

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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Primary School



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HEAD TEACHER'S NOTE

As a school we take Safeguarding very seriously; it is a standing item at all our meetings (from governor meetings to weekly staff team meetings), and pertinent information is shared on a need to know basis. We are required to undertake whole school Safeguarding training every 3 years (with Safeguarding leads receiving more specific training every 2 years). In addition to what we are required to do, and because of our commitment to safeguarding the pupils in the school, we also undertake whole school training every year in September; this training is shared with our school governors. Our focus in September 2016 was the government document *Keeping Children Safe in Education, May 2016 (guidance to commence 5 September 2016)*. All school staff participated in a number of discussion groups focussing on changes to policy in this document. One of the discussion groups looked at how we ensure safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility in our school. In terms of advice and support for our whole school community, the [NSPCC website](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) is incredibly informative and helpful. This is taken from their site:

Regardless of how you know the child, if you see or hear something that worries you it's always good to trust your instinct and talk to somebody about it. You might be the only one who acts. Contact the NSPCC helpline where you can discuss your concerns with a helpline counsellor. You don't need to say who you are but you can talk about your worries and a helpline counsellor can advise what they think should happen next. If we decide a child may be at risk or in need of additional support, the helpline counsellor will ask for the child's details. You can decide if you are willing to provide this information so that they can act on your behalf by sharing the information with

the appropriate agency such as children's services (also known as social services or children's social care).

If you have a Safeguarding concern please contact myself, Alison Sprakes or Sharon Baxendale, or contact (and take advice from) one of the organisations below:

Southwark Children's Services Duty Social Worker:
020 7525 1921 / Out of hours: 020 7525 5000
NSPCC Child Protection Helpline: 0808 800 500

KEY DATES

Thursday 2 February

Poplin visit Elim House for Bring Me Sunshine session

Friday 3 February

Cotton class visit Peckham Library
Reception parents mindfulness session, 2pm F/Chapel

Monday 6 February

Poplin to Royal Festival Hall, South Bank
packed lunch required

Tuesday 7 / Wednesday 8 / Thursday 9 February

Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 8 February

Reception Chinese dance workshop

Thursday 9 February

Poplin visit Elim House for Bring Me Sunshine session

Friday 10 February

Last day of term – pick up normal time
Wool class visit Peckham Library
Friends of Belham cake sale at Thomas Calton

Monday 20 February

Back to school

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day at the Belham on **Friday 3 March**. On this day, children (and staff!) are encouraged to dress up as their favourite well-known book character. We also encourage children to bring in the book which their character belongs to. There will be many book-themed activities taking place during the day; more details to come after the half term holiday.

HANDWRITING

At Parents' Evenings we will be making available a handwriting information sheet for parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children. The sheet will detail the scheme the school uses, which was developed by Wendy Goldup of the Dyslexia Institute. The scheme encourages a cursive handwriting style and aids spelling by ensuring the pen doesn't leave the page.

MATHS PRACTICE WORKBOOKS

A reminder that Collins Practice Maths Workbooks will be available for parents to purchase at Parents' Evenings at a cost of £3.00 (cash only please). There is no obligation to buy but we hope parents will find the resource useful.

MORGAN SINDALL MAJOR MILESTONES PROGRAMME

Our building contractor has provided the below programme delivery dates for our school's major milestones:

Commencement of new build steel frame erection	7 March 2017
Completion of new build steel frame erection	18 April 2017
Completion of new build structure	30 May 2017
Completion of steel framing system external wall	19 June 2017
New build weathertight	24 July 2017
Completion of ground floor internal wall	21 August 2017
Completion of first and second floor internal walls	22 September 2017
Completion of ground, first and second floor finishes	30 October 2017
Completion of new build internal fit-out works	21 November 2017
Completion of new build snagging, final testing and handover	18 December 2017

RECEPTION VISIT MUSEUM OF LONDON

Reception classes will be visiting the Museum of London Docklands on **Tuesday 21 February** for 'Dig It!', an interactive session using storytelling and hands-on archaeology to investigate the history of the Docklands.

Wool class will return to school in time for normal pick-up but please note that **Felt class will not return to school until 3.30pm**. Children in both classes will need to bring a packed lunch.

We are looking for 5 parent volunteers to accompany each class; please email the school office if you are able to help.

YEAR 1 VISIT MUSEUM OF LONDON

Year 1 will be visiting the Museum of London on **Friday 24 February** for the 'Fire! Fire!' exhibition and workshop, exploring the Great Fire of 1666. This is an all day trip and children will need to bring a packed lunch.

We are looking for parent volunteers to accompany the children; please email the school office if you are able to help.