



Newsletter 7, February 2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that it is nearly half term. It has been a very busy few weeks with numerous sports matches, fantastic writing events and our Day for Change on Friday.

On the Monday after half term we have our annual day for reviewing and writing our school improvement plan. This is a process we take very seriously and it is the main document to support us all in raising standards at Bell Farm. As you may recall, our school improvement planning was highly praised by Ofsted, so if you have any suggestions for how we can make things even better at Bell Farm, do please let staff or governors know.

Some children have been coming to school with some strange pieces of school uniform in the last few weeks. Can I take this opportunity to remind everybody that we expect all children to plain black shoes and plain grey or white socks. We also expect children to wear headbands or hair ties that are plain black or blue. Earrings are only acceptable if they are plain gold coloured spherical studs.

I am sure that you are aware how much better we all look and how proud of Bell Farm we show ourselves to be when we all wear the correct uniform.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term and that we have seen the last of the very cold weather.

Best wishes

Valerie Blackwell
Headteacher

Class Assemblies

Please note that the following class assembly dates have been changed on the calendar:

3IB will now take place on Wednesday 7th March
4DS will now take place on Wednesday 21st March

Letters & Parentmails you may have missed

12 th January	4AL Swimming dates
12 th January	Sayers Croft Consent
13 th January	Curriculum Spring 2012
27 th January	UNICEF Day for Change
31 st January	Reading Meeting Invite
2 nd February	Y5 Maths Masterclass
3 rd February	Y6 Football Tournament
6 th February	Safer Internet Day
7 th February	Revised Cycle Pass

Dear Parents/Carers

I thought you might like to know how the organisation for Bell Farm Primary School is moving ahead. The plans for the new build are almost ready to be submitted for planning permission. Earlier this week the school appointed Mrs Anna Pilkington, as our Early Year's Leader, ready to prepare for our first reception class in September 2012. The Governors have a small strategic committee to oversee this development and report back to the full Governing body meetings.

Yours sincerely

Pip Ashton
Chair of Governors

Able Writers day



A group of Year 5 pupils had an excellent day when they attended a course for more able writers and met a published author.

School pick ups

If your child is being picked up by someone else on a particular day, please send in a note with your child, or call the school office before 12.45pm if possible, in order for us to put a message in the class register.

School Absences

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please leave a message on the school answer phone as early as possible on the first day of absence and continue to keep the school informed if the absence continues.

On their return to school, please provide a letter explaining their absence.

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners remains at £2.00 per day = £10 per week = £58 for the next half term (Tues 21st Feb-Fri 30th Mar).

All payments must be made in advance by cash/cheque at the school office, in an envelope marked with your child's name and class, or online via the Surrey County Council website. If you would like to check whether your account is in credit, please contact Mrs Overton in the school office.

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please also see Mrs Overton. Free school meals cannot be given until eligibility has been checked, however, Surrey County Council will refund for up to 2 terms if meals have been paid for and eligibility is confirmed at a later date.

Even if you do not wish your child to take school meals, just by registering, you can help the school get a substantial amount of additional funding (known as the pupil premium). Please contact the school office by Friday 24th February.

UNICEF Day for Change



On Friday 6th February the whole school took part in the Unicef Day for Change 2012. We changed our day by dressing in our own sports kit and took part in lots of fun and exciting sports activities at lunchtime, including a sponsored obstacle circuit in the adventure playground. These events were brilliantly organised by our House Captains and Peer Mediators. We also learnt about how some children in Uganda cannot go to school because they are poor, they have to work or because there is fighting in some parts of the country. We thought about how play and sport are as important Right for children, but also help them to be healthy and happy. The money we have raised will go towards training sports coaches and buying equipment to make a change in their lives, improving their education and health.

A big thank you to Mrs Balcombe for co-ordinating a complex day.

Safer Internet Day

This was on Tuesday and in school we held a special assembly, led by Mrs Gill. The purpose of this assembly was to raise the children's awareness of the potential dangers when they are using the internet.

The film clip that was shown and discussed is called 'Discovering the digital world together safely' and is available for you to view on YouTube.



Football report

On the 2nd February the year 5 football team went to a tournament at Cardinal Newman. When we arrived we found out our first match was against St James. We started off well, however, they sprinted down the field and crossed the ball in, Oliver (goalkeeper) made a cracking save. Just before the end of the match Sam had a first-class shot from outside the penalty box which nutmegged the keeper and went over the line but the referee disallowed the marvellous goal. The match ended 0-0.



We then had a 2 match break before we played our second game. It started off as a very even game until we had a break away down the field with Sam running down the pitch and crossing it to Charlie who tapped it into the goal. The match ended 1-0 to us.

Our next match was our hardest match. It was against Cardinal Newman. We started off rough but we got through it until they managed to sneak a goal in. With 1 minute to go Sam ran down the wing and smashed a shot past the keeper from a tight angle and it put the score to 1-1. Our last match was against St Paul's the only major attack was by them and they, unfortunately, scored which meant we finished 3rd in our group.

