



# BELL LANE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## September 2017

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

Autumn Term Open Evening appointments will take place over two evenings this October (Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 – 5:30pm and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 – 8:00pm). Letters will be sent out as usual to book appointments and we ask that you provide as many different times as possible to help us in the organisation of these evenings.

### **Investors in Pupils**

A copy of our Investors in pupils report is now available on our website.



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

### **Parent Information Session**

We will be holding an information session for parents/carers on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 6:00 – 7:00pm. The focus of this session will be to share how comprehension skills are taught across the curriculum, providing details of national expectations and how children can be supported in developing these skills at home. This session is for parents of children in Year 1 to Year 6 and is not suitable for children.

### **Fund raising**

The Friends of Bell Lane PTA have purchased six iPads for the academy. These replace and update some of our existing tablets.

### **Attendance**

Overall attendance for last academic year was 96.26%. This is slightly lower than the previous year. Our attendance target remains at 97%.

### **PE and Sport**

The academy successfully achieved the 'Sportsmark' Gold Award at the end of the last academic year.



### **Clubs**

As previously mentioned in a letter on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 and in the July newsletter, the academy is now charging for all after school clubs. A copy of the original letter can be found on our website in the 'Letters to parents' section.

### **Discos**

Due to the increasing number of children in the academy, we are changing the organisation of our academy discos. The first hour (6:00 – 7:00pm) will be for children in Upper Foundation and Key Stage 1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2) with children under 7 still needing to be accompanied by an adult (18+). The second hour (7:00 – 8:00pm) will be for Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6). For all discos, children should not bring mobile phones and we ask that adults and children do not wear shoes with thin pointed heels as these damage the hall floor.

As always the Friends of Bell Lane P.T.A welcome any help with these events. Contact the academy office for more information.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure that when you purchase school uniform for your child that it meets the academy policy which can be found on our website.

### **INSET days**

For the next academic year, the academy will be closed on the following days for staff training: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 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.

### **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.

## **Dates for Autumn Term 2017-18**

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

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Road Safety Workshops

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Year 6 Residential to Robinwood Outdoor activity Centre

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 Cross Country

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October (PM) – Harvest Celebration at St. Cuthbert's (Academy choir)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October (6:00pm) – Parents Information session on Comprehension Skills across the curriculum

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Police and the community workshop for Y6 with P.C. Blunt

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October (3:30-5:30pm) – Open Evening (appointments only)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October (6:00 – 8:00pm) – Open Evening (appointments only)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – INSET day (Academy closed for staff training)

### **HALF TERM Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Halloween Disco (FS + KS1 6:00 – 7:00pm and KS2 7:00 – 8:00pm)

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Nursery Halloween Party

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November (9:15 – 11:15am) Class 6P INSPIRE session for parents (Group 1)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 anti-bullying workshop with P.C. Blunt

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November (9:15 – 11:15am) Class 6P INSPIRE session for parents (Group 2)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (AM) – Year 3 Dodgeball at HACA

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform day – please bring an item for the Christmas fayre tombola.

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

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery and Reception Christmas Productions

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (AM) – Year 5 Sitting Volleyball at HACA

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Disco (FS + KS1 6:00 – 7:00pm and KS2 7:00 – 8:00pm)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – INSET (Academy closed for staff training)

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

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

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 – 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