



## Newsletter 6, January 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Firstly, may I wish you a happy and peaceful New Year!

2012 is going to be an exciting year for all of us. This newsletter is a bumper edition with lots of news and information to help you and your child.

It has just been confirmed that our school will no longer be used as a Polling Station, and therefore **we will not need to close on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. We will now close a day earlier for the summer holiday, which should be better for everybody.

We are already in the Olympic mood with our fantastic cycling willow sculptures that have been made by Y6. Two of the sculptures can now be seen in the school foyer. During the summer months they will be on display on one of the Surrey roundabouts that are part of the Olympic cycling route.

Best wishes

**Valerie Blackwell**  
Headteacher

### Admissions Application Deadline

Don't forget that **15<sup>th</sup> January** is the deadline for applications to become a pupil in Bell Farm **Reception** class or **Year 3** class for September 2012.

Applications can be made online through the Surrey County Council website.

Applications must still be made, even if you already have a child at the school.

### Values we will celebrate during the Spring term:

January - Hope

February - Trust

March - Thoughtfulness

April - Appreciation

### Bellformer

Well done to the children from the Bellformer lunchtime club who showed what able reporters, editors and printers they are. The Christmas edition was a very enjoyable read and good value for 20p.

### HAIR

If your child has long hair please tie it back – nits returning again and again are driving us all mad!!

### Moving Monsters

In year 3 we have been making moving monsters by using pneumatic systems. We were all so excited about making our moving monsters! Everyone wanted to use the glue gun but it was very hot. We used different materials like cardboard boxes, tubes, and much more. A



pneumatic system contains a plastic tube and two syringes or a plastic tube and a balloon (with this you need to blow on one end of the tube). This makes a part of the monster move.

By Elysia Darbourne and Molly Flaherty Y3

### School Dinners

The cost of school dinners remains at £2.00 per day or £10 per week. This can be paid for in advance weekly or half termly, by cash/cheque at the School Office, or online via the Surrey County Council website.

Please note that Surrey County Council's revised policy is that school meals need to be paid for in advance and no debt should be allowed to accrue. Parents/Carers will be contacted shortly if any debt needs to be paid.

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please see Mrs Overton in the school office. Free school meals cannot be given until eligibility has been checked, however, Surrey County Council will refund for up to 2 terms if meals have been paid for and eligibility is confirmed at a later date.

Even if you do not wish your child to take school meals, by registering you can help the school get a substantial amount of additional funding (known as the pupil premium).

### How do we teach and develop reading at Bell Farm?



Come and find out on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** from 7pm to 8pm.

## Snow White our Christmas Production



*The cast*

What a fantastic performance by Year 5 pupils and the choir. I think the audiences enjoyed the performances almost as much as the cast. We would like to thank the Mayor and Mayoress for attending the performance on Thursday night. Well done to everybody who helped to make sure the performances took place.

If your child took part and you don't have a photo as a memento, please contact Mrs Jones via the school office as she will be happy to email a photo to you.

The retiring collections for the Sam Beare Hospice and The Shooting Star – CHASE charities raised £239.02, thank you.

### Sale for Children in Need

On the Friday before the end of term, Hannah, May and Jessica organised a treat sale to raise funds for Children in Need. They raised £35 which has now been sent to the charity. Well done girls!

### Considerate Parking

Please be considerate and safe when parking outside of the school, ensuring you do not park in front of resident's driveways or on corners where children are likely to cross. Thank you.

### Letters you may have missed...

30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Toy Collection
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Willow Sculpture Year 6
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Bell Farm Friends Newsletter
7 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Disco
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Free School Meals
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir to Residential homes
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Swimming Badges 4CD
19 <sup>th</sup> December	St Peter's Church Pantomime
4 <sup>th</sup> January	Curriculum Meeting Invitation
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Little Golfers flyer
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Chelsea Coaching (Parentmail)
10 <sup>th</sup> January	School Clubs letter



*Introducing Sam and Bell, our two new attendance bears. The name Sam stands for School Attendance Mascot and Bell is for Bell Farm. The class with the best weekly attendance in*

*either the upper or lower school will get to look after the bear for the week.*

## Local Support for Families

As well as the many ways in which Bell Farm can offer families support there are also a variety of services in Surrey that may be helpful. Please contact them directly or speak to Ben Wasserberg, Karen Boulton or any member of staff. Please see the school notice board for information on parent puzzle courses running in our area.

**Surrey CAMHS** (child and adolescent mental health services) promotes emotional well-being and delivers preventative services and treatment to children and young people with mental health problems. Their website has sections for children and young people, parent/carers and professionals. Visit [www.surrey-camhs.org.uk](http://www.surrey-camhs.org.uk) for more information

**Surrey Nurturing Links** (formerly Surrey Family Links) plan to hold more courses within Surrey but these details had not been finalised at the time of going to print. For an up-to-date listing of Surrey Family Links Parent Groups, please go to [www.surreyfamilylinks.org.uk](http://www.surreyfamilylinks.org.uk) and follow the parent's page link. Please be aware that there is a charge for parent group places which may vary between courses, but usually starts from £20 for 10 weeks, with some subsidised places available. SNL are also delivering the HENRY project in Surrey, for further information telephone **01483 225596**.

