

# THE BELHAM BUZZ

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

This week has seen Spring finally arrive – just as we return back to school! The children have had plenty of opportunities to enjoy the glorious weather but please be mindful that the sun is quite strong, even at this time of year. As the mini-heatwave looks set to continue until at least the weekend, could parents ensure that children come to school equipped with a hat and a (non-glass) bottle/container of water. It would be great if sun-cream could be applied before children set off in the morning. Sun-cream bottles brought to school have resulted in messy leaks which have meant that the inside of bags have been better protected against the sun than the children!

If you suspect that your child may have returned home missing a jumper or a sock or another item of clothing, do take a look in our lost property basket. On the subject of school uniform, I have noticed a few non-regulation items of clothing and accessories being worn, especially jewellery (non-stud earrings, bracelets, necklaces), elaborate hair accessories, and trainers that are not entirely black. While we would like our Belhamites to be practically dressed, they should still adhere to our uniform code and not wear items of jewellery that could potentially cause harm whilst they are playing. Details of our school uniform can be found on the

website:

<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/our-uniform.html>

## TALK 'JOBS' WITH RECEPTION

Reception will be learning about different types of jobs this term. If you are a nurse, doctor, work for the police or have any job that you would be willing to talk about with the children, please email the office. Equally, if you know anyone else who would be happy to take part, we would love to hear from them. The talks will be taking place w/c 14 May and w/c 21 May.

## COFFEE MORNING WITH MUSIC FOCUS

A reminder that tomorrow, parents are invited to pop into school after drop off for a coffee (or other beverage of your choice) and chat in the main hall. Our Music subject leader, Nancy Wayman, will then be hosting a Music workshop at approximately 9.15, which is for all parents, and not just those whose children learn a musical instrument!

## KEY DATES

### Thursday 19 April

Coffee morning and music workshop (see below)

### Friday 20 April

Reception to Crystal palace Dinosaurs (see below)

Year 2 trips to Dulwich Picture Gallery (see below)

Year 3 trip to Thames Explorers@Kew (see below)

## TRIPS ON FRIDAY 20 APRIL

### Reception trip to Crystal Palace Dinosaurs

All day trip, packed lunch required. **We still need one volunteer to accompany Silk class**

### Year 2 trip to Dulwich Picture Gallery

Packed lunch required. **We still need 2 volunteers to accompany Cotton class**

### Year 3 trip to Thames Explorers@Kew

Packed lunch required. **Volunteers still needed - please email the office if you are able to help**

## BELHAM AIR QUALITY GROUP

We are starting the new term with a big delivery of air-purifying plants to go in all classrooms and around the school in the coming weeks. This means we will need 8 small watering cans or jugs for the children to water their plants with. If anyone has spares at home, donations would be very gratefully received. Please email Harriet at the address below. If you'd like get plants for your own home, spider plants, Boston ferns and parlour palms are some of the varieties recommended for filtering pollution that are also safe for children. This site provides details of NASA's top air-filtering plants, but please note that some are toxic if eaten by pets or children, so do check before buying. [NASA Guide to Air-Filtering Houseplants](#)

If you'd like to get involved in the Air Quality Group or find out more contact [harriet\\_bailey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:harriet_bailey@yahoo.co.uk).



## THE BELHAM ART EXHIBITION

I am sure most of you have heard of the Dulwich Festival's Artists' Open House; well, this year we are very excited to announce that we have teamed up with the Dulwich Festival to include our school art exhibition in the Artists' Open House. The glossy brochures will soon hit local businesses and you will see a sneak peak of some of your children's excellent art that will be exhibited alongside professional artists. We have a number of local artists who will also be exhibiting at The Belham.



The grand opening of the exhibition will be on Saturday 12 May (11-5) and it will continue to run on Sunday 13, Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 May (11-4).

The Friends of Belham are looking for people who like to be surrounded by magnificent art and refreshing drinks. If you're able to help out on the refreshments stall on any day of the festival (12 & 13 May, 19 & 20 May), at a time that would work for you, please contact Pat Murray at [patrickjamesmurray@gmail.com](mailto:patrickjamesmurray@gmail.com)

## HOUSE NAMES

We are pleased to announce that our new house names have been chosen. Each of the four houses will be named after local rivers:

Effra

Falconbrook

Peck

Ravensbourne

Well done to Sophie Bailey in Felt class for coming up with the winning entry!

## UPCOMING FoB EVENTS

We still have 9 places left for Herne Hill Velodrome session this Saturday (21 April) on the inner track from 4pm to 5pm. The forecast for Saturday is sunny and we've always had a fabulous time there. The session is also open to children who are friends or family of anyone at the Belham - it would be great to fill the places so that we don't have to run the session at a loss. This session is for children who can ride without stabilizers, and who can start and stop on their own. The velodrome has Frog bikes available for hire if required. You can buy tickets at ( £3.60 per child ) at <http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/157538>

Please contact Pat Murray at [patrickjamesmurray@gmail.com](mailto:patrickjamesmurray@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

A couple of save the dates:

- **Weekend of Saturday 23 June.** The Friends of Belham are planning an overnight camp at the Fort Dulwich with space for 50 families. £5 per person for overnight camping, £2 for a day ticket. All years welcome.
- **Saturday 7 July from 11am to 3pm.** We're returning to Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground for this year's summer fair following the success of our first summer fair last year.