



Newsletter 8, May 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Many thanks to those of you who responded to the last Newsletter and have got in touch with thoughts and ideas.. Please keep them coming.

It's been a very bitty start to the term but with our celebratory fish and chip lunch plus our involvement in the May Day celebrations it has been busy.

Good luck to our Year 6 pupils who will sit their SAT papers next week. The Year 6 area will be extremely quiet every morning next week.

Valerie Blackwell
Headteacher

Fish and Chip Wedding Celebration



A very large number of children and staff enjoyed a celebratory lunch on the day before the Royal wedding. Many thanks to the hard working kitchen staff for making it possible. As

you can see we learnt how the union flag came about and we flew them the right way up!

End of the day trial next week

In response to suggestions made by parents we are going to trial a new end of day system.

The idea is to give parents and carers more space at the end of the school day by keeping even essential traffic out of the drive completely. We have barriers half way along the drive and these will be raised before the end of the school day. Parents and carers can then wait safely on the tarmac of the school drive in front of the school instead of being squashed around the flagpole. Essential traffic will turn right towards the car park when they enter the school grounds.

Do please let us know what you think of the trial.

Class Assemblies

All on Wednesdays at 9.00am

18/5/11	5KW	29/6/11	5JS
25/5/11	4BJ	6/7/11	4CD
15/6/11	5LP	13/7/11	3GG
22/6/11	4DS	20/7/11	3HG

Cake Bake

Well done to Imogen in 3GG and Jamie Louise in 3IB who, with the help of their parents, held a cake sale on April 8th. They wanted to raise money for a pump to provide a village in Africa with clean water. Not only did they raise money but we all enjoyed a lovely end to the term.



Rugby success

After a fantastic performance at the Elmbridge Rugby Tournament as part of the Bell Farm team, three Y4 boys have been selected to attend trials to represent Surrey at the London Youth Games. This is a fantastic achievement - well done **Remi Obasa, Sam Bishop and Josh Furtuer-Hayes!** They now face a big challenge to be chosen, as they are competing against thirty other boys for a place in the Surrey team, but everyone at Bell Farm wishes them every success. Good luck boys!

Netball inter house competition

Well done to all those children who took part in this year's Inter house netball competition. Lower school and Upper school events were held in the last week of the Spring term, which were extremely successful afternoons. The Upper school tournament was played following complete High Five positioning, rotations and rules; this added a higher difficulty level for those participating. In both events the supporter's trophy was awarded to the Yellow house. Both the lower school and upper school overall winning team was the Green House. Congratulations to all those children involved.



Cross Country

Near the end of last term nearly 40 children from Bell Farm took part in the Elmbridge & Runnymede Cross Country event, incorporating more than 10 schools. In a change to the usual location, Cardinal Newman hosted the event this year, taking place on the playing fields behind Bell Farm. It was nevertheless still a challenge for everyone involved. Teams from all year groups were entered, split into separate boys and girls teams. A big 'well done' to all those who took part. Our highest placed runner on the day was Jack Gurney in Year 5 who came 7th overall.

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

- 7.4.11 Friends letter re May Fair
- 8.4.11 Thank you letter to parent helpers
- 26.4.11 Y4 May Day procession information
- 27.4.11 Parent consultations 3HG only -
- 28.4.11 NC test week reminders and information (Y6)
- 3.5.11 Friends letter, May Fair

Sayers Croft and Marchants Hill Residential Trips for Y4 and Y5

Last term Y4 pupils had a very enjoyable time at Sayers Croft and in March Y5 pupils went to Marchants Hill. They had an equally enjoyable time but the weather wasn't quite so kind. Here are just a few pictures of their activities. Thank you to the staff and governors who took the children.



Sayers Croft



Marchants Hill

May Day Country Dancing

Last term children from Year 5 received country dance training in order to perform at the Hershams May Day Festivities on Sunday 1st at the Riverhouse. On the day, 10 children took part, alongside children from Chandler's Field. Dances included Clopton Bridge and La Russe, both of which required adaptation from groups of 8. The children performed both dances seamlessly even with the more difficult changes and were praised by the Head Dancer for their competency. Well done!



Kids Club 2001

The After School Club is offering all new parents who have not previously used the club a free taster session from 3.20pm to 6pm until the end of June 2011. If you are interested in taking up this offer then please email nina.montalbano@googlemail.com or call Nina on 07803 618 039 to book your child a space.

Bug Garden

On the 6th April, the Environmental Club got together to meet some rangers who showed us how to attract lots of bugs and insects. The environmental clubbers had lots of fun digging a circular hole for the big chunks of logs that we had to put in the ground. We helped the rangers lift the logs up. They were very heavy so we only carried the small ones.'

By Lucy E-J and Holly C, Y4



Message from Miss Starnes: We hope that the new beetle habitat will attract stag beetles in the years to come, helping out Britain's

largest and most endangered insect. Well done, E-clubbers!

May Day Mask Procession

Many thanks to the children and parents who attended this year's May Day event in Hershams and supported this important local community event. The weather was beautiful and the Year 4 children and their masks looked wonderful. A dedicated group of Year 5s also performed their country dance to an impressed audience. Many thanks for your support.

Miss Starnes and Miss Walker



Don't forget the May Fair tomorrow. All the fun starts at 1pm