

Newsletter 10, June 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a fantastic week it has been at Bell Farm. I do hope you enjoy reading about our many successes from sport to poetry.

As you can imagine with the sudden announcement that Surrey County Council are undertaking a consultation regarding Bell Farm becoming a primary school, life has got rather busy. I spoke to the children about what might be happening in assembly on Friday afternoon and they asked some very sensible questions. I do hope you are able to attend the public consultation meeting at 7pm on June 22nd.

It's been good to see so many analogue watches appearing in the lower school. Children have been very eager to tell me the time on a very regular basis. A fun way to make sure they can tell the time.

Valerie Blackwell
Headteacher

Letters that have gone home since the last Newsletter.....

- 8/6/11 French food tasting Year 5
- 10/6/11 Kew Gardens Year 3
- 10/6/11 2011 Hershams Poetry Writing Competition winners
- 10/6/11 Public consultation on a proposal for primary school provision in Walton and Hershams
- 13/6/11 Year 6 leaving celebration sweatshirts
- 15/6/11 Attendance Penalty Notice information letter from Surrey County Council

Young Enterprise Day in Y5



Children in Y5 enjoyed an interesting and challenging day developing their enterprise skills. We had business people spending a day with each class. The

children developed a project from a business plan to selling their product. Our visitors commented how enthusiastic and well behaved the children were.

Class photographs

We will be having class photographs taken on the morning of Tuesday, June 21st

Congratulations to Mr Wasserberg who very successfully gave a presentation to Surrey teachers and headteachers earlier this week. Mr Wasserberg was asked to present due to his excellent work as our mathematics leader.

Bell Farm wins the Hershams Poetry Writing Competition

We would like to congratulate the following children who were selected by the competition judges to read their poems at the Presentation evening on Wednesday, June 15th at St Peter's Hall in the presence of the Mayor.

They all received a Highly Commended certificate and **Daisy Jelley was awarded the overall prize** for our age group. We are pleased to say that **Bell Farm received the award for the best school.**

Naimah Mesmoudi	Jade Weller
Oliver Tourell	Daisy Jelley
Sophie Francis	Emma Overton
Sabahat Bajwa	Zoe Dale
Isabelle Martin	Liberty Heyden
Charlie Ward	Megan Hicks
Marcus Mannerings	George Lowe



District Sports Success

On Wednesday at the Elmbridge District Sports, Bell Farm stormed to victory. There were many individual successes, including several first positions, to be proud of, however all of the children's efforts contributed to the final results.

Both Y3 and Y5 triumphed as overall year group winners, bringing home the year group shields. This led to an amazing position for Bell Farm, as the school finished in second place in the competition, out of 10 large schools participating. Miss Walker thanks all those who took part to achieve such an incredible result.'

School Uniform shop

We are very low on stock of second hand uniform. If you have any items no longer in use, which are in good condition, and would like to donate them, please do so via the school office. We are in particular need of jumpers/cardigans, ties and PE sweatshirts (though PE shorts/shirts and school trousers/skirts/summer dresses also welcome if you have them spare!). As soon as we have built up stock again, we will decide on the date of the next sale, thank you!

Nancy Scott (parent)

Farewell, thank you and good luck to our two final year teaching students Miss Coombes and Miss Moore.

Rugby congratulations

After being selected to attend trials and completing weeks of training, we are delighted to hear that three Bell Farm children have been selected to represent Elmbridge at the Surrey Youth Games which takes place over the week-end of 18th and 19th June. Many congratulations to **Remi Obasa, Sam Bishop and Katie Burton** - what a fantastic achievement! Everyone at Bell Farm would like to wish them the best of luck for the Games and, whatever the result, we are very proud that you have been selected to represent the Borough. Well done!

Discovering climatic zones in Year 3

Does that sound a boring topic? Not if you are in Y3. Each class became a climatic zone and one class became the BBC weather studio for a whole week. Classes spent a day in each zone where the teachers had spent a lot of time turning their classrooms into a desert, rainforest, polar region or a television studio.



