



# BELL LANE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## May 2017



### What's changing?

Following discussions with the local authority, work to convert our computing room in to a classroom by extending it is planned to start in the Summer holidays. This should be finished by late December. During the building work there will be no access via the left hand side of the academy. Access to the playground will be via the side entrance by Nursey. Access via the main front doors will not be affected. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.



Due to our increase in pupils in Upper Foundation (Reception) in September 2017, the academy has appointed a newly qualified teacher, Miss Sharratt, to work alongside Mrs Radford. The 45 Upper Foundation children will split in to two classes but will all access the same learning space for much of the day.

Following Mr Carr leaving the academy, we are currently in the process of recruiting a new support assistant to join the team from September.

### Attendance

Please note that following a short period when nationally local authorities were awaiting further information about fines relating to pupil absence, this has now been resolved. The academy's attendance policy can be found on our website. Please note that any absence request must be made on the academy proforma that is available from the academy office.

### SATs tests

Year 6 and Year 2 children have now completed their SATs tests and all of the children displayed a positive approach to the tests and understand that this is just a 'snapshot' of their work and ability. Year 6 are now continuing to work hard across the curriculum to ensure that all their books and behaviour show that they are ready to move on to high school in September. Other year groups are also keen to show how much that they have learnt this year in preparation for meeting their new teacher on the two transition mornings next half term.



### Friends of Bell Lane Academy P.T.A

Our hardworking P.T.A continue to raise funds for the academy with the Easter Fayre raising £574 and the Easter Disco raising £440. Our next project using these funds is for a complete overhaul of the academy garden.

With your continued support the academy also supports different charities throughout the year with £238.50 being raised on Red Nose Day.

### INSET days

For the next academic year, the academy will be closed on the following days for staff training: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

### Reminders

- Please ensure that your child does not bring any items from home in to the academy unless it is at the request of a member of staff. This includes keyrings, fidget cubes/spinners, lip balms and toys that hang on bags. If throat sweets, lip balms or any other medication/creams are needed these must be handed in to the academy office by an adult where a medication form will need to be completed.
- Only water is allowed in children's drink bottles – no juice or squash thank you.
- All children in Key Stage 2 (3J, 3/4H, 4/5F, 5/6H, 6P) need indoor pumps. Please check these regularly to ensure that they fit and are in good condition.
- Please ensure that the academy office always has up to date phone numbers and addresses of all named contacts.

### Twitter



As you are aware, the academy is now using Twitter to share a range of information in line with the practice of most other schools and academies. Currently all parents/guardians sign a form stating if they are happy for their child(ren) to appear on websites linked to the academy. Please let us know if you do not wish your child to appear on Bell Lane Academy's Twitter account. You can do this by contacting the academy office.

## Ackworth Gala



The theme for the gala this year is 'Disney'. As always pupils and staff will be walking in the parade which leaves at midday on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June from the 'Tarmac' building (formerly known as 'La Farge') opposite The Angel pub. We hope that lots of the children will turn up to represent the academy at this traditional village event. The Friends of Bell Lane P.T.A will be organising our usual 'Red, White and Blue Tombola' for the gala, with a non-uniform day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June where children can attend the academy in their own choice of clothes if they bring a donation for the tombola.

## Lost Property

Once again our lost property drawers are brimming over! If you think that your child has lost any item, please check in the drawers which are located in the main block just inside Entrance 1 opposite the bike shed. Named lost property will be returned and unclaimed lost property given to charity at the end of the academic year.

## Dates for Spring and Summer Terms 2016-17

(Please note that there may be additional events to those below and more detailed information will be sent out for specific events)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – School Council Non-uniform Day (£1.00)

Half Term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June (9:00am) – Class 6P Showing Assembly for parents

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 workshop with P.C. Blunt on the dangers of drugs and alcohol

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonics test**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Y2 phonics re-test** (for children who did not meet the expected level last year)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June (9:00am) – Class 4/5F Showing Assembly for parents

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Red, White and Blue non-uniform day – Bring a red, white or blue item for the Gala tombola

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June (9:00am) – KS2 Parent workshop with P.C. Blunt on the dangers of drugs and alcohol

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June (9:00am) – Meeting for parents of children coming in to Reception in September

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Class information letter for next academic year (change of date)

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Ackworth Gala and parade. Disney fancy dress theme. Meet at 'Tarmac' building at 11:45am

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June (3:30pm) – Meet your child's new teacher (change of date)

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June (am) – Transition morning for children in new classes (change of date)

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June (1:30pm) – School Games afternoon (Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July if postponed due to bad weather)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Eco Council 'Go Green' non-uniform Day (£1.00)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Morning Nursery visit to White Post Farm

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Afternoon Nursery visit to White Post Farm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July (6:30pm) - KS2 PANTO

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July (am) - Transition morning for children in new classes

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July (6:30pm) - KS2 PANTO

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 workshop with P.C. Blunt on preparing for transition to high school

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Reports out to parents

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July - NURSERY CLOSED all week for reorganisation

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July (6:30 – 8:00pm) End of year DISCO (No thin heels, mobile phones or cameras thank you)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Last day of this academic year

