

Summer
2024

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



April 19th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever, it was a pleasure to welcome the children back to school this week. Although the weather certainly did not make it feel like the start of summer term. It is to be hoped we will have warmer, drier weather soon so that we can open up the field once more for play.

This week, our year 3 pupils enjoyed a visit to a local Sikh Gurdwara. These visits to the places of worship for a wide variety of religions is an important part of both our R.E. teaching and our work on personal development. Tolerance and mutual respect is vital so thank you for your support with these.

Year 5 had a wonderful day on Wednesday when they undertook their Anglo Saxon experience. The children looked wonderful in their costumes and again thank you for your support with these things, they make a difference. I was quite jealous as I walked through the hall and saw them undertaking a wide variety of practical activities to help them understand better what it was like to live in those times. I'm sure many happy memories were made

While this summer term is quite a long one, 14 weeks of teaching and learning, it gives us the opportunity to plan some exciting experience and theme weeks for all of our pupils. These start with Shakespeare Week next week. I will always keep both the key dates page on this bulletin and the Weduc calendar up to date so that you and your children don't miss out.

Finally, I want to publicly extend a big thank you to Mr Fitch who spent a large part of his Easter break making 6 picnic benches for the children to make use of. They were made from scratch to save money and I'm sure they will be a welcome addition to playtimes and lunchtimes.

Enjoy your weekend.

Andrea Goetzee, Headteacher

Notices

Reading Reward Tea - We were very pleased to see 139 children participate in the reading tea to mark them reaching at least 60 reads at home. They had enormous fun doing an book based escape room that saw them searching around school for clues and solutions. When staff talked to those children who did not participate it became apparent that many of them believed that they had read at least 60 times but that their parents had not signed these off in the personal organiser. We really would like to see the whole school take part in the summer reward as we are planning something extra special. Please check you child's P.O. and sign all their reads. Qualifying dates are April 15th until July 15th which equates to around 5 reads a week, which many of our children say they regularly exceed. Teachers will be totalling each week to help children stay on track.

Medical Appointments - Every week we have quite a number of children taken out of school to attend appointments, medical, dental, optician etc. While it is not always in your control we request that you make these outside of school hours as there is inevitably a disruption to a child's learning. If an appointment is within the school day then the child should be returned to school afterwards.

Door request - As we undertake repairs around school we try to keep costs down as far as possible to allow as much budget as possible to be available to support learning. At present Mr Fitch is working on our outdoor stores and if you have a lockable UPVC door spare, as a result of your own refurbishments, it would be very useful to us. Contact the office if you can help.



Key Dates

April

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

June

3rd - 14th Year 4 statutory times tables check
 5th Sports afternoon with 6th as bad weather back up
 20th Banks Road Sports Afternoon here
 21st & 24th Inset Days
 25th Year 3 visit to Cresswell Crags
 28th BFG Summer Fair

July

3rd Class and Team photographs
 9th Transition Day



INSET DAYS

2024/2025

2nd Sept 2024

3rd Sept 2024

24th Feb 2025

28th July 2025

29th July 2025

Headteacher's Awards

Orion	Pegasus Max, Willow, Murrin
Hydra Olive, Ethan, Logan, Rory, Harry, Ava, Maleah-Mae, Indiana, Alexander	Leo Isaac
Columba Mailliey, Ayse, Lucia, Evelyn, Ingrid, Lily	Volans Elizabeth
Andromeda Amelia, Jude, Niall	Phoenix Boaz, Preston

HEROES

Orion: Ivy H.
 Pegasus: Hailey L.
 Hydra: Logan B.
 Leo: Oliver O.
 Columba: Freddie D.
 Volans: Ruby D.
 Andromeda: Harris B.
 Phoenix: Daniel W.
 Forest School: Estelle C.

BFG Spring Disco

This is the first time a disco has run in the summer term and it is proving very popular. There are currently just over 30 tickets remaining.

You can book these via Weduc, bookings will close at 11.00 am on Monday 22nd April. All tickets will be confirmed via a message by 4.00 pm the same day. The paper tickets will be sent out during the week and prior to Friday. If you are able to support with any help during the event please contact the BFG directly. Thank you.