

Newsletter 9, June 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you again for the useful comments and suggestions that you have been giving to help the school continue to develop. Congratulations and a big thank you to everybody for such a fantastic effort at the May Fair, what a great day.

Everybody seems to be happy with the changes at the end of the school day which mean that everybody can use the drive up to the bollards. It just seems to give a little more space. However I would ask adults to wait for the classes on the other side of mini buses until the teachers bring them out hope you all have a very enjoyable half term break. This means that children in the lower classes don't get distracted until the school day is concluded. Do, of course, come into the front entrance if you need to speak to anybody at any time.

We also hope that you like the changes to the termly curriculum newsletters. The feedback has been very positive so far but do let me know what you think. Let us know what could be added or taken away?

You will be aware from the Friends newsletter that we are in the process of planning the development of the garden at the front of the school. If you have been linked to the school for some time you might like to know that this is being done in partnership with the family for whom the garden was originally constructed. If you have any questions do please come and talk to me or Maggie Flannigan of the Friends.

I'm sure that you will be pleased to know that I have been in regular contact with Mr Tompkins. He is very well and sends his regards to all his friends at Bell Farm. I can't believe that half term is here already! Have a lovely week.

Valerie Blackwell
Headteacher

Reminder

Tesco/Sainsburys vouchers are ending soon so please make sure that we get all the odd vouchers that may be sitting in handbags or wallets. We will use the Tesco's vouchers to buy sports/playground equipment and we will use the Sainsbury's vouchers to buy digital cameras for the children to use.

Please note class assembly date changes

3HG now **21/6/11** (instead of 20/7/11) and

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Surrey County Rugby trials - Apologies to Katie Burton in 4CD. We had not heard that she had made it to the County trials in time for the last Newsletter

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

7/4/11 Friends -May Fair
8/4/11 Thank you letters to parent helpers
26/4/11 May Day-Year 4 procession info
27/4/11 Parent consultations-3HG only
28/4/11 NC Test Week - Reminders and info
3/5/11 May Fair - Friends
9/5/11 Year 5 - Greek drama workshop
10/5/11 May Fair - profit letter
11/5/11 Year 6 drama workshop - Evacuee workshop
18/5/11 Year 3 - Ceramic flower bed project
20/5/11 Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Summer term plan



Bronze Awards

Just to remind you how and why children earn Bronze Awards.

- Show commitment, dedication and perseverance towards my learning and in my work (half term).
- Produce a piece of exceptional work.
- Show continued good progress in my work (term).
- Achieve my behaviour or IEP targets (half term).
- Achieve 100% attendance (term).
- Behave exceptionally well and show good learning attitudes whilst on a school trip or whilst representing the school.
- Show a sensitive and caring attitude towards others in the school (half term).
- Read at home regularly (term)
- Complete my homework regularly (term)

Five Bronze Awards earns a Silver Award and five Silver Awards earn a Gold Award.

Mums for Mums



We are a SEN parent support group, run by two Y3 mums at Bell Farm. We meet once a month to offer a listening ear and practical advice. We cover a range of issues and welcome any parent whose child has special needs. Please join Jackie and Amanda at Grovelands Infants for tea, coffee and cake on the following dates - **15.6.11 6.7.11**
Any questions please contact Mrs O'Brien (SENCo)

The Choir at Young Vines

On Friday 13th May Bell Farm's choir took part in their annual Young Vines service at St. Peter's church. The children sang a collection of songs at the service and performed them brilliantly.



Some of the songs the children accompanied with instruments or actions and the congregation were able to sing along.

After we performed, the Young Vines (a group of pre school children) then

sang two songs which our choir and the congregation joined in with.

The children were then lucky enough to enjoy some refreshments of cakes and a drink before walking back to the school. The children sang enthusiastically and confidently; and were a credit to the school. This was confirmed by a very complimentary email from Young Vines. Well done choir!!

THE BIG MEET UP - advance notice 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. Congratulations to **Maya Lurie (3IB)** who designed the winning entry in the poster competition.



School meals for this half term are as follows:

34 days @ £2.00 per day = £68

However, Year 6 is 31 days = £62.00 unless children are on residential which would then be £52.00

If children would like to transfer to school packed lunches we need a week's notice. Please let Mrs Willox, in the office, know of any changes.

Song & Dance Taster Day

Thursday 2nd June
9am till 5.30pm at the Runneymede Centre
Addlestone, KT15 2EP

*Watch performances and take part in song and dance workshops. Strut to Hip Hop or Just Jhoom!
Learn to BeatBox as well as songwriting sessions.
Plus the opportunity to create your very own CD!*
All ages and abilities welcome.

For more info contact:

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Circus Stars – summer reading challenge in libraries

This year's summer reading challenge, Circus Stars, will run in all Surrey libraries from Saturday 9 July until Saturday 17 September - and it's free to take part.

Circus Stars is aimed at children aged 4-11 and promotes reading for pleasure. Children can read whatever books they like – fiction, non-fiction, poetry, even audio books - and there are stickers, a bookmark, a wristband and other incentives to collect as they read.

Libraries will be organising special circus-themed events, activities and competitions throughout the summer holidays. And there will be a countywide poetry competition for budding young writers. More information is available at the local library.

Useful hint

If you are thinking of buying your child a present why not buy them an analogue watch? Many children find telling the time quite a challenge and digital watches often hinder rather than help.



.....and finally

We hope you had an enjoyable week and are looking forward to a busy and enjoyable half term.