**Heads Together** is a youth counselling service offering free confidential counselling for a range of different reasons to young people between 14 and 24. For further information please call **01737 378 481**.

**Early Bird** courses for parents of children (aged 0 - 8 years) with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. For Early Bird Plus parents can invite along a professional from school as well. For details of upcoming courses please contact Diana Quiney on **01737 737979** [diana.quiney@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:diana.quiney@surreycc.gov.uk)

**National Autistic Society – Youth Club:** Youth Clubs for young people (12-18) with Autistic Spectrum Disorder are currently held in Epsom (Tuesdays), Ash (Thursdays) and Guildford (Fridays). If you have any interested parents, carers or young people please email Kate Jindrova at [kate.jindrova@nas.org.uk](mailto:kate.jindrova@nas.org.uk)

**NetMums** offer online parenting courses with Family Links. [www.netmums.com/support/Netmums\\_Parenting\\_Course\\_About\\_the\\_courses.3628/](http://www.netmums.com/support/Netmums_Parenting_Course_About_the_courses.3628/)

**Surrey on the MEND:** For further information on courses throughout Surrey, contact Julie Nelson on **01372 201 626** or email [julie.nelson@surreypct.nhs.uk](mailto:julie.nelson@surreypct.nhs.uk)

**FamilyLine Surrey on 0808 800 5678** offers confidential telephone support and further information on specialist help and groups in Surrey. Hours: Monday to Friday 10am to 10pm/ Saturday 2pm to 10pm.

**Family Lives** offers a 24 hour confidential service to parents. They can be contacted on **0808 800 2222** or email: [parentsupport@familylives.org.uk](mailto:parentsupport@familylives.org.uk)

**Surrey Family Information Service (FIS)** is an internet, telephone and outreach service providing information, advice

and assistance to parents of children and young people aged 0-19 years old (and up to 25 years old for young people with special needs). For further information, contact **Surrey FIS**: Tel: **0300 200 1004** (Mon-Fri 8am to 6pm, 24-hour answerphone) or email [surrey.fis@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:surrey.fis@surreycc.gov.uk)

## Bell Farm Diary

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	All	Chelsea Football Coaching starts
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5/Y6	More able writers day (Years 5 & 6)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	4AL Parents	4AL Class Assembly
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	All	Bell Farm Friends meeting, 7.30pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	All	RSPB Big schools bird watch
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	All	Friends – Textile recycling event
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	5JH Parents	5JH Class Assembly
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y5	Football Tournament at Cardinal Newman, 1pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	All	UNICEF Day for Change
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	All welcome	Friends Family Bingo, 7pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	3HD Parents	3HD Class Assembly
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	All	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	All welcome	Reading Meeting 7pm
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>Half term week</b>
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>School Inservice day (3) - school closed to children</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 & 6	Girl's Football Tournament at Notre Dame, 1pm
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	All	Book Week (whole school)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	All	Fairtrade fortnight
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	6NH Parents	6NH Class Assembly
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 parents	Sayers Croft meeting for parents 7pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	All	World Book Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Y5	Bikeability 9.00am-12.30pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	4DS Parents	4DS Class Assembly
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Governors	Governing body meeting
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	All	Cross Country at Cardinal Newman, 10am
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4	Y4 residential trip to Sayers Croft (to 14 <sup>th</sup> March)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	3GP Parents	3GP Class Assembly
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	3IB	3IB Class Assembly
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y3 & 4	Tag Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y5 Parents	Marchants Hill meeting for parents 7pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 & 4	Lower School Netball Interhouse, 1.30pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 & 6	Upper School Netball Interhouse, 1.30pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	All	Parent consultations 6pm-8pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	All	Parent consultations 4pm-6pm
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>		<b>Last day of Spring term, 2.20pm finish</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>		<b>Easter holiday begins</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>School Inservice day(4) - school closed to children</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer term starts, children in school
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Y5	Y5 residential trip to Marchants Hill (to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> April)
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>May Bank holiday – school closed</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5	Young Enterprise Day
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> May		May Fair
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>SATs week for Y6</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	All	Image Theatre
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Choir	Royal Albert Hall Concert
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Parents	Isle of Wight meeting for Parents 7pm
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>Half term week</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June		District Sports, 1pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	All	Group Photographs
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	All	Sports Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	New Y3 Parents	New Y3 2012 Parents Induction evening 7pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6	Y6 residential to the Isle of Wight (to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	All	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	All	Parents Open Day/Consultations, 3.30pm-6.30pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3,4 & 5	Y6 Leavers Assembly to Year 3, 4 & 5

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	All	School Summer Disco
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Parents	Y6 Leavers Assembly for Parents
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>Last day of Summer term</b> <b>Y6 finish 12pm</b> <b>Y3, 4 &amp; 5 finish 2.20pm</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>School Inservice Day (5) – school closed to children</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July		<b>Summer holiday begins</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September		<b>School Inservice Day(1) - school closed to children</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September		Autumn term starts, children in school
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	All	Individual Photographs
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October		<b>Half term week</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December		Last day of Autumn term, 2.20pm finish

***Don't forget to look on the school web site for the calendar***