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2024

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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December 13th 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all geared up for Christmas week in school now and later in this bulletin I have outlined what will be happening each day. Any non-uniform tokens not already redeemed can be used on Monday.

It will certainly be a busy week and I wanted to draw your attention to two events in particular. On Tuesday, our choir will be singing at Tesco from 2.30 pm. It would be lovely if some of you could come along and see them, it's always a lovely event to get everyone in the mood for the festive season. On Wednesday from 2.00 pm (1.15 for year 5 who have a bigger project planned), you are invited to join us in a Christmas craft activity, a great opportunity for glue and glitter I hope. We would like this to be a social, school community event and so will be offering free tea and coffee to those who are able to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

This week, I have been lucky to twice watch the year 5 Christmas show, 'Mr Humbug Sees the Light'. I was so proud of their hard work and dedication and it was great to hear all of your compliments. Next week, it is the turn of year 6 who will be performing 'Christmas is Forever'. These are some of the best memories for the children and we are lucky to share them.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you for your patience and cooperation as we have had to make changes to our food offer in school. Sadly, these things cannot always be foreseen and your understanding is appreciated. I'm sure you all join me in sending best wishes to Ms Town at what is a hugely difficult time.

Have a lovely Christmas and see you in the New Year.

Andrea Goetzee,
Headteacher

Notices

Forest School - Miss Carr has put together a schedule for the Forest School sessions in the coming term, you will find it attached to this bulletin. Your child will also have brought a paper copy home as we know some of you like to pin this on family noticeboards. A quick reminder as we are in the winter months that your child should come with adequate clothing to stay warm and dry outside. If they have morning sessions they need to bring uniform to change into and this should include a change of socks and footwear. We hope the children will enjoy some fabulous wintry weather but this will only be possible if they have the right clothing. Any child without adequate clothing may not be permitted to take part in that Forest School session as we need to ensure they remain safe and well cared for.

BFG CHRISTMAS DISCO TOTAL - The disco was a great success and all the monies have now been counted. Thanks to your generosity the disco raised over £2,200, which is amazing. This will be added to monies already raised and used to enhance the learning experiences of all of our pupils. I can now tell you that towards the end of January the new BFG outdoor stage will be installed. This will be used by all of the children and will enable us to encourage even more creative activities throughout the year. I will keep you posted and share pictures as installation progresses.

P.E. activities in the first half of Spring Term - While skateboarding was very popular we felt the children had learned the basics well enough so decided to channel our sports funding into new areas. We know our pupils participate in many of the most popular sports and like to expose them to new activities that they could easily continue in the local area. We begin with years 3 and 5. In the first week they will both have PE on Monday 6th January when they will try out wheelchair sports to help them understand the challenges faced by others in accessing physical activity. After that year 3 will have 5 weeks of archery on a Monday and Year 5 will have 5 weeks of fencing on a Wednesday. Year 4 and 6 will follow after February Half Term.

If you have any safeguarding concerns relating to a pupil you can contact us on safeguarding@bisphamdrive.net

Key Dates

December

16th Year 6 Matinee 1.30 pm

17th Year 6 Evening performance 6.00 pm

18th Whole school Christmas event at St Peter's Church - Christmas Lunch – Christmas Crafts Open afternoon from 2.00 pm

19th Party Day in school

20th Behaviour Reward afternoon and end of term

January

6th Back to school

7th Year 5 Visit National Space Centre

13th & 15th Parents' meetings

w/c 20th Bikeability Year 5



Headteacher Awards



Year 4 - Hailey, Abel, Dhevan, Celeste, Hannah, George J

Year 5 - Heather, Emily, Isaac, Saif, Sophie, Joshua, Abi, Erica, Corey, Dottie, Elsie, Layla-Mai

Year 6 - William, Delilah

Information about the final week in school

Unless otherwise stated normal uniform will be worn.

Tuesday 17th - Tesco 2.30 pm the school choir will be singing.

Wednesday 18th - Morning Christmas at church, Christmas lunch then Christmas crafts from 2.00 pm. Parents and carers are welcome for the crafts, free tea and coffee provided.

Thursday 19th - Party day. For those partying in the morning come in party clothes with uniform to change into. For those partying in the afternoon, come in uniform with party clothes to change into. If they wish, children may bring in party snacks for personal consumption.

Friday 20th - Children may bring in toys to play with. No phones or tablets or anything with internet connectivity. We cannot plug anything in either.

Afternoon Behaviour Reward. School finishes at 3.30 pm