

Summer
2024

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



July 12th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move to a fortnightly timetable this will be the last full bulletin of the academic year. What looked like a really long half term is now rushing past and we have only two weeks remaining.

This week has seen the children transition to their new classes and us welcome our new year 3's. I went in and out of classes all day and spent lunchtime out on the playground and the atmosphere was happy and relaxed, which was lovely. Our year 6 pupils also spent a day or two at their new schools and they returned to us very positive about that.

The end of the school year is always a time of change and emotion and we are very mindful of this in school. We will do our best to keep things positive and calm around school but if your child is struggling please let us know and we will do our best to help and support them.

As a staff we are not only preparing to say goodbye to our year 6's. We are also getting ready to send Mrs Wilford and Mrs Wilson into a well deserved retirement. Their long service will be recognised on July 22nd so please come and join us.

We are also preparing to say goodbye to Mrs McBain. She may only have joined us last year but she has been a valued member of our school team. She is leaving us to move to Australia, which is really exciting and I'm sure you join us wishing her well in her new adventures.

I genuinely cannot believe I am already ending another year as Headteacher as Bispham Drive. This school is such a big part of my life and I am looking forward to the next developments in our journey together.

Andrea Goetsee,
Headteacher

Notices

Summer Fair Fund Raising - We were very fortunate on June 28th to have fine, but not too warm, weather for our annual Summer Fair. The whole event had a lovely community feel to it and I know that I and other staff enjoyed the opportunity to talk to many of you in a more social setting. Of course, it was also designed to raise much needed funds for school and I am very pleased to tell you that the wonderful sum of £3,700 pounds was raised by the BFG. This year there was a trophy for the class that raised the most money with their game and this was won by Columba. The funds will be added to money already raised and we hope to use it to pay for a large scale item that will serve Forest School and our classes thus benefiting every child in school. Once final costs have been agreed I will share more on this.

Arrangements for the end of the school year - It may help you if I am clear about the last week of school. Full uniform should be worn up to and including the last day. There is no more Forest School this year. On the last day of school children may bring in a toy to play with and share with their friends. We cannot plug toys in at school so any toy with a battery should have sufficient charge to last the whole day. No phones, iPads or other smart devices should be brought in.

I will write to year 6 parents separately about arrangements and events to mark their final days at the school.



Key Dates

July

- 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



Retirement Tea Mrs Wilford and Mrs Wilson

Please join us in the school hall after 3.30 pm on Monday 22nd July to share tea, coffee, biscuits and memories with our two long serving TA's as they retire and start the next stage of their lives.

Headteacher's Awards

Orion	Pegasus
Hydra	Leo
Columba	Volans Farha, Ursula
Andromeda	Phoenix Rosie, Freya

HEROES - w/e 5th July

- Orion: George J.
- Pegasus: Willow S.
- Hydra: Muhammad K.
- Leo: Max V.
- Columba: Rhea V.
- Volans: Zach C.

HEROES—w/e 12th July

- Orion: Charlie G.
- Pegasus: Mila S.
- Hydra: Layla-Mai B.
- Leo: Heather L.
- Columba: Alfie K.
- Volans: Farha M.F.
- Andromeda: Maisie T.
- Phoenix: Lara B.
- Forest School: Logan B.