

THE BELHAM BUZZ

The Belham
Primary School



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Welcome back after the long Christmas break and a Happy New Year to you all! Not only is it a new term and a new year, but it is a new beginning for The Belham as the whole school is now under one roof. Staff have worked incredibly hard to make sure that the classrooms are organised and looking great, and that the curriculum continues to 'glitter'. It was wonderful to see the children back and their reviews of their new school have been very positive! Of course, the building work is not complete yet so we are still not fully operating as we will be in a few weeks' time. Once again, I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding while we settle into the building and establish new routines.

Some of you will be familiar with our Creative Reflection Time (CRT), which was devised by The Belham's Executive Head Teacher, Sonia Case. CRT is a five-minute burst of culture that the children can engage with as they enter the classroom in the morning. There is a different theme chosen each week based on a range of subjects, with past examples including the music of Beethoven, Renaissance painters, and British Science Week. This is shown as a PowerPoint presentation and can include text, pictures, music or videos. We are always looking to increase our bank of CRT presentations and would love our parents to contribute too. Please email any presentations to info@thebelhamprimaryschool.co.uk

Threadworms

A case of threadworms has been reported in school and I would urge you to carefully check your child(ren) for symptoms. Please follow the NHS link for more information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/> If a child has the threadworm infection, they do not have to miss school.

BELLENDEN ROAD GATE

When collecting children from Owls, and using the Bellenden Road gate, please could we remind parents to make sure that the gate is properly closed, pulling it shut for a couple of seconds to ensure that it is safely locked.

KEY DATES

Friday 12 January

Year 3 trip to Sydenham Woods – a packed lunch is required and parents will receive a separate email with full details

Monday 12 January

Reception Eye Screening

Monday 15 January

Clubs begin!

Friday 19 January

9.30 – 2.00pm, Year 3 trip to National Portrait Gallery, 'Making Faces' workshop. Packed lunch required.

TEMPORARY LUNCH MENU

The temporary lunch menu is attached to this email and can also be found on the school website.

TRIPS THIS HALF TERM

We have lots of exciting trips planned for this half term, and as ever we are so grateful for the parent volunteers that enable them to happen. If you can volunteer for any of the following trips please email the office:

Friday 12 January : 9.30 – 3.00pm, Y3 trip to Sydenham Woods to make Stoneage tools and shelters (separate email to follow to Y3 parents with full details)

Friday 19 January : 9.30 – 2.00pm, Y3 trip to National Portrait Gallery, 'Making Faces' workshop. Packed lunch required, no nuts.

Monday 22 January : 9.30 – 2.00pm, Linen to Tower Bridge Exhibition. Packed lunch required, no nuts.

Wednesday 24 January : 9.30 – 2.00pm, Cotton to Tower Bridge Exhibition. Packed lunch required, no nuts.

Monday 29 January: 9.15 – 3.15pm, Reception to the Tower of London. Packed lunch required, no nuts. Waterproofs required if it is wet.