



# BELL LANE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## September 2016



### Welcome back

Following the long summer holiday, staff and children have quickly settled back in to the academy routines with our calm, purposeful working environment being in evidence from day one. We look forward to building on our successes from last year with the new curriculum now being well established and pupil outcomes improving.

### Bell Lane Academy Performance Summary 2015-16

This table shows the percentage of children reaching the expected standard or higher at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

<b>Year 2 Writing</b>	<b>Year 2 Reading</b>	<b>Year 2 Maths</b>	<b>Combined</b>
53%	64%	69%	53%
<b>Year 6 Writing</b>	<b>Year 6 Reading</b>	<b>Year 6 Maths</b>	<b>Combined</b>
77%	58%	73%	58%
<b>KS2 National Writing</b>	<b>KS2 National Reading</b>	<b>KS2 National Maths</b>	<b>KS2 National Combined</b>
74%	66%	70%	53%

### Lunches

Our move to Dolce Catering has generally gone smoothly with the children enjoying the new food choices and the easier selection system. The company are planning to have a completely cashless system for the New Year so if you have not already registered on [www.live-kitchen.co.uk/cashless](http://www.live-kitchen.co.uk/cashless) please do so. Please note that once you have set up a direct debit, money will only be taken in arrears. If you experience any problems our office staff will be happy to help you.



We are looking for a relief lunchtime supervisor to cover absences. If you are interested (or know someone who is) please contact the academy office.

### Uniform

All the children look very smart in their uniforms, particularly the Year 6 in their blazers and ties. Please ensure that girl's skirts are close to knee length (as in our policy) as skirts that are shorter are not suitable for academy life.

### Break times

Children go outside for morning and lunch breaks as often as possible, even when there is light rain. Please ensure that your child always wears appropriate black school shoes and brings a waterproof coat every day. When the field is inaccessible, a wide variety of activities are on offer to the children including Rip Tag, skipping, pogo sticks, a dance/circus skills area and a quiet area for drawing.

### INSET days 2016-17

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

### Dates for Autumn Term 2015-16

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

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September - Fire Service visit to Class 2H

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September (6:00pm) - Friends of Bell Lane

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October (9:00am) - Class 3J Showing Assembly for parents

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October - Individual (and Siblings within the academy) photographs

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October (3:30 - 8:00pm) - Open Evening (Appointments)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - INSET Day (Academy closed for staff training)

HALF TERM Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October