On Monday, June 27th the Mayor of Elmbridge will be visiting the school to announce the Hersham in Bloom poster competition.



Hearing Dogs for the Deaf

Well done Leanne Harcourt-Smith (4DS) for undertaking so much research and being so tenacious in her support for this charity. Lots of children and staff brought in their loose change to cover the picture of their own class dog. We also

enjoyed a fascinating visit from Bertie who we seem to have adopted as our very own Hearing dog. Thank you to Milly Eaton (6OG) for organising this.

My name is Carol Harvey (Mum of a Y6 pupil)

I would like to bring to your attention the special educational needs "Green Paper" that is the first stage through the government. If there are any parents with children who have special needs in any way you may wish to look at this.

It is a long document (fairly daunting but I believe worth it) and further down 59 questions and an opportunity to state your case/situation. You can also Google it and put in a request for the 'easy read' version.

You can either email me at carolsinging@hotmail.co.uk or to ssaise-marshall@dyslexiaaction.org.uk to Shannon Ssaie Marshall Executive Assistant to CEO at Dyslexia Action who will send you the Green Paper.

This is for ALL special educational needs and is a rare opportunity to put your point across. Do not hesitate to contact me on 07919 100837 up till 22nd June then after on 4th July. I apologise that this is late in the day but I only discovered this late last week.

.....and finally

DON'T FORGET THE BIG MEET UP

Sunday, July 17th

This will be a fun event supported by 10 local secondary and primary schools. We will be taking over Ashley Road for the day

Bell Farm Junior School-Diary Dates

Monday 27th June to 1st July	Y6	Residential visit to Little Canada (Isle of Wight)
Wednesday 29 th June	Y5	Rounders tournament @ Cleves
Thursday 30 th June	Year 2	Induction evening for new Y3 in September
Friday 1 st July	Whole school	Stig of the Dump theatre production <i>An interactive musical production involving the children as actors and choir. Paid for by the Friends of Bell Farm</i>
Monday 4th July		
Tuesday 5 th July	Y6	Esher High (1 day), Heathside & Ryden's (2 day) induction days
	Y2	New pupils (Y2) to Bell Farm induction day
Wednesday 6 th July	Y6	Heathside & Ryden's induction day
Friday 8 th July	Whole school	Sports Day
Monday 11th July		
Wednesday 13 th July	Y6	Leavers trip to London
		Parents open day/consultations 3.20pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 14 th July	Y6	Year 6 Rounders Tournament at Cardinal Newman
	Y2	Afternoon tea with teachers for Y2 children & parents
Friday 15 th July	Whole School	Reserve Sports Day Assembly for new classes
Sunday 17 th July	Community Event	The Big Meet Up
Monday 18th July		
Tuesday 19 th July	Whole school	Disco 5.00pm to 7.00pm
Wednesday 20 th July	Y6	Leavers' Assembly with Y3, 4 & 5
Thursday 21 st July	Y6	Leavers' Assembly for Y6 parents – 9.30am start
Friday 22 nd July		Last day of summer term 12.05pm for Y6 and 2.20pm for Y3, 4 & 5
Monday 5th September		Staff Inservice Day (1) - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th September		Autumn term starts, children in school
Monday 24 th October		Half term
Monday 31st October		School Inservice day(2)- school closed to children
Tuesday 1 st November		Children in school
Tuesday 20 th December		Last day of autumn term 2.20pm finish
Wednesday 21 st December		Christmas holiday starts
Wednesday 4 th January 2012		Spring term starts, children in school
Monday 13 th February		Half term
Monday 20 th February		School Inservice day(3)- school closed to children
Monday 12th March to 14th March	Y4	Y4 residential trip to Sayers Croft
Friday 30 th March		Last day of Spring term
Monday 2 nd April		Easter holiday begins
Monday 16 th April		School Inservice day(4)- school closed to children
Tuesday 17 th April		Summer term starts, children in school
Thursday May 3rd		Election day and inservice day (5) for staff
Monday 4 th June		Half term
Friday 20 th July		Last day of summer term