

Newsletter 11, July 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you have been able to read the Primary Consultation paper on the proposed changes to Bell Farm. Please do respond to Surrey County Council and let them know your thoughts. If you can't lay your hands on a hard copy you can find an electronic link on our web site or come into the office and ask for a new copy. We will start some initial consultations with Surrey next week about potential building developments. The governors will keep you in touch with any developments.

However, contrary to rumour we haven't started any building work at the front of the school. It's just the first steps in ground work for our new open air theatre.

I was lucky enough to visit the Y6 pupils on the Isle of Wight a couple of weeks ago and I must congratulate them on their fantastic attitude and behaviour. They were so helpful when I almost got stuck in a small dark tunnel! It was a great trip and thank you to the staff for organising it.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and safe summer holiday.

Valerie Blackwell
Headteacher

Update from the Bee Garden



Our Bee Garden is now fully in bloom and attracting plenty of wildlife attention! The Environmental Club have spotted bumblebees, honeybees,

hoverflies, ladybirds and butterflies visiting the nectar-rich flowers. The area was sown in April with a wildflower meadow mix and it is only now that the plants have flowered. This year, the field poppies, cornflowers and corn marigolds are dominating, but next year we hope to see more of others such as self-heal, meadow buttercup and wild carrot! Watch this space!

From Miss Starnes

Don't forget Open Evening on tonight from 3.30pm to 7pm

Classes for 2011/12

5KW becomes **6OG** (Mrs Gill)
5JS becomes **6QH** (Mrs K Howard)
5LP becomes **6NH** (Mr Hinkly)
4DS becomes **5KW** (Miss Walker)
4CD becomes **5LP** (Mrs Parsonson)
4BJ becomes **5JH** (Mrs V Howard)
3FW becomes **4CD** (Miss Doughty & Mrs Downes)
3GG becomes **4DS** (Miss Smith)
3HG becomes **4BJ** (Mrs Jones)
3IB becomes **4AL** (Mrs Lian previously Miss Starnes)
3FW will be Mr Wasserberg
3GP will be Miss Parker
3HD will be Mrs Diot (previously Miss Gumbrell)
3IB will be Mrs Balcombe

Children will visit their new classes and teachers on Friday afternoon. Parents are welcome to visit the new classes and teachers during open evening.

Next year we are thinking of sending pupil reports home the day before open evening. Do let Miss Blackwell or Mr Arnell know what you think.

We are sad to say **Mr Cooper** will be leaving Bell Farm at the end of this term to take up a promoted post in a Richmond Primary school. We will also say farewell to **Miss Gambier** who will soon be off travelling the world. Thank you, good luck and best wishes to them both.

We welcome three new teachers to Bell Farm in September. **Miss Parker, Mr Hinkly and Mrs Howard** (yes, another Mrs Howard!)

Do you have a skill or talent? If you do, then we need you! We are looking for parent volunteers to offer their expertise to the children in September to provide or support an after school or lunchtime club. If you think you may be able to help, please contact Miss Walker or use the email contact above before the end of term.

Summer holiday projects

- Open air theatre construction (hopefully)
- Removal of 6 large fixed classroom cupboards - for more floor space
- Painting and some refurbishment of the school kitchen and The Tuck Inn
- New classroom data projectors
- New markings for the netball courts
- Disabled access ramp at the front of the school
- Upper school, boys toilet flooring
- Fire door replacement



We did not have this great photo of the successful team when we published the last newsletter but we promised the team we would print it.

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

- 21.06.11 Teacher strike information
- 23.06.11 Year 5 trip (Littlehampton)
- 24.06.11 Swimming badges 4DS
- 24.06.11 Stig of the Dump performance letter
- 27.06.11 Bell Farm Sports Day
- 30.06.11 Indian Food Year 4
- 04.07.11 Year 6 leavers trip to London
- 04.07.11 Peer mediator letter
- 06.07.11 Summer end of year disco letter
- 11.07.11 Bell Farm Sports Day 2
- 12.07.11 Y6 Leavers Assembly & arrangements
- 13.07.11 Open evening letter

Hersham in Bloom



On Monday 27 June, the Mayor and Mayoress of Elmbridge visited us to announce the winners of the Hersham in Bloom poster competition. The winners were chosen from a wide selection of entries that were designed to encourage the residents of Hersham to keep the area clean and tidy and free from litter. The selected posters displayed the Hersham in Bloom slogan, 'You Bin It, We Win It'.

