



Newsletter Number 9 – 7th July 2010

Dear Parents

The recent warmer weather has contributed so much to the learning and teaching experiences of the children. It has been good to see our lovely grounds used by so many children to both enhance their learning and make some learning more enjoyable – be it using the shade shelter for circle time, Science investigations, growing vegetables or outdoor PE.

We have also undertaken many class outings, the year 5 and 6 residential trips and a wide range of clubs. Some of these activities can only happen with the support of parents paying the voluntary contributions when required. In these more challenging times, I would like to thank you for your support with these ventures as they really do make learning more meaningful and enjoyable for our children.

The induction arrangements for year 2 and year 6 have gone very smoothly. Year 6 are preparing for their final class assembly due to take place on Thursday 22 July at 9.15am. This is a time to reflect on many happy, exciting and memorable times - together with progress made. We look forward to seeing parents of year 6 on this day.

Annual record of achievement

Your child's Record of Achievement will be available for you to pick up on Wednesday 14th July – those not picked up will be sent home the following day.

So many children have made good progress both socially and academically. If you have regularly attended the parent consultations there should be few surprises – however isn't it always nice to hear about your child's successes when they are written down?

Open Evening and School Exhibition - invitation

Wednesday 14th July 2010 from 3.30pm to 7.00pm

As last year, the arrangements are as follows:

- an open invitation to visit us any time between 3.30pm and 7.00pm with staff being available from 3.45pm
- an opportunity to view your child's work together with their displayed work
- an opportunity to walk around the school and view subject displays in the halls, corridors, and specialist rooms such as the ICT suite and music room.
- an itinerary of 'special events' throughout the evening
- an opportunity to have a brief confidential discussion with your child's classteacher and the usual opportunities to meet Mr Arnell, Mrs O'Brien (SENCo) or myself.



Also, you will be able to meet the teacher who will be teaching your child next year, (unless it is a new member of staff who may not be free to join us at this time). A list displaying next year's teaching arrangements will be available in the reception area.

I do hope you will make every effort to visit. It is a very good opportunity for you to walk around the school to see the wide range of work exhibited and the high standards achieved by so many of our children. Much of it reflects our Rights Respecting/values led curriculum.

Listed below are a range of activities that will be underway during both late afternoon and early evening. The children will be very pleased to see you!

Time	Activity/Teacher	Children Involved	Location
3.30 – 4.00	Choir with Miss Gambier	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Drama Hall
4.00 – 4.30	Athletics with Mr Wasserberg	The Elite squad!	Field
4.30 – 5.00	Drama with Mrs Jones	Years 3 & 4	Drama Hall
5.00 – 5.30	Art with Mrs Balcombe and Miss Walker	Years 3 & 5	Room I
5.30 – 6.00	Environmental Club with Miss Starnes and Mrs Howard	Year 5 & 6	“Bumble bee” garden and new Green house
6.00 – 6.30	Cricket with Mr Arnell	Years 4.5 & 6	School field
6.30 – 7.00	French with Madame Joshi	Gifted and talented group	Room M

EXHIBITIONS:

Room A The ideal village – this follows year 4’s visit to Shere

Year 5 classrooms: Musical instruments – this follows year 5’s Science & DT project on Sound

Staffing news

At the end of his term Miss Ost and Mrs Todd will be leaving us. Both teachers have completed their maternity cover contracts and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for everything they have contributed to life here at Bell Farm School. We wish both Ros and Natalie every success in the future.

Finally..... I will be writing one further newsletter this term outlining the final arrangements for next term. This will include the class arrangements for next year should you not be able to attend our open evening and exhibition on Wednesday.

I enjoyed meeting many parents on Sports Day – It was good to see so many families together on such a beautiful summer’s day. So many children did well too. Together, both parents and the staff really do have every reason to be proud of the children’s achievements and Rights Respecting behaviour.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

