

Autumn
2024

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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October 18th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has seemed to pass incredibly quickly and I am amazed to find us entering the half term break. I am sure that many of you already have plans, but if you don't I have attached a few flyers regarding local initiatives. One of these is particularly targeted at our military families, another will help you brush up your maths skills with your child.

Miss Carr has also shared a link to an activity she found on Instagram. Some of our children have tried these this week and the results are truly gorgeous. I know I will be having a go myself over the break.

This half term has been, as ever, a busy one. I got the privilege to join our year 5 pupils on their Sherwood Forest residential last week and had a wonderful time. Not too much sleep but a wonderful time nevertheless. It is such a bonus to my work when I get to spend time with the children helping them develop so many skills that are impossible to teach in a classroom. It is also a valued opportunity to get to know them all a little better, share their humour and build their sense of belonging to the Bispham community. We had pretty good weather and Sherwood Forest in the autumn was a great place to be. We are already planning for next year.

This half term may have been busy, but the next one is always really packed with activities. There are a number of visits planned so please check the key dates and the Weduc calendar. Of course there is the build up to Christmas as well, with its shows and events it's an exciting time. In anticipation have a lovely and restful half term.

Andrea Goetzee,
Headteacher

Notices

Toys in school - A number of children have begun to bring toys into school to play with. These can cause arguments and upset on the playground, some of them represent a choking hazard as children run around. Please do not allow you children to bring toys in. We have plenty for them to do at break and lunchtime. We do make an exception in the case of books as we appreciate some of our pupils enjoy reading quietly at these times. Thank you.

Safeguarding - As a school we have a clear duty around safeguarding. We understand that from time to time you may have your own concerns and be uncertain how to manage them. We now have a dedicated email address where you can share these with us we will then review them and give you a response.

Contact us on safeguarding@bisphamdrive.net

A couple of easy and free autumn activities

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DBA5V4Xlong/?igsh=bHB6YmxrazN1dWZj>

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DBEacZJoCxu/?>



Key Dates

October

18th Behaviour Reward Afternoon and end of half term



November

4th Back to school

Year 5 visit to Nottingham Castle

4th Parents' evening

6th Parents' evening

w/c 11th Anti Bullying Week - theme

Choose Respect

w/c 18th UK Parliament Week

20th Year 3 cinema visit

22nd Non-uniform day chocolate donation for the Christmas Disco

28th Years 4 and 6 cinema visit

29th BFG Christmas Disco



December

6th Year 6 visit Beaumanor Hall

9th Year 5 Matinee

10th Year 5 Evening performance

12th Year 4 visit Bluebell Farm

13th Christmas Jumper Day



Headteacher Awards

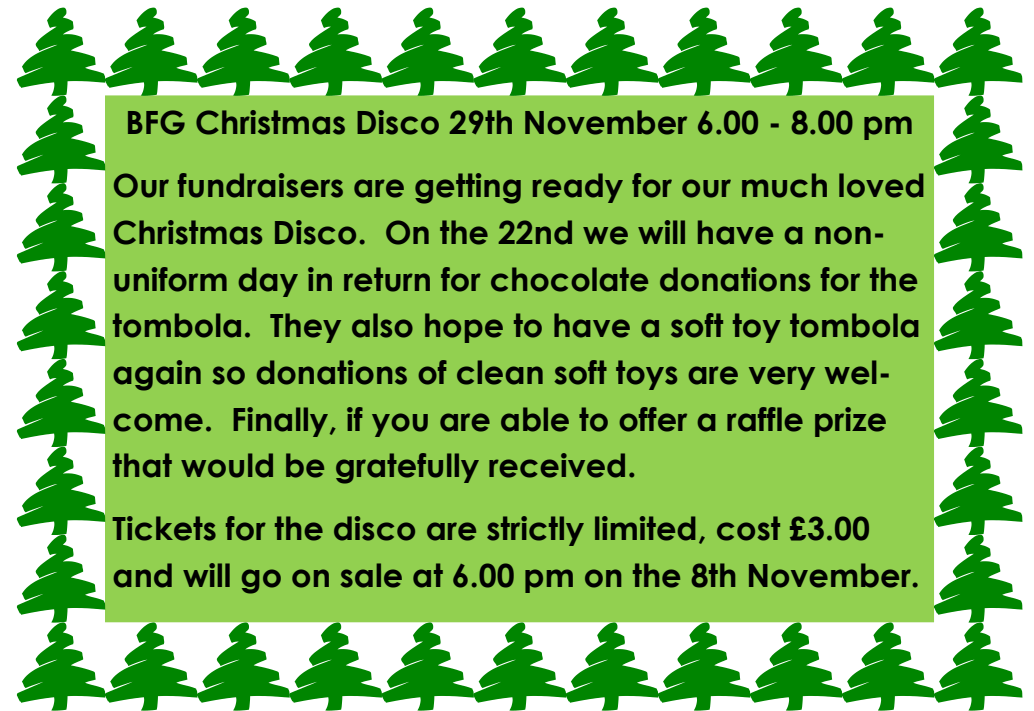


Year 3 - Colby

Year 4 - Chloe, Ivy, Zack, Jack L, Jacob, Johan, Ankita, Eloise

Year 5 - Brooklyn, Isaac, Francesca, Samuel, Murrin, Zainab, Samuel, Matthew, Dhevan, Hannah, Mia

Year 6 - Mailliey, Jasper, William E, Howard, Chester, Lucia, Adam, Farah, Ayse, Rhea, Jasmine



BFG Christmas Disco 29th November 6.00 - 8.00 pm

Our fundraisers are getting ready for our much loved Christmas Disco. On the 22nd we will have a non-uniform day in return for chocolate donations for the tombola. They also hope to have a soft toy tombola again so donations of clean soft toys are very welcome. Finally, if you are able to offer a raffle prize that would be gratefully received.

Tickets for the disco are strictly limited, cost £3.00 and will go on sale at 6.00 pm on the 8th November.