

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Last Thursday, The Belham held its very first Music Concert, with all pupils (and some parents/staff) performing a song, playing an instrument, or taking part in the grand finale, 'The Dancer'. The children did brilliantly despite the hot, sticky weather and rather cramped venue. I would like to say a big thank you to Nancy Wayman, our Music Coordinator, who organised the whole event, Gennie Joy (Music teacher), Ben Duff (ukulele and guitar), Alison Swann (Dance Educates), and Rachel Hatton (recorder).

This is the first big whole school event that we have hosted in our main hall so thank you for your understanding that this was another 'first' for us and, as always, for your continued support. Videos from the concert will be available to view very soon on the school's YouTube channel.

Thank you for completing this year's 'Parent Questionnaire'. We had 45 responses from parents of all year groups across the school. Your feedback has been incredibly useful and I will be providing a summary of the main findings in the new academic year.

WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC

On the last day of term, Friday 20 July, the whole school will be going to Warwick Gardens at 11.30am for an end of year picnic. All children will need to bring in a packed lunch. Parents, carers and younger siblings are invited to come and join us (parents should bring food for themselves and family plus a picnic blanket!) Parents may take their child directly from the park after 1pm.

All other children will be walked back to school for collection at 1.15pm. PE kits etc. will be sent home the previous day. Should the weather be less than picnic friendly and we need to cancel, we will let parents know in advance. Please note there is no Afternoon Owls on this day.

KEY DATES

Friday 13 July

Year 2 and Year 3 to Alleyn's to watch Year 6 play. Packed lunch required

Friday 20 July

Last day of term and Whole School Picnic – please see below for full details. All children to be collected directly from the picnic at Warwick Gardens or from school at 1.15pm

NO AFTERNOON OWLS

COLLECTING OBJECTS FROM THE CRAZE

To any parents/carers who kindly donated artefacts and books to the CRAZE this term, please come and collect your objects from the Year 1 classrooms on the afternoon of Wednesday 18 July.

TAPESTRY

For all Reception parents: we will be closing Tapestry for submissions on Friday. Please watch out for information next week on how to download your child's Tapestry journal.

LOST PROPERTY

We will be laying out all of the lost property accumulated during the year in the main playground on Tuesday 17 July at pick up time. If you have lost any items please come along to find and collect them.

READING BOOKS

Please could we ask you to return your child's reading book to school by Thursday 19 July at the latest.

Creative reflection next week will be about:

CATS IN ART

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

Friends of
Belham



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FoB NEWS

Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who helped out with, and attended, the summer fair! It was a great success, in amazing weather, and we made a massive £2,508.09! The FoB roll call of thanks has a special shout-out for the following:

Meaby and Co Solicitors for their kind sponsorship;

Chris Newman for his beautiful horticultural donations (and all the many weeks of effort beforehand growing his plant collection);

Lucy Wallace for the spectacular bunting – all handmade by Lucy out of old Belham school uniform;

All the fantastic volunteer helpers, without whom we could not have put on the fair;

Michelle Hardy for her tireless organisation of the fair and of our lovely volunteers!

Winner of Guess the Marbles is also confirmed as Nancy Fry, with her guess of 295 marbles vs. an actual number of 301. Step forth, Nancy, (or parents/carers of), to collect your prize! Being all those marbles!

FoB Raised Monies

In the next issue of the Friends' Friendly, the last before the end of term, we will set out all the items that have been purchased by the school during this academic year using FoB raised monies (in full or in part) – and which, of course, have ultimately been raised through the generosity of Belham parents/carers and our local community, including many local businesses who have kindly donated prizes to support FoB events.

WHAT IS THE FRIENDS OF BELHAM?

The Friends of Belham (FoB) is The Belham Primary School's Parent-Teacher Association and is a registered charity (number 1168767). Our primary aim is to raise funds to provide additional equipment, projects, and activities for the benefit of children attending The Belham Primary School, in addition to arranging social events for pupils, parents/carers, and members of the wider local community to enjoy. We do this through organising and hosting fundraising events and activities. Our structure, activities, and what we may spend fundraising monies on is governed by the Parentkind PTA Constitution. The FoB committee is comprised entirely of Belham parent/carer volunteers and every class has named FoB representatives, all of whom are elected by the parent/carer group at our AGM. Every Belham parent/carer is automatically a member of FoB, however, and we always welcome ideas, suggestions, and comments from all parents/carers. We meet about once a month and please see the FoB page of the school's website for our meeting notes and list of the current committee and class representatives. Please feel free to contact us at the above email address.

UPCOMING FoB EVENTS

As we approach the end of term, FoB activities are winding down. However, there are a few items to note, along with some advance dates for your diaries:

Velodrome Session (CANCELLED)

The last session had been arranged for Sunday 15th July. However, due to the event organiser not being a footie fan, the clash with the World Cup Final was only spotted recently. As such, FoB have decided to **CANCEL** this session and those who had purchased tickets via Ticket Tailor will be refunded (we will do this for you, no action required, but please email the FoB address if you are not credited within 7 days). Look out for the next velodrome session in September.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

An advance note again of FoB's AGM, held usually in November, full details TBC at the moment. This is your chance to learn more about how the school spends FoB's fundraised monies and to get involved too! All parents/carers are automatically members of FoB so please make a note in your diaries and come along for what is a fun social night too.

? Quiz Night

Another highlight of the FoB events calendar is the FoB quiz night. Look out for more details of this awesome night, usually held at the Peckham Liberal Club in October.

Christmas Fair

It's NEVER too early to start talking about Christmas! FoB have pencilled in the Christmas Fair for 1st December 2018. Watch this space for further details next term.