


# BELLS FARM PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



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## World Cup fever grips Bells Farm



*Enjoying our learning...  
...aiming for excellence.*

### Welcome from the Headteacher

Welcome to the June edition of the Bells Farm newsletter. It really has been such a busy term, particularly with all of the national assessments which have had to be completed. This week, Year 1 have been put through their paces in the Phonics test, and we have just submitted all of our Reception and Years 2 and 6 assessments to the Local Authority.

The children have worked so hard and continue to make us proud every day. I took great pleasure in reading and commenting on their reports and seeing the fantastic progress which has been made. With a few weeks left now before the summer holiday, it is so good to see that the hard work and play continues. Well done all!



### World Cup themed week

Bells Farm will be having a World Cup themed week commencing 23rd June. During this week the children will be taking part in competitions based around football and trying their best to win some prizes! The sports coaches will also be giving children opportunities to play football matches and shoot penalties against them.

As part of this week, Sports Day will be held on the morning of Wednesday 25th June. Keep an eye on the class blogs on the school website to see what each class has been doing.

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### Sneak peek at the Bells Farm book of Discovery

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## Year 4 enjoy Roman Food Day

This half term Year 4 have looked at the different kinds of food the Romans liked to eat. It seems the Romans liked to show off and ate things such as... peacock brains, sow's udders and even live parrots!

We also looked at some of the

more ordinary food they liked - so we decided to make some.

Did you realise the Roman's ate beefburgers, pizzas and porridge? True!

We decided to try and make them, and put in some real

Roman ingredients such as honey, olives, pine nuts....and fish sauce!

We took some of our Roman food round the school, and everyone enjoyed them. Mrs Butterworth liked the Roam burgers so much she had three!

## Year 3 circus workshop

Year Three's topic for this half term is The Circus and on Tuesday 3rd June they were lucky enough to be visited by Circus Jim. Jim taught them how to do lots of different circus tricks including plate spinning, juggling, balancing feathers and even tightrope walking! They had a fantastic afternoon. Check out their blog to see a video of the workshop.



Want to see more pictures of this event?  
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[www.bellsfm.bham.sch.uk](http://www.bellsfm.bham.sch.uk)



# Fun and popular Art Club

Mrs Franklin, Miss Coghlan and Miss Bowkett have enjoyed running Art club for Reception and Key Stage One on Tuesday evenings. It has been so popular that the children have had to be split into two groups. The children have just finished making some fantastic rainbowfish, monsters and butterflies.



Miss Bowkett holding up some children's Art work

## Nursery visit Nature Centre

Today all the Nursery children went on a trip to the Nature Centre. The weather was beautifully sunny and hot. We saw lots of different animals and learnt lots of facts about them.

After the morning at the Nature Centre we ran off all our energy in the play area at Cannon Hill Park. All the children behaved very well for the teachers and had a fantastic day.

*"My favourite animal was the bunnies"* **Esmay**

*"My favourite animal was the jumpy wallaby"*  
**Ruby**





# Bells Farm ICT update

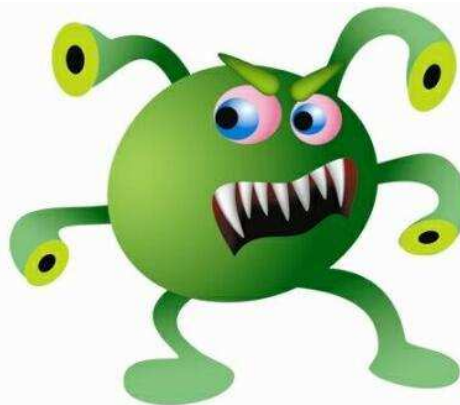


On this page we will keep you up-to-date with any ICT news from our school, and highlight any general ICT and e-Safety issues that may affect you or your child.

## REMINDER

ICT After School Club  
Every Tuesday 3pm  
Computing After School Club  
Every Wednesday 3pm

## Tips on computer viruses



Viruses can be very dangerous, destroying and changing data on computers, and like human viruses, they spread very quickly. It is therefore vital to prevent their entry into the school network and likewise your personal computers.

