



Newsletter 2, October 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I hope you all know we take the Safeguarding of our children very seriously. Safeguarding is not just about Child protection but it also includes our Social Moral and Cultural (SMSC) education, and the behaviour of pupils. Children need to feel safe and comfortable in school to be able to learn well. To support this we have been reviewing and updating our Behaviour & Discipline Policy, our Anti Bullying Policy and our Child Protection Policy. I would very much value your comments about these policies. All these policies are available on our school website or in a hard copy from our school office if that causes you a problem. May I thank you in advance for your help.

We do seem to be having exciting educational developments happening very regularly at the moment. For example, I am very pleased to welcome Rebecca Scott-Saunders who is an ex Primary Headteacher and educational consultant who will be working with some of our more able pupils in Year 5 and 6 over the next few weeks.

Best wishes

Valerie Blackwell
Headteacher

Election of House Captains

Congratulations to our new house captains. Following some fantastic presentations and hard electioneering the following children are our successful candidates

Danielle Fairhead (Yellow house)
Sam Whelan (Yellow house)
Alicja Cieslik (Green house)
Oliver Warburton (Green house)
Grace Polley (Blue house)
Nathan Martin (Blue house)
Lydia Flannigan (Red house)
Lucas O'Brien (Red house)

Still Desperately Needed

For our new lunch time club – unwanted lego, good quality board games and comics/comic books. Please bring any contribution to the school office.

'RHS Get Your Grown Ups Growing' Gardening Morning Saturday, 15th October



We are holding an open event for parents, relatives and neighbours to help us tidy up and develop our school environment! We are looking for people who can spare an hour or two, to bring a spade or rake and perhaps some wellies and help share their enthusiasm for gardening! Depending on the level of interest, there might be activities such as raking up the leaves to make leaf mulch, strimming the wildflowers in the Bee Garden and sowing some hardy annuals to over winter in the greenhouse. Of course, your children (school age) are welcome to come along too and take part.

Our New Open Air Theatre



I hope you have seen our fantastic new open air theatre that has just been completed. It has been possible thanks to the generosity and hard work of the Bell Farm Friends. I think the children will love acting and performing in this lovely setting. To keep this area as fantastic as it is now for as long as possible can I please ask that no adult or child uses this hedged space before or after school.

Choir News



Following weeks of intensive training from Christopher Goldsack (of Promenade Choirs fame) our choir will be performing 'Good for You!' at Ashley School on the 17th of October in a community choir venture with Ashley and Hurst Park schools. There are a few tickets left - please see Mr Arnell if you require any. We wish the choir luck!

Second hand uniform sale this Friday on the front drive. If you have any uniform you no longer need please bring it into the school as it could be useful to somebody else.

Our New Curriculum meetings

These new meetings have been very well received by parents and teachers and we have agreed to continue with the format at the start of both the Spring and Summer terms. We are aware that the timing of these meetings are difficult for some so we thought we'd try a 6pm meeting for the Spring term. We would also encourage our pupils to attend with their parents. Dates are in the calendar.

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 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.

A Reminder

The school is very busy at the start and end of the day so can I please remind all children and adults that all bikes and scooters need to be pushed until you are off the school premises.

A reminder for Year 6 parents

If you haven't already done so, applications for secondary school need to be submitted online by 31 October 2011. Surrey County Council strongly recommend you submit your application by 21 October 2011 as this is the Friday before half term. The school will not be able to accept paper applications after 21 October.

Letters you may have missed....

15/09/11 Year Group curriculum meetings (Y4, 5 & 6)
15/09/11 Autumn Term Clubs
15/09/11 Friends newsletter
16/09/11 Parent helper letter
16/09/11 Gifted & Talented Lantern workshop (Y5 & 6)
16/09/11 Victorian schoolroom (Year 5)
21/09/11 Year 3 curriculum meeting and plan
21/09/11 Year 4 curriculum plan
21/09/11 Year 5 curriculum plan
22/09/11 Values education seminar
27/09/11 Year 6 curriculum plan
30/09/11 RHS Get your grown ups growing
03/09/11 Harvest Event - mufti day Friday 7 Oct. 2011
04/09/11 Opportunity for Year 5 & 6 more able pupils
05/10/11 Measuring height & weight – Year 6
06/10/11 Year 3 Visit to St Peter's Church & Hersham Centre

Proposal For Primary School Status

A public notice on the proposal for Bell Farm to become a primary school was published on 22 September 2011. A copy of the notice is displayed on the fence at the front of the school. If you wish to make comments on the proposal this must be done within 6 weeks of the publication

1st Esher Brownies

Tuesdays 5.15 to 6.45pm at the Arrow and Trefoil Hall (opp. Princess Alice Hospice)
We currently have a few spaces available. If you or someone you know are interested (girls aged 7-10) please email thelawrensos@gmail.com

Friday 7 th October	All	Second hand uniform sale. 3.15pm in the drive
		Dress as a farmer (mufti) day – see letter
Wednesday 12 th October	Lower school	Inter house football competition
	5KW parents	5KW class assembly to upper school & siblings
Thursday 13 th October	Upper school	Inter house football competition
Saturday 15 th October	All adults	Gardening morning at school 9am-11am
Monday 17th October	Choir	Promenade Concert – see letter
Wednesday 19 October	4BJ parents	4BJ class assembly to lower school & siblings
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
	Y5 & 6 gifted & talented groups	All Souls Day ceramics display at St Mary's following workshops
Thursday, November 3 rd	All parents & carers	Friends meeting 7.30pm in the staff room
Wednesday 9 th November	Y6 parents	Sex education meeting 7pm
	6OG parents	6OG class assembly to upper school & siblings
Monday 14th to 25th November	All	Anti bullying week
Wednesday 16 th November	3FW parents	3FW class assembly to lower school & siblings
Thursday 17 th November		Governing body meeting
Friday 18 th November	All	Friends Family Bingo 7pm
Wednesday 23 rd November	5LP parents	5LP class assembly to upper school & siblings
Tuesday 29 th November	4CD parents	4CD class assembly to lower school & siblings
Thursday 1 st December	Reception class parents 2012	Parents meeting for Reception class 2012 at 7pm
Wednesday 7 th December & Thursday 8 th December	All parents	Parents evenings
Wednesday 14 th December & Thursday 15 th December		School Christmas play performances (no matinee) 7pm
Monday 19th December	children	Christmas disco. Y3 & 4 from 1.30pm to 3.00pm Y5 & 6 from 3.45pm to 5.15pm
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 9 th January	Year 3 parents	Curriculum meeting from 6pm-6.45pm
Tuesday 10 th January	Year 6 parents	Curriculum meeting from 6pm-6.45pm
Wednesday 11 th January	Year 4 parents	Curriculum meeting from 6pm-6.45pm
Thursday 12 th January	Year 5 parents	Curriculum meeting from 6pm-6.45pm
Wednesday, 8 th February	All	Safer Internet Day
Monday 13th February		Half term
Monday 20th 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 2nd April		Easter holiday begins
Monday 16th April		School Inservice day(4) - school closed to children
Tuesday 17 th April		Summer term starts, children in school
Mon 23 April-Fri 27 April	Year 5	Residential trip to Marchants Hill
Thursday May 3 rd		Election day and inservice day (5) – school closed to children

Saturday, May 12th		May Fair
Tuesday, May 29th	Choir	Royal Albert Hall Concert
Monday 4th June		Half term
Monday 25 th June to Friday, 29 th June	Y6	Y6 residential to the Isle of Wight
Friday 20 th July		Last day of summer term

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