

Summer
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BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I had a little moan about the cool weather in the last bulletin and so, of course things changed. I was pleased that the good weather came when we had a double inset so that at least some of you may have been able to take advantage of it.

While the weather has cooled it is still set to be fair for our Summer Fair and by the time most of you read this you will likely be on your way. I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can, myself and the school staff see the fair as both an opportunity to raise important funds for our pupils but also as a chance to catch up with you in a more social setting.

I like to use the bulletin to celebrate some of the generous things our pupils do for others. Today I want to let you know about Rhea in year 5. She has been growing her hair for two years to donate to the Little Princess Trust who provide real hair wigs for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment. She will be having 30 cm cut from her hair in July and is also hoping to raise funds for the charity. If you would like to support her you can do so by following this link <https://gofund.me/89a36374>

I started writing this weekly bulletin when I first became the Headteacher in 2015. I wanted to ensure there was communication between home and school. Times have moved on and I am now unsure how many parents actually read it each week. It can be time consuming so I am going to try out moving to a fortnightly bulletin and then gauge reaction, if any. This means the next bulletin will be on July 12th. If you have any views on this please let me know. Enjoy your weekend.

Andrea Goetsee,
Headteacher

Notices

Change of Date - I mentioned in the previous bulletin that Mrs Wilford and Mrs Wilson will be retiring at the end of this year. We were going to have a tea and biscuits farewell event on July 16th however this will now be moving to **Monday 22nd July**. Between them they have actually clocked up over 56 years of service to families in the area (more than I previously thought). You are invited to come and say farewell in the main school hall from 3.30 onwards. They have supported so many children as well as being integral to BFG fundraising it would be great if current and former pupils and family members wanted to join us. Please spread the word.

Summer Reading Challenge - As part of our ongoing commitment to getting every child to read for pleasure we will be setting them a voluntary challenge desired to keep them motivated over the summer break. We will be promoting this to children in school over the coming weeks and they will be bringing a Bingo style card to fill in and return in September. Encouraging your children to take part will not only support their learning in the next academic year it could also help you fill part of the summer days. I have attached a copy of the card to this bulletin for you to have a look at.

Many of the school staff will be participating in their own teacher reading challenge this summer. They will be sharing this with the children in September.

Remember reading is fundamental to educational success.



Key Dates

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 Olivia	Pegasus
Hydra Eden	Leo Heather
Columba	Volans Amelia, Ruby
Andromeda	Phoenix Marcus

HEROES

- Orion: Maisie B.
- Pegasus: Ella B / Dhevan N.
- Hydra: Mia P.
- Leo: Maxwell D. / Kobi E-G
- Columba: Oliver B.
- Volans: Francesca E.
- Andromeda: Horace H. / Rowen M-S.
- Phoenix: Holly L.

World Asteroid Day

You may be interested to know that this Sunday is World Asteroid Day. The day was originally developed by Queen guitarist Dr Brian May and Apollo 9 astronaut Rusty Schweickart, with others, to educate the public about the role of asteroids in our solar system and how we need to defend against future impacts. There is a lot of information and short films, including one by Tim Peake on their website.

<https://asteroidday.org/about/>