

## Newsletter No 7 February 2017

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Thank you very much for sharing in our World Book Day celebrations today. I hope you had an enjoyable and useful time in classrooms. The children looked absolutely fabulous in their costumes! We really appreciate the effort that families put in to supporting this day.*

*Our value for March is understanding. We will be talking to the children about listening to each other and showing respect and understanding to people when their opinions may differ to our own.*

*We had some Headteachers visit Bell Farm from the other local schools yesterday. They were very impressed by Bell Farm children, especially their excellent behaviour and hard working approach to learning.*

*Best wishes*

*Anne Cooper*

### **Trips & Visits**

It has been a quiet start to the year with only year 2 going to RHS Wisley Gardens as part of their science topic, "how plants grow." They had a lovely day and even had a chance to visit the butterfly house. We were also incredibly proud of some of our year 4 children who took part in the first Elmbridge Schools Choir at ASC International School Cobham last Friday. It was a really long day for them, and they sang beautifully and were amazing ambassadors for Bell Farm.

Reception children have also continued their trips over to the RES building site and years 2 and 3 went across to make bird feeders from recycled plastic bottles.

We have lots on this term with year 5 taking part in bikeability, Surrey Get Vocal and a visit to RES to watch Little Shop of Horrors. Years 3 and 4 have Roman and Egyptian workshops coming in to Bell Farm. Year 2 have a Great Fire of London workshop and we have lots of football and netball fixtures coming up!

### **2017 Residential Trips**

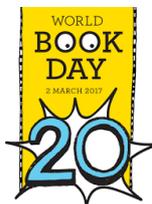
If your child is attending one of the residential trips this year, please be aware final payment dates (if not already complete) are as follows:

Gaviston Hall – year 4 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Barton Hall – year 6 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Henley Fort – year 5 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

If you have any issues with payment or would like to discuss an extended payment plan, please contact Mrs Overton, in confidence, on 01932 224 009.



### **World Book Day**

We were all very excited about World Book Day which took place today.

We are thrilled that so many parents joined us for our English lessons with a poetry theme and lots stayed for our parent workshops run by Ms McAdoo.

The children (and adults!) made such an effort with their book day costumes; photos will be available on Facebook and our website in the next few days.



### **Book Fair**

During our book week this week, we will be holding a book fair in the library each day after school **to Friday**

**3<sup>rd</sup> March.** The books, supplied by The Book People, are great for kids of all ages as well as very reasonably priced. Please do come and have a browse.



### **Tesco Bags of Help scheme**

We are thrilled to announce that Bell Farm Primary School's campaign, "Keep us Waterproof, Warm and Wild!" will be supported by the Tesco Bags of Help scheme.

Our campaign, along with two other local community projects, will be eligible to vote for in local Tesco stores from **Wednesday 1st March to Saturday 29th April.** The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive up to £5,000, the second placed project up to £2,000 and the third placed project £1,000.

At Bell Farm we are really proud of our Forest Schools area and are working hard to ensure all children can take part in this learning experience. In order to take part, children need a change of waterproof clothing to wear and so we have requested a grant to allow us to purchase six class sets of waterproof outerwear in various sizes.

This money will make a huge difference to the amount of clothing we can purchase, so please do accept a voting token if you are offered one whilst doing your weekly shop and pop it in our section!

### **Participating Stores**

ADDLESTONE EXTRA

KT15 2AS

BROOKLANDS EXTRA

KT13 0XF

EAST MOLESEY METRO	KT8 0HP
HURST PARK	KT8 1SE
QUEENS RD WYBRDGE EXP	KT13 9HJ
CHERTSEY EXP	KT16 8DX
HERSHAM MOLESY RD EXP	KT12 3PU
WALTON HERSHAM RD EXP	KT12 1RR

We look forward to letting you know at the end of May how we get on!

### Bell Farm Online

Thank you to all parents and carers for your patience when booking your parents evening appointments last half term. We appreciate the new system was tricky for some and we had a few teething problems, but we are pleased to say the system is fully up and running. In order to streamline all of our parent processes we will also be using the new system to book our Bell Farm clubs from next term. If you have not yet registered, please contact the school office for your online user code.



### Photographs and Videos

It has come to our attention that parents/carers have been taking photos and videoing children that are not theirs during our celebration assemblies. You are welcome to photograph your child at these events providing the images are for personal use only (e.g. a family album) and so are exempt from the Data Protection Act 1998. Please be aware these images (which may include other children) **must not** be shared on social networking sites or other web-based forums since we regard this as making the image public. Sharing images, or uploading them into a public space, is likely to be in breach of the Act.