Luke Mitchell, aged 9, was awarded first place, and his poster was chosen for its clear 'green' message. Second place was awarded to Olivia Harrington, aged 8, and the judges awarded third place to two children in Y5, Tapiwa Moses and Danielle Fairhead. The winners were given rewards of WH Smith vouchers and of course, their designs will be attached to bins across Hersham in the very near future.

Happily there is no increase in September for school meals. Therefore school meals will continue at £10.00 per week. If you wish to pay for the first half term, payment is £68.00. Cheques for school meals should be made out to Surrey County Council and payments can also be made online - for details please see school office. If you are entitled to free school meals they cannot be provided until the application form and proof of entitlement has been provided.

District Sports Success - The Photo

Governing Body

There have been some developments in our governing body. After many years as Chair, **Mrs Lesley Jackson** has finally taking a well earned retirement from the post but we welcome **Mrs Pip Ashton** into her new role. Pip has been a governor and Vice Chair for many years and is well known as a past Bell Farm parent, for her support work in school and helping on our residential trips. Remember details of our governing body can always be found on the school web site.

Rounders Tournament success

On Wednesday 29th June, the year 5 rounders team went to play in a tournament at Cleves School. There were 5 schools which meant every school had to play 4 matches.

The first match we played was St Anne's Heath. They were one of the hardest teams to beat but the final score was 6½ rounders each. The second match we played was against St Anne's, Chertsey; we managed to beat them 6 to 4. The third match, against Cleves was very rough as two of them accidentally hit our players with a bat! We won the match with a score of 7 to 1. We were very good at preventing Cleves from scoring and at getting their players out! Our final match was against Cardinal Newman. They were really good at fielding but not as good at batting. We won the match and the score was 4½ to 3.



After the whole tournament we sat down to find out who won. Happily, Bell Farm came first! Well done to everyone who scored rounders in the match and worked really hard to win the tournament! AND A BIG thank you to Miss Walker for coaching and umpiring and leading us to victory !!!

By Sophie Andersen 5KW

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DON'T FORGET THE 'BIG MEET UP'

THIS SUNDAY, July 17th It will be a fun event supported by 10 local secondary and primary schools. We will be taking over Ashley Road for the day

Do have a wonderful summer holiday and we will see you all at 8.45am on Tuesday, September 6th

Thursday 14 th July	All parents	Open evening 3.30pm to 7pm
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Sunday 17 th July	Community Event	The Big Meet Up. 10am to 1pm in Ashley Road
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 pupils
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 19th September	All adults welcome	Friends AGM 7pm for 7.30pm start
Tuesday 20 th September	Y4 parents	Y4 Curriculum meeting – hear what's happening this year
Wednesday 21 st September	Y5 parents	Y5 Curriculum meeting – hear what's happening this year
Thursday 22 nd September	Y6 parents	Y6 Curriculum meeting – hear what's happening this year
Monday 3rd October		Harvest assembly
Wednesday 12 th October	Lower school	Inter house football competition
Thursday 13 th October	Upper school	Inter house football competition
Monday 24 th October		Half term
Monday 31st October		School Inservice day(2) - school closed to children
Tuesday 1 st November		Children in school at 8.35am for an 8.45am start
Wednesday 2 nd November	Y6 parents	SATs information evening 7pm
Wednesday 9 th November	Y6 parents	Sex education meeting 7pm
Monday 14th to 25th November	All	Anti bullying week
Thursday 17 th November		Governing body meeting
Wednesday 7 th December & Thursday 8 th December	All parents	Parents evenings
Wednesday 14 th December & Thursday 15 th December		School Christmas play performances
Monday 19 th December	children	Christmas disco
Tuesday 20 th December		Last day of autumn term, 2.20pm finish
Wednesday 21 st December		Christmas holiday starts
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Wednesday 4 th January		Spring term starts, children in school
Wednesday, 8 th February	All	Safer Internet Day
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 3 rd May		Election day and inservice day (5) – school closed to children
Saturday, 12 th May		May Fair
Monday 4 th June		Half term
Friday 20 th July		Last day of summer term

Don't forget to look on the school web site for the calendar