

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEAD TEACHER'S NOTE

We hope many of you are planning to come along to the one of the two meetings organised to discuss the impact of the Government's proposed Schools National Funding Formula. On **Wednesday 8 March** I will be attending the meeting at Dulwich Hamlet Junior School at 7.30pm along with Helen Hayes MP and Leader of the Council Peter John. On **Thursday 9 March** there is a further meeting at John Donne School at 7pm at which Harriet Harman MP and Cllr Victoria Mills will be speaking.

Parents can share and support the parent-led campaign via the following websites:

fairfundingforallschools.org

southwarkfairfunding.wordpress.com

facebook.com/SPACEFairFund

twitter.com/SPACE_FairFund

FRIENDS OF BELHAM EASTER EGG HUNT

On **Saturday 8 April** Friends of Belham are holding an Easter Egg Hunt at [Lettsom Gardens](#), SE5. The event is open to the whole school. Please enter by the Grove Park entrance at 10.30am for a 10.45am start. Prizes will be given for the most number of eggs collected! We hope lots of you will be able to make it along to this fun family event.

PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

Please could any changes to your child's usual pick up arrangement be sent by email to the school office. Changes that are communicated verbally at busy morning drop-off cannot always be recalled at the end of the day. Many thanks.

KEY DATES

Friday 3 March

World Book Day – children come to school dressed as a favourite book character

Monday 6 March

Year 1 Great Fire of London workshop at BFI Southbank ***packed lunch needed***

Tuesday 7 March

Wool class visit Crystal Palace Park dinosaurs ***packed lunch needed***

Wednesday 8 March

Felt class visit Crystal Palace Park dinosaurs ***packed lunch needed***

National Funding Formula meeting, [Dulwich Hamlet Junior School](#), 7.30pm

Thursday 9 March

National Funding Formula meeting, [John Donne School](#), 7.00pm

CLERK TO THE GOVERNORS NEEDED

The Belham Governing Body is seeking to appoint a Clerk to advise on governance, constitution and procedure and provide administrative support and information management. The Governors currently meet four times a year and the appointed Clerk would be required to attend each meeting, producing accurate and concise minutes and drafting and circulating associated paperwork. There is the potential for the role to increase to include clerking duties for other Dulwich Hamlet Educational Trust committees. Interested? Please see the [Jobs page](#) of the school website for full details and job pack documents.

DULWICH HAMLET ENRICHMENT

Each year Dulwich Hamlet Junior School runs an Enrichment Programme in the summer term. Enrichment sessions run on Friday afternoons with a variety of activities available for the children to choose from. Children select one activity to follow for the entire programme; in previous years these have included animation, archaeology, cricket, knitting and gardening – anything goes!

Activities are led by teachers, teaching assistants and parent volunteers, and we thought this year would be a good opportunity to involve our Belham parents - it could be a great way to test out an idea for an after school club. Clubs will start at the Belham following our move to the permanent site and we'd love our parents to be involved, sharing their expertise and enthusiasms – some of you we know have already expressed an interest.

Sessions are run in small groups of no more than 8 children (from years 3 to 6) and could involve the children working on an ongoing project over the programme or simply enjoying learning a new sport.

Parents would need to commit to the following dates and be available at Dulwich Hamlet Junior School between 1 and 3pm on each date:

Friday 9 June

Friday 16 June

Friday 23 June

Friday 30 June

Please let the school office know if you are interested in taking part.