

Spring
2024

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



March 8th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been particularly enjoyable as we celebrated World Book Day in school yesterday. Thank you for the time and effort you put into creating costumes for a particular adjective, we had a lot of fun looking at them in assembly. The children have also had more than a few laughs identifying baby pictures of staff with their favourite childhood book.

The day finished off with our 'Bedtime Story' event. This free event went down very well last year and this year was just as good. The children who came behaved beautifully and we all had the lovely, warm and cosy event we love so much. I can certainly see this as something that we will do each year. Sadly, I am unable to rent out staff in order to replicate this at people's homes which is something one or two parents laughingly suggested as they left.

With quick reference to something I mentioned on last week's bulletin. We now have a supply of uniform in school to offer to children who are not in proper uniform. I will be talking to children about this next week to support any conversations you may be having with children about what they wear to school. We will always try to call you before we give the uniform out so that you are aware. Discipline like this will be good grounding for secondary school where I know they are extremely vigilant on things like this.

Finally a small plea, if you bring your dog to school at drop off and pick up, I ask that you do not bring your pet right up to the school gate. The reason for this is that we have some children who are genuinely afraid of dogs and having to pass close to a dog as they enter school can cause distress.

Enjoy Mothering Sunday this weekend.

Andrea Goetzee, Headteacher

Notices

Science Week 2024 - Miss Nott, our science lead in school has organised a packed week of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities in school. On Monday, we start with our whole school investigation 'Do taller children run faster?' so make sure your child comes to school in trainers so they can take part. Each lunchtime a year group will get the opportunity to experiment making biodegradable plastic. A competition task has been set on Google classroom that the children might want to look at too. The children will also be hearing the inspirational stories of people who work in STEM areas. It should be an informative and inspiring week.

Red Nose Day Competition – I am very conscious that there are many demands on family incomes and alongside this increasing demands from fundraising days. With this in mind we have chosen to mark Red Nose Day next week in a particular way. This year, we are not asking for any contributions for the charity, what you choose to give on the night is your choice. Of course, children are very welcome to wear red noses in school if they wish, but it will be a normal uniform day. We will mark the day with a joke competition linked to Science Week. So we are asking children to come up with a joke that involves time. Classes will share the jokes and chose their funniest to be part of a special comedy assembly on Friday morning where a judging panel will vote for the ultimate winner which will be shared with you in the bulletin next week.

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

14th BFG Film Night

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

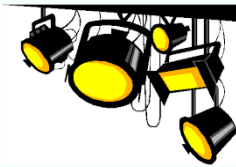
May

1st Year 5 visit Mosque

6th Bank Holiday

w/c 13th SATs Week

24th End of half term



Headteacher's Awards

Orion Celeste	Pegasus
Hydra Sammy, Logan, Esme, Maleah-Mae, Ava, Muhammad	Leo
Columba	Volans Sofia, Ken, Ariana, Delilah, Solomon, Charlie, William
Andromeda	Phoenix

HEROES

Orion: Olivia U.

Pegasus: Charlotte B.

Hydra: Hongyu H.

Leo: Francesca J.

Columba: Hiro W.

Volans: Ariana W.

Andromeda: Mason B.

Phoenix: Bob C.

Forest School: Ellie W.

BFG Film Night Thursday March 14th

The Bispham Friends Group film night will take place after school next Thursday.

The film chosen is the 'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'. The event begins straight after school finishes with a ticket price of £6.00 which includes a snack. The film lasts 96 minutes so the event will end at approximately 5.15 pm. Closing date for bookings is noon on Tuesday 12th March.

The children enjoy the social aspect of enjoying a film together and these events raise valuable funds for school so please support it.