

# THE BELHAM BUZZ



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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Here at the Belham, we are proud of our uniform and we are easily recognisable when we go on trips with our distinctive yellow shirts! Over the last few weeks, we have noticed a few non-uniform items creeping into some pupils' wardrobes and I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents what additional accessories children are allowed to wear.

If your child wears earrings, they should only wear studs, which will need to be covered up during PE. There's a possibility that hoops or dangly earrings may be accidentally pulled out during playtime. The only other jewellery that children are permitted to wear are watches (these will need to be removed for PE). Children with longer hair can wear bands to tie it back. Surprisingly, large and impractical hair accessories have been known to cause damage to children by poking them in the eye.

Parents/carers – could you also have a conversation with your children about what should be worn in the classroom? Our buildings are very warm so hats, scarves and gloves are definitely not needed inside! Small toys should be left at home as there are plenty of activities to entertain them in the playground.

For more information about uniform and the full uniform list, please see the 'Our Uniform' page on the website.

## COFFEE MORNING & SPELLING WORKSHOP

Liz Cohen will be hosting this month's coffee morning on Wednesday 22 November at 8.45am. Parents of children in all year groups are very welcome. Straight after the coffee morning, Charlotte Carter, our English Subject Leader, will be delivering a spelling workshop which will focus on practical ideas you can use to help your children learn their spellings. This will begin at 9.30 and run for approximately 45 minutes. Please email the office if you would like to attend the coffee morning and/or the workshop. Numbers for the workshop are limited so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The coffee morning beforehand has unlimited numbers! For those unable to attend the workshop, please be reassured that it will be repeated again at a future date.

## KEY DATES

### Friday 17 November

Children in Need Pyjama Day – children to come to school in pyjamas with a suggested donation of a pound for Children in Need

### Wednesday 22 November

Coffee morning and Spelling Workshop (see below)

## PICKING UP FROM OWLS

Please can we remind parents that children need to be collected from Afternoon Owls by 5.55pm at the very latest. Our staff need to leave promptly by 6pm and have their own families to get home to, so we appreciate your co-operation in collecting your children on time. Some children also become quite upset if they are the last child left in Owls and they have seen all the other children being collected. For full details of pick up procedures please see the Earlybirds and Owls Guide on our website: <http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/earlybirds-and-owls.html>

## TRIP VOLUNTEERS

If any parents are able to accompany the children on the following trips we would be very grateful if you could email the office.

### Thursday 30 November 9.30-2.30

Year 1 to Horniman Museum

### Tuesday 5 December 9.00- 12.30

Reception and Year 1 to see 'The Ugly Duckling' at the Albany Theatre

## CHRISTMAS DATES

A reminder of the dates for our 'Christmas fun afternoons'. All parents will be invited into the classrooms to join their children in festive craft activities and a Christmas singalong to get into the festive mood!

**Monday 11 December** : Year 2 and 3

**Tuesday 12 December** : Reception and Year 1

The FoB are also holding an after school Christmas disco for the children on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – more details to follow next week!

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## BUBBLE BABYSITTING APP

Some parents may remember that we sent an email out last year about 'Bubble' a babysitting app which was introduced to us by a Belham parent, Abbie Smith. As we enter the busy Christmas period we wanted to remind parents about this app – especially as £10 will now be donated to the FoB for every parent that signs up and books a sit with Bubble.

In a nutshell, Bubble was set up by parents – to help other Mums and Dads book the babysitters that their friends, family and communities love and trust.

- Choose, book and pay for your sitter in-app (no scabbling around for cash on your way home!).
- Read bio's and reviews for each of the ID and background checked sitters before selecting them.
- Immediately go to sitters that your friends (Facebook and phone contacts) or fellow school parents have used and recommended.

We already have a few Belham parents who are using the app which is great! You can download the app here <https://o4y5.app.link/7gMtxr9XMD> and when you use code CDFYH you will get £10 credit in your account. Once you've booked your first sit you will be raising funds for The Belham – win win! For any further info please contact [abbie@joinbubble.com](mailto:abbie@joinbubble.com).

## FINAL REMINDER : FoB BELHAM AGM

Every parent/carer is a member of Friends of Belham and they hope that you will join them at the AGM, tomorrow, Thursday 16 November at 8pm at the Peckham Liberal Club, 24 Elm Grove.

## CHRISTMAS TREES FROM FoB

Order your Christmas Trees from FoB and help raise money for the Belham. Last year we raised over £400 from selling pre-ordered trees to parents and carers. The school receives £10 for each tree sold, so please invite friends, family and neighbours to place an order. The quality Norwegian Spruce trees come in over 4 sizes, and are cheaper than local retailers and pubs.

Please see the order form attached to this email for full details.

All orders must be placed, with advance payment, by 10am on Friday 2nd December. Trees will be collected at the Christmas Grotto event on Sat 9th December, from the school's Garden beside The Latter Rain Outpouring Revival Church, on Copleston Road from 10 till 12pm.