



BELL LANE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Updates

The academy is still waiting to have its new sponsor confirmed. We will send a text as soon as we hear anything. Building work to extend the Computing Suite is now due to begin at the end of March with a completion date in July. The delay in the start is a result of waiting for planning to be approved. Although also delayed, work on the Academy Garden should be starting during this term and is likely to take no longer than a fortnight to complete once started.

Staffing

Our four new staff members, Mr Senior, Miss Sharratt, Mr Turner and Mrs Horobin, have completed their first term and are now familiar faces amongst our team.

We are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Bacon who is retiring at the end of January after 6 years at Bell Lane. We wish her all the very best in the future.

Allergies

As we have several children in the academy with a nut allergy, we ask that children do not bring nuts in to the academy as part of their packed lunch or on any other occasion.

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.

Key Experiences

During a busy half term before Christmas, the children delivered amazing nativities, French Christmas Assemblies and singing performances. They also enjoyed the Christmas Fayre, School disco and Christmas Parties.

Key Stage 1 loved their visit to the pantomime 'Aladdin' which was part of their topic 'Once Upon A Time' and inspired work back in the classroom.

Year 6 attended a careers workshop at Ackworth School on 18th February. This gave them a good insight into future routes in to work (including university and apprenticeship) as well as time to consider what their dream job might be.

INSPIRE

This term sees more INSPIRE sessions for you to attend (see dates) and we will be trialling a different format for some of these. The aim of these sessions is to provide you with a chance to develop a better understanding of how learning takes place in the academy, what the expectations are for the children and how your child responds to this. Your feedback, as always, is very much appreciated.

Fund raising

Thank you once again for your continued support with the academy's different fund raising activities. The Christmas Fayre raised £600 for academy funds and the Pyjama Non-uniform Day raised £255 for the children's school council fund.

Attendance

Once again, attendance for last half term was short of our 97% target, averaging 96.3%. This, like the previous half term, is lower than usual. Holidays taken in term time continue to impact negatively on our attendance figure.

Class 6P won the half-termly attendance award of £20 with a fabulous 98.3% attendance.

PARKING!

Inconsiderate parking around the academy continues to be an issue, and we receive regular complaints from local residents that include cars blocking driveways and pavements. We ask that those of you who bring your children to school by car, always use your best judgement with regard to dropping off and collecting and remember that there is a car park at the end of Bell Lane within easy walking distance.



Reminders

Please ensure that your child always brings a water bottle to school every day, remembering to take it home at the end of the day along with their lunch bag/box if they have one. Bottles cost 40p from the academy office.

Please ensure that your child is able to remove their earrings for P.E and Games sessions. If they are unable to do so, then please leave them out on these days or provide tape for your child to cover them with.

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 this academic year are: Friday 2nd February 2018, Monday 23rd July 2018 and Tuesday 24th July 2018.

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

Tuesday 30th January – Emotional Wellbeing sessions for classes 4/5F, 5/6S and 6P

Friday 2nd February – INSET School closed for staff training

Friday 9th February (am) Class UFSB (Mrs Radford) INSPIRE session for parents

Friday 9th February – Volleyball for a Y4 team at Hemsworth Academy

Wednesday 14th February – Emotional Wellbeing sessions for classes 1H, 1/2P and 2H

Thursday 15th February (9:00am) – Class 1/2P Showing Assembly for parents

Friday 16th February (am) Class UFSA (Miss Sharratt) INSPIRE session for parents

Friday 16th February – Y6 E-safety workshop with P.C. Blunt

Friday 16th February (2:15 – 3:15pm) E-safety information session for parents with P.C. Blunt

Tuesday 27th February – Class 2H visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Wednesday 28th February – Class 1H visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Friday 2nd March – Class 1/2P visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Friday 2nd March (am) Class 3J INSPIRE session for parents

Tuesday 6th March – Morning Nursery and Class UFSB visit to Yorkshire Arboretum

Wednesday 7th March – Afternoon Nursery and Class UFSA visit to Yorkshire Arboretum

Thursday 8th March (9:00am) – Class 2H Showing Assembly for parents

Friday 9th March (am) Class 3/4H INSPIRE session for parents

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

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

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

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

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

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

Provisional Key Dates for the Summer Term

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

Friday 27th April – Easter Disco

Friday 4th May (am) Class 5/6S INSPIRE session for parents

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

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

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

Friday 13th July – Reports out to parents

Thursday 19th July – End of year Disco