

Summer  
2024

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



May 3rd 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Finally, some warmer weather. We were so happy to be able to open the field up for the first time in 2024, but not half as happy as the children were. They have behaved really well using the playground but it is always wonderful to see them making the most of the lovely space we are so lucky to have. Let's hope this continues well into the future.

I believe some of you have been having trouble booking on to Breakfast Club or Afterschool Club. We've had a look at the system and there does not seem to be a problem so it may be that you are not aware that there are cut off times for booking. Breakfast Club places need to be booked by 3.00 pm the day before and Afterschool by 10.00 am on the day you need it. These deadlines ensure we have the correct staff to child ratio in place and enough of the food of the day for every child who attends. I hope that helps but if anyone continues to experience issues please contact the school office so that we can ask Weduc to investigate as soon as possible.

It was lovely to see and talk to as many of you as I could last Friday at the BFG Disco. These are always such enjoyable events and another really positive part of Bispham life. I want to highlight to you one of our pupils who decided to add to the fundraising. Tilly in year 5 spent most of the evening selling bracelets and rings that she had made. They looked very professional and she added £89 to the coffers. We do not expect children to do this but when they do it is lovely to acknowledge their contribution. Well done and thank to Tilly and the friends that helped her.

So here we are at the first bank holiday in May. The weather is looking a little mixed but my Dad always said weather forecasters always downplayed the bank holiday weather in an attempt to keep the roads to the coast clear. Hopefully he was right. Enjoy you weekend.

Andrea Goetzee, Headteacher

## Notices

Reading Reward Progress - To support our target to get as many children as possible participating in the last Reading Reward Tea I thought it might be useful to give updates from time to time about the number of reads that would enable a child to comfortably make the 60 read total. As we began to count on April 15, at this point they would need to have between 14 and 16 reads at home signed off by you. Staff will be helping the children to total up where they are so we can keep the momentum going and hopefully between us all we can help them to make it by July 15th.

## BFG News

Thanks you to everyone who was able to join us at the disco last Friday. It was, as usual, a hectic evening and lots of fun. The BFG team raised over £1,800 for school and we are currently putting together our wish list of how to spend that to benefit all of our pupils.

The BFG would like to hear your views and share the work that they have done. There will be an AGM on Monday June 3rd straight after school. Children are welcome so we hope that as many of you as possible will come along to hear how the money you contribute is used.

ACCOUNTANT - The BFG would like to have their accounts reviewed by someone with an accountancy accreditation. If you or someone you know could help please contact either the BFG direct or the school office. Thank you.



## Key Dates

### May

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

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

| MAY 2024         |   |
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| MON<br>MAY 13TH  | English<br>Grammar, Punctuation, and<br>Spelling papers 1 + 2 |
| TUES<br>MAY 14TH | English<br>Reading  |
| WED<br>MAY 15TH  | Maths<br>Paper 1 (Arithmetic)<br>Paper 2 (Reasoning)          |
| THUR<br>MAY 16TH | Maths<br>Paper 3 (Reasoning)                                  |



## Headteacher's Awards

Orion

Pegasus

Hydra Frances

Leo

Columba Edge, Edie, Ayse,  
Eva

Volans Jasper

Andromeda Yat Zi

Phoenix Theo, Leo, Benjamin,  
Melody, Molly, Boaz

## HEROES

Orion: Maisie J.

Hydra: Sebastian K.

Leo: Sophie B.

Volans: Sofia K.

Andromeda: Freya L.

Phoenix: Theo B.

Forest School: Adam T.R.

## Use of WhatsApp

I talked last week about the use pupils make of WhatsApp. I am also aware that parents have their own groups to share information etc. This week I have been made aware that one of these was used to make a negative comment about a staff member. This has been upsetting and unsettling for staff who work hard to build the trust relationship between home and school. I politely remind you that if you have a concern the correct way to tackle this is the school Complaints Policy which can be found on the website. That way there is a formal record of any investigation and outcome which is then kept on file.