

THE BELHAM BUZZ



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I'm sure many of you, like me, remember a time when there was no Internet. How did we cope?! Now, it is an important part of people's daily routine - from scrolling through news feeds on social media, to ordering the weekly shop or catching up with your favourite show. Of course, the Internet is used at school to support your child's learning and it is a fantastic educational tool. There are a huge number of websites designed to engage and teach children about a variety of topics. Our Year 2 and 3 children have recently started using Mathletics, an online learning experience where children can practise their Maths skills by taking part in interactive games and even competing against children on the other side of the world! Your children have their own login details so can continue to practise their Maths at home. Another interesting website you and your child might want to check out can be found at this address: www.thekidshouldseethis.com This website is jam packed with 'smart videos for the curious child'. I particularly enjoyed the video that showed penguins launching themselves out of the sea at high speed!

THE GARDEN

After heavy rain at the weekend, our garden in Copleston Road has been particularly muddy so not all classes have had the chance to go there this week. Children should still bring their wellies in every day as we will check the conditions on a daily basis and, as even in better weather, shoes rarely remain clean!

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place next Friday 26 January and then Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 the following week. It will be open for children and parents to browse and buy books from 3.30 – 4.00pm each day in the Felt classroom. Each purchase helps to raise money for the school – last year the sales from the Book Fair enabled us to buy an amazing range of books for the Belham so please come along!

KEY DATES

Friday 19 January

9.30 – 2.30pm, Year 3 trip to National Portrait Gallery, 'Making Faces' workshop. Packed lunch required.

Monday 22 January

Linen to Tower Bridge Exhibition. Packed lunch required

Wednesday 24 January

Cotton to Tower Bridge Exhibition. Packed lunch required

BUILDING UPDATE

From 29 January (fingers crossed!), the school will have use of the whole playground, the main hall and kitchen, and the school office. This will have an impact on several routines that have been established this term, including school lunches and Early Birds/Owls arrangements. We will send an email in due course to parents/carers detailing the changes.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

The usual days for instrumental lessons are as follows, and timetables will be on the website from tomorrow:

Wednesday : guitar and ukulele

Thursday & Friday: recorder (usually but not always Year 2 on Thursday and Year 3 on Friday)

Friday : violin

TRIP VOLUNTEERS

If any parents can volunteer for any of the following trips we would be so grateful; please email the office:

Monday 22 January : 9.30 – 2.30pm, Linen to Tower Bridge Exhibition

Wednesday 24 January : 9.30 – 2.00pm, Cotton to Tower Bridge Exhibition.

Monday 29 January: 9.15 – 3.15pm, Reception to the Tower of London.

'CREATIVE REFLECTION' TIME

Next week's creative reflection time will be about:

TALL BUILDINGS