By Remi, Sam B and Oliver in 5KW

Netball Report

Bell Farm v St James

Year 6

On Thursday 26th January the year 6 A team played a netball match against St James. We have played them before so we were quite confident. In the first quarter it was exciting as we managed to score 2 goals. The first goal was scored by Alice; then closely followed by Amelia. In the second quarter, we did not do as well: we let in 1 goal, leaving the scores at 2-1 to Bell Farm.

The 3rd quarter was one of the most thrilling. First, St. James scored a goal, and then we did. However, we scored 2! In the last quarter, Grace scored two amazing goals leaving the score at 6-2.

By Grace Polley, Danielle Fairhead and Sophie Anderson.

Year 5

In Year 5 we had a rough start but we got through it. To start, Katie scored a marvellous goal putting us 1-0 to us. However, later on, St James unfortunately scored.



Amazingly Katie scored another goal making 2-1 to us. In the second quarter I scored a spectacular goal making it 3-1 to Bell Farm. Sadly, St James, who was losing at the time, scored another goal making it 3-2 to us. In the third and fourth quarters no one scored so the final score was 3-2 to us.

By Emily Bryant & Freya Walker

Bell Farm Diary

Tuesday 7 th February	Y6	Year 6 Football 5 a-side at Xcel Leisure Complex, 4pm
Wednesday 8 th February	3HD Parents	3HD Class Assembly
Wednesday 8 th February	All welcome	Reading Meeting 7pm
Monday 13th February		Half term week
Monday 20th February		School Inservice day (3) - school closed to children
Friday 24 th February	Y5 & 6	Girl's Football Tournament at Notre Dame, 1pm
Monday 27 th February	All	Book Week (whole school)
Monday 27 th February	All	Fairtrade fortnight
Wednesday 29 th February	6NH Parents	6NH Class Assembly
Wednesday 29 th February	Y4 parents	Sayers Croft meeting for parents 7pm
Thursday 1 st March	All	World Book Day
Friday 2 nd March	Y5	Bikeability 9.00am-12.30pm
Tuesday 6 th March	Y5	Football 5 a-side at Xcel Leisure Complex, 4pm
Wednesday 7 th March	3IB Parents	3IB Class Assembly
Thursday 8 th March	Governors	Governing body meeting
Saturday 10 th March	All	Cross Country at Cardinal Newman, 10am
Monday 12 th March	Y4	Y4 residential trip to Sayers Croft (to 14 th March)
Tuesday 13 th March	Y6	Netball Rally at Bell Farm, 1pm
Wednesday 14 th March	3GP Parents	3GP Class Assembly
Tuesday 20 th March	Y5	Netball Rally at Bell Farm, 1pm
Wednesday 21 st March	4DS	4DS Class Assembly
Wednesday 21 st March	Y3 & 4	Tag Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 21 st March	Y5 Parents	Marchants Hill meeting for parents 7pm
Tuesday 27 th March	Y3 & 4	Lower School Netball Interhouse, 1.30pm
Wednesday 28 th March	Y5 & 6	Upper School Netball Interhouse, 1.30pm
Wednesday 28 th March	All	Parent consultations 6pm-8pm
Thursday 29 th March	All	Parent consultations 4pm-6pm
Friday 30th March		Last day of Spring term, 2.20pm finish
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
Monday 23rd April	Y5	Y5 residential trip to Marchants Hill (to Friday 27 th April)
Monday 7th May		May Bank holiday – school closed
Wednesday 9 th May	Y5	Young Enterprise Day
Saturday 12 th May		May Fair
Monday 14th May		SATs week for Y6
Tuesday 22 nd May	All	Image Theatre
Tuesday 29 th May	Choir	Royal Albert Hall Concert
Wednesday 30 th May	Y6 Parents	Isle of Wight meeting for Parents 7pm
Monday 4th June		Half term week
Wednesday 13 th June		District Sports, 1pm
Tuesday 19 th June	All	Group Photographs
Friday 22 nd June	All	Sports Day
Monday 25 th June	Y6	Y6 residential to the Isle of Wight (to Friday 29 th June)
Thursday 28 th June	New Y3 Parents	New Y3 2012 Parents Induction evening 7pm
Friday 6 th July	All	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 12 th July	All	Parents Open Day/Consultations, 3.30pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 17 th July	Y3,4 & 5	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Year 3, 4 & 5
Tuesday 17 th July	All	School Summer Disco
Wednesday 18 th July	Y6 Parents	Y6 Leavers Assembly for Parents
Thursday 19 th July		Last day of Summer term Y6 finish 12pm Y3, 4 & 5 finish 2.20pm
Friday 20th July		School Inservice Day (5) – school closed to children
Monday 23rd July		Summer holiday begins

Monday 4th September		School Inservice Day(1) - school closed to children
Tuesday 5 th September		Autumn term starts, children in school
Thursday 4 th October	All	Individual Photographs
Monday 29th October		Half term week
Friday 21st December		Last day of Autumn term, 2.20pm finish

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