

Summer
2024

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



May 24th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

While we have, hopefully, temporarily lost the warm weather we are all still looking forward to the half term. Years 4 and 5 were also able to finish their skateboarding lessons with some fun games. Once again, these lessons have proved to be a very popular addition to our physical exercise offer and I would be interested to hear your thoughts on them as I begin to think in detail about next year.

Yesterday saw us complete two practise lockdown drills. The first during normal lesson time, the second while the children were out on the field and playground. While it is to be hoped that we will never need to do these for real, it is an important part of keeping the children safe that they know what to do. I am pleased to say that both drills were completed quickly and sensibly and in talking to the children it was obvious that they understood the necessity of practice like this without being worried by it. I was particularly impressed by the sensible but speedy way they got back into school from the outside areas.

Next half term is going to be a long one so we have been planning a variety of theme weeks and activities to ensure that we make the most of this. Year 4 will also be completing the statutory times table check. This will take place over a two week window and year 4 parents should already have received information about this, if not, contact the school office.

Have a lovely half term break.

Best wishes

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher

Notices

BFG Summer Fair Friday 28th June - Our annual fair is fast approaching and you will find attached to this bulletin a poster that gives more details about the event. It is always very popular and well attended event. Tickets will go on sale at 6.00 pm this evening and numbers are capped at 350 to allow us to hold it inside if the weather is poor. In the first instance, tickets sales will be limited to 6 per family. If you are unsuccessful in getting tickets and the weather is forecast to be good then more will be released closer to the event. Don't forget that you can find out more about our fundraising group, how much they have raised and how the money is spent at the AGM in the school hall at 3.30 pm on June 3rd. Please come along to both events.

Sports Day 5th June - We believe in supporting the children with healthy competition and the time has come for our traditional Sports Day. The children should come to school dressed in PE kit and bring 2 safety pins so that their team name can be attached to their t-shirt. During the morning all children will participate in a range of field events. You are invited to join us from 1.15 pm to spectate at the track events. Should the weather be poor we will use the 6th as a back up day.

Reading Reward Total - In order to comfortably reach the 60 home read total before the deadline of July 15th the children should have at least 25 reads signed off in the personal organisers. If they are a little behind this then the half term break could provide the perfect opportunity to catch up or even get ahead.



Key Dates

May

24th End of half term

June

3rd - 14th Year 4 times tables check

5th Sports afternoon with 6th as back up

20th Banks Road Sports Afternoon here

21st & 24th Inset Days

25th Year 3 visit to Creswell Crags

28th BFG Summer Fair

July

w/c 1st Year 6 Adventure Week

3rd Class and Team photographs

9th Transition Day

12th Reports Out

17th Optional Parents meetings

22nd Year 6 Matinee Performance

23rd Year 6 Evening Performance

24th Reading Reward Afternoon

24th Year 6 Leavers' social event

25th Behaviour Reward Afternoon

26th Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

26th End of school year



Headteacher's Awards

Orion Chloe, Celeste, Grace,
Olivia, Brayden, Jack

Pegasus George

Hydra Harry, Muhammad

Leo Estelle

Columba Thomas TR, Ayse
Mailliey, Evelyn

Volans Cassia, Tilly, Lyra Amelia

Andromeda

Phoenix

Lost Property

As ever we have accrued a great deal of lost property. Those items with names in usually find their way back to their owners quite quickly. We are then left with a huge amount of anonymous items. These will be bagged up and passed to the local church on June 7th so that they may benefit families preparing for the next academic year. If you would like to claim items please come into school before this date. Thank you.

Forest School Appeals

Unfortunately Miss Carr has been quite poorly so Forest School did not resume this week. The missed sessions will be made up before we finish the year. Meanwhile she is still appealing for donations of unwanted sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers for den building activities. She has also asked I share a couple of links about tick awareness as we are now in that season. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>
<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/injuries/skin-injuries/>