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## Newsletter Number 10

Dear Parents and Guardians

I enjoyed meeting many parents at our recent sports day and Open Evening and Exhibition. I hope you enjoyed viewing the displayed work, which demonstrates so much creativity, our school's Rights Respecting values and the high standards achieved in a wide range of subjects. The children and staff have every reason to be very proud of these achievements.

### Friends

The Friends' Association contribute so much to the life of the school. They continue to strengthen the partnership between home and school as well as providing enormous support for a wide range of events. Just recently this has included help with the Year 2 induction "Tea party" and the end of year disco. They have provided invaluable support over this very busy and exciting year. On behalf of the children and staff I would like to offer you a huge "thank you".



### New Classes for 2010 – 11

Please find below the class arrangements for next year. All the children will meet their new teacher (where possible) tomorrow, our last Thursday afternoon before the end of term.

2009-10		2010-11	
Current Class	Teacher	New Class	Teacher
		3FW	Mr Wasserberg (Year group leader)
		3GG	Miss Gambier
		3HG	Miss Gumbrell
		3IB	Mrs Balcombe
3GC	Mr Wasserberg	4DS	Miss Smith
3HT	Mrs Todd	4CD	Miss Doughty - Mon, Tues and Wed AM Mrs Downes - Wed PM, Thurs and Fri (Job share Year group leaders)
3IB	Mrs Balcombe	4BJ	Mrs Jones
4BJ	Mrs Jones	5KW	Miss Walker
4DS	Mrs Sayed	5JS	Miss Starnes
4CO	Miss Ost	5LP	Mrs Parsonson (Year group leader)
5KW	Miss Walker	6QH	Mrs Howard
5LH	Mrs Howard	6NC	Mr Cooper
5JO	Miss Starnes	6OG	Mrs Gill (Year group leader)

### Headteacher appointment

Mrs Lesley Jackson (our Chair of Governors) together with the local authority, are continuing to work hard to appoint a new headteacher for January 2011. They have advertised on two separate occasions without success. This is disappointing for all concerned. It is clear that a difficult and challenging market exists for making such appointments. However, governors are eager to find the right candidate to take the school forwards and are going to advertise once again at the very beginning of next term. I will keep you informed of developments.

## Congratulations



Congratulations are extended to Lee Whiteside in Class 6OG who has enjoyed 100% attendance in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – surely this must be a first! Lee will receive a special prize for his sustained attendance during his time at Bell Farm.

### ***Holiday Club at Bell Farm School***

As last year, the Shout! Holiday club run by Elmbridge Borough Council will be running here for 4 weeks over the summer from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August. Places can be booked by calling the Shout! team on 01372 474634. Further information can be found on the Elmbridge website [www.elmbridge.gov.uk/leisure/shout!holidayactivities/default.htm](http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/leisure/shout!holidayactivities/default.htm).

## Staffing

As mentioned in the last newsletter both Miss Ost and Mrs Todd are leaving Bell Farm as their maternity leave contracts have come to an end. We will also be losing Mrs Sayed who is hoping to relocate to Switzerland in the not too distant future. On behalf of everyone in our Bell Farm community, we wish them every success in the future.

This week we have welcomed back Mrs Downes from her maternity leave. Next term, she will be forming a job share partnership with Miss Doughty in year 4.

## School Dinners - cost increase

School meals are increasing from September 2010, the weekly cost will now be £10.00 per week, payable on a Monday only. They continue to meet the government's nutritional standards (e.g. low sugar, fat and salt) and represent good value for money – especially if you are pressed first thing in the morning! If you wish to pay by the half-term the cost for the first half term will be:

37 days @ £2.00 = £74.00.

Please make cheques payable to Surrey County Council. If you are eligible for Free School Meals you should obtain an application form from the school office and continue to pay until proof has been received by the school or authorised by the Tax Office.

## End of term arrangements – Friday 23 July

**Term ends for Year 6 at 12.00pm.** Please note that only proper autograph books should be used to collect signatures and good luck messages. Thank you for your support with this matter. We hope you have enjoyed purchasing the new end of year celebration “tops” with all the children's names on the back. The children have told me they loved wearing them on their leavers outing to London last week!

## Term ends for all children in years 3, 4 & 5 at 2.20pm

## Autumn Term starts Thursday 2 September 2010

Finally, our thoughts are with all those children leaving us at the end of term. We wish them a happy, successful and fulfilling future in their secondary schools.

On behalf of all the staff I hope you have an enjoyable summer break and find some sun to enjoy with your children.

Yours sincerely

Hugh Tompkins (Headteacher)

