the  
bottom of the sea?

Answer: A clocktopus!

Arla M.

Leo Class