There can be no absolute guarantees about being able to avoid virus infection, but maintaining a good

defence on your computer will help to prevent them.

They often come in emails or pop-ups and they are likely to be passed on to your contacts and friends without you even realising it. Some affect the way your computer works while others are there to affect not only your time online but also those of your friends as you pass it on.

## Protecting your computer

**Install an antivirus program.** Installing an antivirus program and keeping it up to date can help defend your computer against viruses. New viruses appear daily, so set your antivirus software to install updates automatically.

**Don't open email attachments unless you're expecting them.** Many viruses are attached to email messages and will spread as soon as you open the email attachment. It's best not to open any attachment unless it's something you're expecting.

## Class Blog award

The Class Blogs are regularly updated and you can view your child's work on their class blog.

At the end of the Summer term, we will be presenting one class for the best Class Blog award. The winning class will receive a trophy and a hamper full of fun goodies.

## Other awards

There will also be other IT-related awards up for grabs. These will include the following:

**Best Commenter Award:** The student which comments and provides constructive feedback to other class blogs will win this award.

**Mathletics Champion:** To encourage children to challenge each other and improve their numeracy skills, this award will be presented to the person with the best score in Mathletics.

# Reminders from the office

## Collecting children

Children being collected late is still an on-going daily issue. Parents are reminded that school finishes at 3pm.



shoes or boots. The PE kit is, however, changing. For simplicity, the children should wear a white round necked t-shirt and dark blue or black shorts, with pumps or trainers.

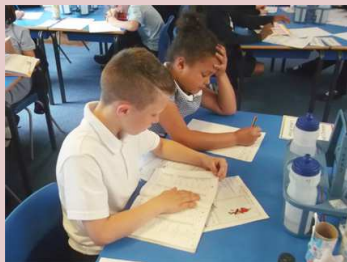
## Holidays during term time

## Uniform

Just a reminder ahead of September, that our uniform policy is unchanged. please make sure that your child is kitted out in full uniform with black

Polite reminder: holidays during term time are unauthorised. This has been the case nationally since September 2013, and we ask that parents and carers do not flout this law. It is important that your child is in school every day.

## Literacy Update



### Young Writers

KS1 and 2 are all entering the Young Writers Super-hero Stories competition- Great stories have already begun...Year 3 have even drawn their Superheroes!

### World Cup Project

World Cup Project - Lots of children have started...WELL DONE! There will be a certificate for ALL entries and great prize(s) for the winning project(s).



A sneak peek at the Bells Farm book which is almost ready

## The “Bells Farm 500”

The Governing body have set up an annual literacy prize for children in key stage 2. Children have been asked to write a story on a theme of their choice – the only thing which the Governors are looking for is a really good read! We have made a start in school and Year 6 have already produced some great entries. It would be lovely if you could also encourage your chil-

dren to have a go at home. The prize winner will be announced on the last day of term and will be the first to feature on our annual Roll of Honour.

## The Bells Farm Book

The Bells Farm Book of Discovery is almost ready for Publication! Mr Baddhan is finalising the front cover with Rob Bowden and we should have the book in school ready to buy soon after that! SO EXCITING!



# Fabulous Forest Schools

This term Year 2 and Year 5 have been taking part in Forest schools. They have been learning all about the "Inky Winky's" and the "Tatalars" (ask your children!) who live in our special forest. The children have been out in all weathers (rain or shine!!) to help look after our little people of the forest. Year 5 had great fun in the rain especially shaking very wet trees all over Mrs Johnson!! Hopefully the weather will be a little drier and a little kinder to

the children and the inhabitants of the forest. Forest Schools is a great chance for your child to get mucky, learn and look after their environment and have fun too! Well done to all the children and thank you for looking after the "Inky Winky's".