### Dates for your Diaries

Our next Parent Forum will take place on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 9.35am**, all parents are welcome and we really value your views. Our year 6 SATs information evening is on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7pm** in the school hall.

### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are now collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers to get sports equipment for the school. If you receive any vouchers whilst shopping at Sainsbury's, then please drop them into the box in the school reception area.



### Entrance to the School

Please be mindful that all visitors to the school **MUST** buzz on the gate to let the school office know they have arrived. If the gate is open, please do not just walk through, **especially not through the driver's gate**. This is extremely dangerous with cars and lorries entering and leaving the site all day. We thank you for your co-operation.

### 123 Magic

The next 123 Magic course for parents is being held at Chandlers Field school from Wednesday 29th March, 9.15am – 11.15am for a period of four weeks.

123 Magic is a behaviour management programme for children recommended by educational psychologists. We are looking at running sessions here at Bell Farm during June or July. If you would be interested, please contact Mrs Boulton and let us know if you would prefer during school hours or after school.

To book your place at Chandlers Field or to register your interest for the course being held at Bell Farm contact Mrs Boulton at [karenb@bell-farm.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:karenb@bell-farm.surrey.sch.uk).

### Friends News

What a busy term! After four fun-filled disco sessions over two days, the students and staff (plus some parents!) gave us their best dance moves, sung extra loud and snacked on around 500 bags of our fresh popcorn...with the added bonus of raising over £800 for our school. Well done and thank you to all that came and volunteered.

The May Fair planning has commenced! Thank you to the parents who attended our last meeting and forwarded their ideas, we are very excited to start putting these plans into reality.

Please keep liking us on our Facebook page, Friends of Bell Farm. It'll keep us in your news feed and you will soon start to see May Fair updates as well as other upcoming events.

### River House Barn Art Classes

The Saturday Art Club (10am – 11.15am) for children aged 5-7 encourages children and young people to interpret into an art form, what they have seen and been inspired by, via the changing exhibitions in our Robert Phillips Gallery. Where possible, children are able to meet the artist and discuss their exhibition pieces, after which children work in the studio where they experience handling different materials and learn various techniques throughout the year. They are looking for new recruits so if you are interested, please contact Riverhouse Arts Centre Box Office on 01932 253354.

### Donations

Thank you so much for the donations we have received for our early years' outdoor area so far. If you are having a clear out of sheds or garages getting ready for the summer, we would be happy to take any old equipment off your hands!

This term we are looking for stories on CD for some of the children to listen to during quiet time. If you have any you would like to donate, please bring them to the school office.



<b><i>SPRING TERM 2017</i></b>		
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February		Bell Farm Book Fair
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March		World Book day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March		English Open Morning
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Y5	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6	Year 6 SATs information evening
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March		Parent Forum – 9.35am
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2	Great Fire of London Workshop – Hall
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5	Year 5 to Guildford Cathedral – Surrey get Vocal
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4	Egyptian Workshop
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y5	Year 5 to RES – Little Shop of Horrors
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March		Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3	Roman Workshop
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2	RE Day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1&2	Friends Movie Night
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3-6	Friends Movie Night
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery	Nursery last day of term
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March		Mufti Day for the May Fair
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March		Last day of term, school closes at 2.20pm
<b><i>SUMMER TERM 2017</i></b>		
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>INSET day – school closed to children</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April		1 <sup>st</sup> day of term – back to school for everyone
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April		Friends Wastebusters Collection
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1	Honeysuckle & Crocus classes to Hobbledown
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1	Snowdrop & Snapdragon to Hobbledown
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>		<b>May Day Bank Holiday – school closed</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y2	Year 2 pedals
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Y2	Year 2 pedals
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May		MAY FAIR – 12pm – 3pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6	SATs week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6	Year 6 residential to Barton Hall
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6	Year 6 return from Barton Hall
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	YR	Reception to Chessington World of Adventure
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4	Year 4 residential to Gaviston Hall
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4	Year 4 return from Gaviston Hall
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May		End of half term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June		Back to school
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3	Surrey Borders Festival – Dorking Halls 7pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6	Junior Citizen @ Walton Fire Station
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June		Class/Team Photographs
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5	Year 5 residential to Henley Fort
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y5	Year 5 return from Henley Fort
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y4	Year 3 to Fishbourne Roman Palace
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5	Year 5 to Guildford Cathedral – Surrey get Vocal
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery	Nursery last day of term
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6	12pm finish - Last day of term
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	YR - 5	Last day of term, school closes at 2.20pm