



BELL LANE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Updates

Unfortunately, the main extractor fan in our kitchen has yet to be fixed as we are waiting for WCAT to approve work that needs carrying out. This means that we are unable to use the main ovens in the kitchen. However, in the meantime, our caterers Dolce and cooks are working hard to ensure that hot food is provided daily although options will be limited. We thank you for your patience and understanding while this issue is resolved.

As I am sure you have noticed, work has started on updating our school garden. We look forward to seeing this progress as the weather improves.

Our conversion date to join Outwood Grange Academies Trust (OGAT) is 1st April. We had an excellent turn out to the parents meeting with OGAT on 7th March, with a lot of you looking forward to the positive changes that being part of the OGAT family will bring.

Staffing

Two of our lunchtime supervisors will be leaving this half term. Mrs Leach is finishing and Mrs Skinner is retiring. The academy will be advertising for two new LSAs. If you are interested in either of these positions (or know someone who is) please contact the academy office.

At present our Premises Manager Mr Schofield is absent so we ask for your understanding if, on occasion, the school gates are not opened as promptly as usual.

We look forward to welcoming a new teaching assistant to our staff team after the Easter holiday, her name is Miss Hall.

Miss Finch is getting married during the holiday and will return as Mrs Barker. We hope that she has a lovely wedding day and that it doesn't snow!

World Book Day

This was held on Wednesday 7th March having been moved from Thursday 1st March due to the adverse weather. The children (and staff) looked amazing in their varied costumes with a wide range of book characters being represented. In answer to the question 'Where's Wally?' – he was last spotted in Class 5/6S!

Parent's Evening

Our next Open Evening is on 22nd March 3:30 – 5:30pm. This is an opportunity to have a look at your child's work this year and catch the teacher for a quick verbal update. No appointment is needed.

Attendance

Attendance for last half term was well below our target of 97% at 95.52%. Class 3/4H won the half termly prize of £20 with super attendance of 97.66%.

Morning breaks

Could you please ensure that if you send grapes as a break time snack for your child that they are cut in half to avoid the potential of them being a choking hazard. Thank you.

SATs and Phonics Check

Year 6 SATs take place during the week of 14th May 2018.

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

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

INSET days

The remaining INSET days for this academic year are: Monday 23rd July 2018 and Tuesday 24th July 2018.

INSET days for the academic year 2018 – 19 are as follows: Monday 5th September, Monday 3rd December, Monday 7th January, Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July. School holidays will be the same as Wakefield and can be found on the academy website or a paper copy is available from the school office.

Dates for Spring Term 2017-18

Please note that some dates may be subject to change and there may be additional events to those below.

More detailed information will be sent out for specific events.

Dates for Spring Term

Wednesday 14th March – Emotional Wellbeing sessions for classes 3J and 3/4H

Thursday 15th March (9:00am) – Class 5/6S Showing Assembly for parents

Thursday 15th March (am) – Class 3J INSPIRE session for parents (rearranged from Friday 2nd March due to weather)

Friday 16th March (am) Class 4/5F INSPIRE session for parents

Monday 19th March – Class 1H visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (rearranged from Friday 2nd March due to weather)

Tuesday 20th March - Class 1/2P visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (rearranged from Weds 28th Feb due to weather)

Tuesday 20th March – Class 6P morning visit to the Hepworth Gallery

Thursday 22nd March (9:00am) – Morning Nursery and Class UFSB Showing Assembly for parents

Thursday 22nd March (2:30pm) – Afternoon Nursery and Class UFSA Showing Assembly for parents

Thursday 22nd March (3:30 – 5:30pm) Open Evening

Friday 23rd March - Class 2H visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park (rearranged from Tuesday 27th Feb due to weather)

Friday 23rd March - Non-uniform day (including Nursery) – please bring an item for the Easter fayre tombola.

Tuesday 27th March – Class 3J morning visit to the Hepworth gallery

Tuesday 27th March (2:30pm) – Easter Fayre

Thursday 29th March (9:00am) – Class 1H Showing Assembly for parents

Thursday 29th March – Class 3/4H morning visit to the Hepworth gallery

Provisional Key Dates for the Summer Term

Monday 16th April – Class 5/6S morning visit to the Hepworth gallery

Wednesday 18th April – Class 4/5F morning visit to the Hepworth gallery

Friday 20th April – Academy choir singing at Pontefract Music Festival

Tuesday 24th April – Morning Nursery + Class UFSB visit to York Arboretum

Wednesday 25th April – Afternoon Nursery + Class UFSA visit to York Arboretum

Thursday 26th April (9:00am) – Class 4/5F Showing Assembly for parents

Friday 27th April – Easter Disco (KS1 6-7pm, KS2 7-8pm). Mobile phones to be named and handed in, no thin-heeled shoes that could damage the hall floor

Friday 4th May (am) Tour de Yorkshire

Friday 11th May (am) Class 5/6S INSPIRE session for parents (moved from May 4th due to Tour de Yorkshire)

Thursday 24th May (9:00am) – Class 6P Showing Assembly for parents

Friday 15th June – Non-uniform day – Please bring something for our Red, White, Blue tombola at the gala.

Saturday 23rd June – Ackworth Village Gala

Thursday 28th June (pm) – School Games Afternoon (Wednesday 4th July if postponed due to bad weather)

Tuesday 3rd July – OGAT Performing Arts Festival at York Barbican

Saturday 7th July – Royal British Legion WW1 Anniversary event at the academy

Wednesday 18th July – Winning House Team treat

Thursday 19th July – End of year Disco (KS1 6-7pm, KS2 7-8pm). Mobile phones to be named and handed in, no thin-heeled shoes that could damage the hall floor