

## Newsletter No 1, September 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you all enjoyed the summer break. We are very pleased to welcome our new reception children to Bell Farm today.

Our value for September is 'belonging' and we have been talking to the children about how it feels to belong to different groups and communities including our family. We all feel very 'Proud to Belong' to the Bell Farm community. Children have settled in really well to their new classes and everyone is working hard.

It has been very busy at Bell Farm over the summer holidays and we are very pleased with our new windows, climbing wall and canopies. The scaffolding should be taken down soon but it has been quite a tricky time for us as our school grows and lots of classes have moved. Thank you for your patience at drop off and collection times. As ever, please do not hesitate to bring any concerns to my attention.

Best wishes  
Anne Cooper

### Uniform Reminders

As we are now in the Autumn term, children in years 3-6 should all be in winter uniform which includes a shirt and tie. As per our uniform policy, any logo branded clothing should include the "Proud to Belong" strapline. Details of our uniform policy can be found on our website at <http://bell-farm.co.uk/parents-information/useful-information/uniform>



**Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every day!!**

### Curriculum Meetings

Please do come along to your year group's curriculum meeting during the week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Each year group should have received their specific dates, all meetings start at 3.30pm. It's a chance to hear what exciting learning your child will be involved in, some key messages, and how you can support your child in making progress with their learning. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes. Children are welcome to come with you and listen quietly. We hope as many of you as possible can make it to these important meetings.

### Dates for your Diaries

Our popular Maths open morning will be held this term on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016 from 9am. This is an opportunity for you to come in and spend the morning with your child's class/es to observe and join in with the maths teaching that day. There will also be a talks held in the hall by our maths lead Miss Smith, who will explain how maths is taught at Bell Farm.



Our first Parent Forum of the year will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 9.35am. Please do come and speak to our headteacher Miss Cooper, to voice your suggestions, recommendations and feedback on all aspects of school life.

### St Peter's Church Family Time

Family time is held once a month at St. Peter's Church, Burwood Road, Hersham. It takes place on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 4 pm. Sandwiches, fruit and drink provided. Bring cakes or biscuits to share if you wish. Have FUN with all the family and come and join in.

### After School/Lunchtime/External Clubs

Online booking for our free after school clubs is now open until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September. You will receive a confirmation email once you have booked your child onto a club and this is your confirmation that your child will have a place in the chosen club. You may book children on to two clubs only. If places are still available after booking closes they will be allocated to the waiting list on a first come, first served basis. Please ensure your child attends every week and is collected on time.

This term's after school clubs will run from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (unless otherwise stated/notified) \*excluding half term 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October, and INSET day Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.



### School Dinners

From September 2016 school meals for Years 3-6 will cost £2.20/day which must be paid in advance weekly, monthly or half termly. You are able to pay on line using your pupil link code. If you need any assistance with this, please contact the school office.

All lunch accounts must be in credit by at least £11.00 on the first day back and every Monday morning. If you

would like to pay for the first half of the autumn term (Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Sept – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct) the cost will be £72.60.

From September, any lunch account which goes into arrears will be asked to provide packed lunches until the debt is clear.

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the school office to complete one simple form. The school will receive Pupil Premium funding and you will also be able to receive assistance with the payment of school trips.

### Donation Requests



We are looking for games, puzzles, dressing up clothes, dolls and clothing for our new after school club. So if you are having a summer holiday clear out, we would be happy to take any complete donations. We are also looking for donations of books for our ever growing Year 1 cohort. If you have any good quality books looking for a new home, we would be very grateful for them.

### The School Grounds



Another reminder with regards to parking around the local area when picking up your children. Please be mindful of our neighbours especially when our events are on. Do check you are not obstructing anyone's

driveways or blocking any entrances to the pub opposite.

We would also like to remind children (and adults) who cycle or scoot to school. Helmets must be worn at all times and we ask that you do not scoot or cycle once you are in the school grounds. It is also really important that parents keep to the pathways and that they keep hold of small children. We have a lot of traffic moving around the site at drop off and pick up times so please do be careful.



### Spaces available!!

For further information or to register for a place, please contact the school on 01932 224009 or download an

application form from the school website: [www.bell-farm.co.uk](http://www.bell-farm.co.uk)

<b>AUTUMN TERM 2016</b>		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Y1	Limelight Workshop
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	YR	Reception children to start full days
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Y1	Year 1 Curriculum Meeting – 3.30pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Y2	Year 2 Curriculum Meeting – 3.30pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	EYFS/KS1	Phonics & Handwriting evening – 7.30pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September		Individual photographs
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Y3	Year 3 Curriculum Meeting – 3.30pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	YR	Reception photo for Surrey Advertiser
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y6	Year 6 Curriculum Meeting – 3.30pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5	Year 5 Curriculum Meeting – 3.30pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Y4	Year 4 Curriculum Meeting – 3.30pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October		Prospective Parent Tour – 10am
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October		Prospective Parent Tour – 10am
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October		Parents Evening 4.30pm – 7.30pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October		Prospective Parent Tour – 10am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October		Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October		Half term starts
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October		INSET day – school closed for children
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November		Back to school
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November		Prospective Parent Tour – 10am
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November		Prospective Parent Tour – 1.30pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November		Year 6 To Henley Fort (class TBC)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November		Year 6 To Henley Fort (class TBC)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November		Year 6 To Henley Fort (class TBC)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November		Year 6 To Henley Fort (class TBC)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November		Prospective Parent Tour – 10am
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November		Parent Forum – 9.35am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November		Maths Open Morning
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November		Reception 2017 parent talk – 7pm
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November		Flu Immunisations – Years 1,2 & 3
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December		2pm – Friends Christmas Fair
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December		End of term – school finishes at 2.20pm