



# BELL LANE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## July 2017

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### What's changing?

Building work on the conversion of our Computing Room into a classroom is due to start in September. Please note that from our return on 4<sup>th</sup> September, we will have no provision to store bikes and scooters on site until the work is completed and access to the site will be through the narrow side gate by nursery, therefore, for health and safety reasons bikes and scooters will not be allowed on the premises until further notice. The provisional date for the completion of the building work is February half term.



During the Summer holidays, the computers from our computing room will be re allocated around the academy, with a class set of laptops and a charging trolley being provided by the local authority to replace them.



Work on updating the academy garden will continue during the Summer break and we look forward to seeing the new look when we return. The design for the garden was drawn up from the ideas provided by all the children in the academy following a garden design competition which was won by the following children: Elsa Williams (UFS), Thomas Black (Y1), Spencer Ward-Power (Y2), Bradley Swales (Y3), Jenny Robinson (Y4), Dominic Farrar (Y5), Emily Robinson (Y6).

### Bell Lane Academy Performance Summary 2017-18

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>
51%	59%	59%	44%
<b>Year 6 Writing</b>	<b>Year 6 Reading</b>	<b>Year 6 Maths</b>	<b>Combined</b>
77%	57%	63%	40%
<b>KS2 National Writing</b>	<b>KS2 National Reading</b>	<b>KS2 National Maths</b>	<b>KS2 National Combined</b>
76%	71%	75%	61%
<b>Year 1 Phonics check = 72%</b>		<b>Year 2 Phonics recheck = 93%</b>	

Whilst the academy has had successes in securing much improved arithmetic and spelling scores for all children, as well as securely embedded grammar skills that are clearly evident in pupil's writing, pupil outcomes in reading and maths tests are below national averages with low combined scores (calculated on the number of children achieving the expected level in all three areas – reading, writing and maths). The academy has clearly identified areas for further improvement for the next academic year, two of which are to further develop pupil's comprehension skills within all subjects as well as their resilience during tests. More detailed information will be published on our website in September in our development plan for 2017-18.

### Investors in Pupils

We are pleased to announce that following an assessment on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July we have successfully achieved the 'Investors in Pupils' award and are now awaiting the formal confirmation.



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

### Dolce Catering

Please note that from September 2017 the cost of an academy lunch will increase by 10p to £2.20. All children in Key Stage One will continue to receive a free lunch under current government legislation.

### Fund raising

The refreshment stall run by The Friends of Bell Lane at our School Games Afternoon raised £172.

The final disco of the year raised £550. Thank you again for your support with all our fundraising over the year.

### Attendance

The Governing Body has updated the academy's Attendance Policy to clarify issues relating to unauthorised absence and fining. The policy has been ratified by the local authority Educational Welfare Service and can be found on our website.

## **PE and Sport**

Several of our pupils, with their parents, attended a local sports awards ceremony at Hemsworth Academy on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July. This was a celebration of the successes within the pyramid of local schools across the wide range of competitive activities that the children participate in over the year. The academy is thrilled to have received the fair play award, having been voted for by all the other schools and academies within the partnership.



Following the earlier postponement of our School Games Afternoon, this took place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July and once again was thoroughly enjoyed by all the pupils with Blue Team winning the trophy and earning themselves an extra break in the final week of term.

## **Clubs**

As previously mentioned in a letter on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 the academy will begin charging for all after school clubs from September. A copy of this letter can be found on our website in the 'Letters to parents' section.

## **Uniform**

Please ensure that when you purchase school uniform for your child that it meets the academy policy which can be found on our website.

Year 6 blazers should be delivered to the academy early in September. If they do not arrive for 4<sup>th</sup> September, Y6 children can wear a plain jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan (a dark colour would be preferable) until we receive them. A text update will be sent on the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> September.

## **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.

## **SATs and Phonics Check**

Year 6 SATs take place during the week of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Year 2 SATs take place during the weeks 14<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018.

The Year 1 Phonics check and Year 2 Phonics recheck take place during the week of 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

## **Initial dates for Autumn Term 2017-18**

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

Next academic year starts on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – First day for new starters in Nursery

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September (7:00pm) – Friends of Bell Lane Academy P.T.A Annual General Meeting at the academy

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Road Safety Workshops

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 Residential to Robinwood Outdoor activity Centre

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – INSET day (Academy closed for staff training)

HALF TERM Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

# **WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY SUMMER.**

