



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and positive fortnight across school, with lots to celebrate and be proud of.

Our Year 5 children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in their Bikeability Level 2 sessions. This is a real milestone, as it involved riding on the roads and applying the skills they have been learning in real-life situations. The children approached the sessions with confidence, maturity and enthusiasm, and they should be very proud of earning their Level 2 certificates.

I have also spent lots of time in classrooms over the past two weeks and it has been a pleasure to see so much high-quality learning taking place. The children have been working incredibly hard and showing our DRIVE values, earning plenty of DRIVE stickers along the way. It has been lovely to see so many pupils proudly achieving their Bronze Star awards as a result of their effort and positive attitudes.

We have also been delighted to welcome parent visitors into school as part of our Life Skills curriculum for our Year 3 and 4 classes. Parents kindly gave up their time to talk to the children about their careers, sharing real-world experiences and helping pupils understand how their learning links to life beyond the classroom. The children were engaged, curious and asked some fantastic questions. We are very grateful to those parents who have already visited, and we are pleased to share that more parents will be coming into school over the coming weeks.

As always, it has been a pleasure to see the positive attitudes to learning across school and the way our children continue to represent Bispham so well.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
David Belton
Principal

Pupil Premium – Could Your Child Be Eligible?

We would like to gently encourage parents and carers to check whether they may be entitled to Pupil Premium funding. This support can provide a range of benefits for your child, including **reduced-cost breakfast and after-school clubs, financial support for trips and visits, and help with school uniform.**

Applying is straightforward, confidential and can make a real difference to the opportunities we are able to offer your child. To check if you are eligible and to apply, [click here](#). If you would like further information, or support with this, please speak to the school office who will be happy to help.

Breakfast Club & After-School Club – Spaces Available

We currently have spaces available in both our Breakfast Club and After-School Club, which are very much enjoyed by the children.

Breakfast Club runs from 7.30am, giving children a calm and positive start to the day, with a healthy breakfast provided. Our After-School Club offers a safe, relaxed environment after the school day, with children also provided with a light meal.

The cost is £6 for Breakfast Club and £13 for After-School Club. If you would like to book a place or find out more, please contact the school office.

Homework

We have had a couple of queries recently about homework expectations across different year groups. We recognise that families' views and routines vary, and we aim to strike a sensible balance that supports learning while respecting busy family time.

Next week, you will receive a message via Arbor outlining the homework expectations for your child's class, so you know exactly what to expect.



BFG – Our School Needs You

After many years of dedication, Mrs Jepson and Mrs King, our current BFG leads (parent-teacher fundraising group), will be stepping down. The BFG group have done an amazing job over the years, raising significant funds that have allowed us to provide wonderful resources for the children, including the Reading Circle, Hobbit Hut, school radio station, and the speaker system used for performances.

However, the future of the BFG depends on parents getting in touch now, so new members can be trained and supported by the current team, ensuring events such as this year's **Summer Fair** can happen.

If we do not have enough support, the group may have to fold, and events such as Christmas discos and Summer Fairs will no longer take place. Even a small amount of time can make a real difference, so if you are able to help, please contact the school office who can pass your details on to Mrs Jepson and Mrs King.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Year 3	Joshua, Erin, Oscar, Logan, Elliott, Liam, Isla, Penny, Isaac, Harriet
Year 4	Jordi, Hazel, Kate, Gemma, Colby, Niah, Rayyan
Year 5	Abel, Isabella, Amelie
Year 6	Esme, Indiana, Eleanor, Oliver, Lottie, Eden, Elsie, Max V

Calendar Dates

February	9 th – Children's Mental Health Week 10 th and 11 th – Parent's meetings 10 th - Safer Internet Day 13 th – Behaviour Reward afternoon 23 rd - Inset day (Children not in school)
March	4 th – Sponsored Sports Event (More information to be announced closer to the date) 5 th – World Book Day 20 th – Red Nose Day 20 th Spring Disco 23 rd – Shakespeare Week 27 th – Behaviour Reward Afternoon
April	13 th – Back to school