



# BELL LANE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## November 2017

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### **What's changing?**

The academy is currently waiting to hear from the Department for Education as to whether Outwood Grange Academies Trust (OGAT) will become our new sponsor and if so, when the conversion date will be. In the meantime, we are currently working closely with existing OGAT staff to ensure that we have a good understanding of how the trust is organised.

Work on the academy garden has commenced once again following a delay due to staffing issues with the company Sodexo who are kindly volunteering their time for free. We look forward to seeing how the garden is transformed over the following weeks.

### **Christmas Dinner**

This will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and needs to be booked via your online DOLCE account by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Regarding daily lunches, please ensure that you cancel any pre-ordered lunch online by 9:30am if it is not to be taken. Failure to do so will lead to a charge being made for the lunch.

### **Parent's Evenings**

We had a super turn out at our Parent's Evenings in October with an 87% turnout across the two evenings. For parents who were unable to attend on one of the evenings, individual appointments at additional times have been arranged. If you have yet to attend an appointment, please contact the academy office to arrange a time before the Christmas holidays.

### **Key Experiences**

This half term, Key Stage 1 children enjoyed a visit to the pantomime at Wakefield Theatre as part of their 'Once Upon A Time' topic. Class 1H have also visited the local church as part of their R.E work.

### **Fund raising**

Your generosity raised £250 for 'Children in need' and 81 shoeboxes for 'Operation Christmas Child'.

We thank you for your continued support with both our charity fund raising and our fund raising for the academy.

### **Attendance**

Attendance for last half term was a disappointing 95.8%, which is lower than usual. Our target remains at 97% and is achievable if we can reduce the number of holidays taken during term time. We ask for your continued support with this. Class 4/5F won the half-termly attendance award of £20 with 97.9 % attendance. They have chosen to sponsor a guide dog for several weeks with their money.

### **Sporting activities**

A team of six Year 3 children attended a Dodge Ball training session at Hemsworth academy and were voted as the champions for their great sportsmanship. The academy is very proud of all the children who represent us over the year at a variety of different sporting events (and other events such as our choir singing at Nostell Priory).

### **Reminders**

Please ensure the following:

Uniform – All items to be named; no nail polish; all socks and hair accessories to be in academy colours only; an appropriate winter coat to be worn every day with a good hanging loop; no boots (see our uniform policy for more detailed information).

Bags – no keyrings or other toys attached; a sensible sized bag as our cloakrooms are very small.

Water bottles – taken home and washed daily and always brought in.

Before and after school – supervise children carefully; no running.

Thank you.

### **SATs and Phonics Check**

Year 6 SATs take place during the week of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

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

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

### **INSET days**

For the next academic year, the academy will be closed on the following days for staff training: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

### **Dates for Autumn 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.

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November (9:00am) – Class 3/4H Showing Assembly for parents  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December (9:15 – 11:15am) Class 2H INSPIRE session for parents  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December (2:30pm) – Christmas Fayre  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December (9:15 – 11:15am) Class 1H INSPIRE session for parents  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December (10:00am) – Choir singing at Nostell Priory  
12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery and Reception Christmas Productions  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> (am) – Sitting volleyball for a Y5 team at Hemsworth Academy  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> (pm) – Choir singing at St. Cuthbert's Christmas celebration  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Disco (FS + KS1 6:00 – 7:00pm and KS2 7:00 – 8:00pm)  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December (9:00) – 6P French Christmas Assembly for parents  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (9:00) – Classes 3J and 4/5F Christmas Assembly for parents  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day - Wear a Christmas Jumper instead of your school jumper (including Nursery)  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (9:00) – Classes 3/4H and 5/6S Christmas Assembly for parents  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (pm) – Reception and KS1 Christmas Parties  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December (10:30am – 1:30pm) – Nursery Christmas Party  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December (pm) – KS2 Christmas Parties  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – INSET (Academy closed for staff training)

### **Provisional Key Dates for the rest of the year**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January – School Council Pyjama Non-uniform Day (including Nursery) - £1.00 donation  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January (9:15 – 11:15am) Class 1/2P INSPIRE session for parents  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February (9:15 – 11:15am) Class UFSB (Mrs Radford) INSPIRE session for parents  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Dodgeball for a Y4 team at Hemsworth Academy  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February (9:00am) – Class 1/2P Showing Assembly for parents  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February (9:15 – 11:15am) Class UFSA (Miss Sharratt) INSPIRE session for parents  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Y6 E-safety workshop with P.C. Blunt  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February (2:15 – 3:15pm) E-safety information session for parents with P.C. Blunt  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (9:15 – 11:15am) Class 3J INSPIRE session for parents  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March (9:00am) – Class 2H Showing Assembly for parents  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March (9:15 – 11:15am) Class 3/4H INSPIRE session for parents  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March (9:00am) – Class 5/6S Showing Assembly for parents  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March (9:15 – 11:15am) Class 4/5F INSPIRE session for parents  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (9:00am) – Morning Nursery and Class UFSB Showing Assembly for parents  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March (2:30pm) – Afternoon Nursery and Class UFSA Showing Assembly for parents  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Non-uniform day (including Nursery) – please bring an item for the Easter fayre tombola.  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March (2:30pm) – Easter Fayre  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March (9:00am) – Class 1H Showing Assembly for parents  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April (9:00am) – Class 4/5F Showing Assembly for parents  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Disco  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May (9:15 – 11:15am) Class 5/6S INSPIRE session for parents  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May (9:00am) – Class 6P Showing Assembly for parents  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June (PM) – School Games Afternoon (Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July if postponed due to bad weather)  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Reports out to parents  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – End of year Disco



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