



# BELL LANE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## March 2017



### What's changing?

There will be some exciting changes within the academy from September 2017.

Due to Mrs France retiring at the end of this academic year after 18 years at Bell Lane, there will be some changes in our staffing for September. Miss Hodgson will become our Foundation Stage Leader and will be teaching in Lower Foundation (Nursery). Miss Hyett will be moving from the Year 5/6 class to teach in the Year 1 class. A recently appointed new teacher, Mr Senior, will be joining the team to teach our Year 5/6 class.

From September 2017 our admission limit will also be increasing from 40 to 45 in Upper Foundation (Reception) and we will be appointing an additional teacher as a result. The Upper Foundation children will therefore have two teachers, Mrs Radford and the new appointment, as well as continuing to have the support of our Nursery Nurse, Mrs Batty and our support assistant, Miss Rogers. As the increased numbers move through the academy an additional class will be created in Key Stage 2 by extending our Computing Room and converting it in to a classroom. Sadly, Mr Carr will be leaving us at the end of April to take up a new appointment to further broaden his experience in the education sector. We wish him all the best in his new role.

### Attendance

Our attendance policy has been recently updated and is available on our website. Please see below for some of the key information in the policy:

- Children must be on the academy premises at 8.50am at the latest and line up with their class when the bell rings.
- **Registration in classes finishes at 8.55am.** The outside gates will be locked at 8.55am and all latecomers must enter the academy by the main entrance. **A late mark will be given for children arriving after 8.55am.**
- Parents/Guardians must sign in children who are late in the late book at the academy office. This book is monitored on a weekly basis. Parents of those children who regularly arrive late to the academy will be contacted.
- It is important for every child to be on time as the first few minutes of the academy day are often used to give instructions or organise timetables for the rest of the day.
- If a child misses this short but vital session, their work for the whole day may be affected. Late arrivals are disruptive to the whole class and often embarrassing for the child.
- **Arrival after the closure of academy registration at 9:15am will be marked as an unauthorised absence** in line with the Department for Education guidance.
- We will let parents know if we have any concerns about their child's punctuality.

### After school clubs

From the start of the Summer Term (24<sup>th</sup> April 2017) the academy will be introducing a small charge for all after hours' clubs in line with what many other schools and academies already do.

**Clubs that last one hour from 3:15 – 4:15pm, will cost £1.50 per session for your child to attend.**

**Clubs that last 45 minutes from 3:15 – 4:00pm, will cost £1.25 per session for your child to attend.**

**An additional charge of 50p per session will be made for clubs such as cooking and art where extra resources are needed to allow children to take home a finished product.**

In order for children to attend a club, we will need to receive payment for a whole half term in advance.

A session payment will be refunded if a child is absent due to illness on the day of a club.

No payment will be required for children of families who meet the criteria for pupil premium funding.

If a club is over-subscribed, names will be drawn from a hat when allocating places. Pupils who are not picked will, where possible, be kept on a waiting list and offered places first if the club is run again in the future.

### Lunches

After the Easter holiday the lunch menu will change to Dolce's 'Summer Choice' menu. The new options will appear on your online account in the next couple of weeks. Please note that if you do not choose your child's lunches in advance online and they arrive late in to the academy, they will not have a choice of lunch and will be given what is available. Also, please remember to cancel pre-booked lunches for any day that your child is not in e.g. when on a trip or at a sporting event. As you are aware, all payments for lunches must be paid online after the Easter holiday. If you require any support with setting up your online account, please contact the academy office.

## Twitter



Remember to look at our Twitter account to keep up to date with all the amazing things that are happening in the academy! Follow us @BellLaneAcademy on [www.twitter.com/BellLaneAcademy](http://www.twitter.com/BellLaneAcademy)

## Dropping off and picking up

Could we please remind you that it is important to supervise your children on the academy premises before the bell rings in the morning and at the end of the day. It is not permitted to ride bikes, scooters or skate/hover boards on the academy site and certain areas are out of bounds for safety reasons. Could we also ask that children do not run around on the busy playground as there have been a few accidents recently because of this.

## Dates for Spring and Summer Terms 2016-17

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

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Fayre (refreshments and choir singing for parents from 2:30pm)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March (3:20pm) – Robinwood meeting for Y5 parents in Miss Page's classroom

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March (9:00) – Class UFSR Showing Assembly for parents

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March (6:00 – 7:30pm) OPEN EVENING (No appointments)**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March - (9:15 – 11:15) Class 3/4H INSPIRE session for parents

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April (10:00 and 1:30) – Nursery Stay and Play Day

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April (6:30 – 8:00) – DISCO - no pointed heels or mobile phones. Entry cost £2.50, drinks, sweets, doughnuts and hot dogs available to buy. Not for nursery children and children under 7 to be accompanied by an adult (18+).

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April – INSET DAY (Academy closed)

EASTER HOLIDAY Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Summer Term starts on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – May Day Bank Holiday (Academy closed)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 SATs week**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May (9:15 – 11:15am) – Class 4/5F INSPIRE session for parents

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May and 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Y2 SATs weeks**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 group photo

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 French Café afternoon for parents

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – School Council Non-uniform Day (£1.00)

Half Term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June (9:00am) – Class 6P Showing Assembly for parents

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 workshop with P.C. Blunt on the dangers of drugs and alcohol

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonics test and Y2 phonics re-check**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June (9:00am) – Class 4/5F Showing Assembly for parents

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June (9:00am) – KS2 Parent workshop with P.C. Blunt on the dangers of drugs and alcohol

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June (9:00am) – Meeting for parents of children coming in to Reception in September

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June (1:30pm) – School Games afternoon (Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July if postponed due to bad weather)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Eco Council 'Go Green' non-uniform Day (£1.00)

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Class information letter for next academic year

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July (am) – Transition morning for children in new classes

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July (3:30pm) – Meet your child's new teacher

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July (6:30pm) - KS2 PANTO

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July (am) - Transition morning for children in new classes

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 workshop with P.C. Blunt on preparing for transition to high school

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Reports out to parents

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July - NURSERY CLOSED all week for reorganisation

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July (6:30 – 8:00pm) End of year DISCO

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Last day of this academic year