## Changes in Special Educational Needs (SEN)



The new code of practice for SEN will come into force in September – to keep parents updated of changes and to inform you of Birmingham and Bells Farm's 'Local offer' we will be constructing a new link on our website that will showcase all the latest information around SEN – nationally and locally. Please watch this space for more details.

## Year 5 tour Birmingham FC stadium



Year 5 had an amazing trip to Birmingham City Football Club. Our tour guide Rick showed us all around the stadium, inside and out.

He couldn't praise them enough for their excellent behaviour and

knowledge. Special well done to William who answered all the questions no one else could (he doesn't even support the Blues). Everyone also got a chance to hold the Carling Cup!

See more pictures on the Year 5 blog.



## Quad Kids

A group of children from Year 5 and 6 attended Quad Kids which consists of 600m run 75m sprint standing long jump and a throwing event

## Rounders match

A group of children from Year 5 and 6 attended a rounders match. Both the Quad Kids and this event were organised by Baverstock sports partnership and were held at Kings Norton Girls School.

## Year 4 win Cross Country challenge

Our Year 4 children competed and won in the Cross Country Challenge held at Bells Lane.

They beat competition from other local schools including The Oaks and Hollywood.

Well done to Levi, Josh, Samuel, Jacy, Rubi, A'limah, Morgan and Sophie.

## Swimming Gala

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children competed against four other schools in a swimming gala competition.

The event was held at King Edwards Camp Hill.

The children pushed themselves to the limit and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Well done to Danielle, Jacob, Harvey, Phoebe, Jervay, Connor, Mia and Shelby who all took part.



Year 5 and Year 6 children at the Quad Kids event



A victorious Year 4 class celebrate after winning the Cross Country challenge



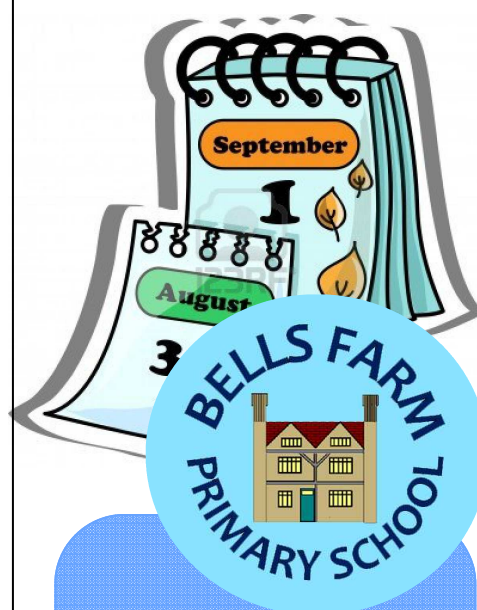
## Term Planner

Date	Events
	<b>Farm shop available for produce every Monday 3pm – 3.15pm Parent Volunteer to Y6,Y5 and Y4 for gardening every Tuesday afternoons</b>
<b>25th June</b>	Sports Day—9.30am
<b>26th June</b>	Loudmouth - puberty play for Y6
<b>30th June - 4th July</b>	Year 5 Bikeability
<b>1st July</b>	Year 6 West Midlands Safari Park trip
<b>7th - 8th July</b>	Reception Class Induction afternoon
<b>9th July</b>	Year 5 and Y6 to Symphony Hall
<b>11th July</b>	100% Attendance assembly
<b>16th July</b>	Y6 Leavers' disco
<b>18th July</b>	Leavers' assembly and Last day of school

**We break up on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Children return to school after the holiday on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

## After School Clubs

3.00pm- 4.00pm	
<b>Monday</b>	Athletics Year 3-6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Cookery – Year 3 ICT – Year 3-6 Art – Reception, Y1, Y2 Choir – Year 3-6 Gardening – Year 6
<b>Wednesday</b>	Multiskills – Year 1-3 Computing – Year 5-6 Gaelic – Year 3-6
<b>Thursday</b>	French Year 1-6 Art – Year 5-6
<b>Friday</b>	Tennis – Year 4-6



## Value Words

### This Term

June - Happiness

July - Hope