

THE BELHAM BUZZ



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I would like to extend a warm 'welcome back' to pupils and parents for what will be the last term before we move into our new school building. Of course, like every other term, classes will be out, about and everywhere, with trips planned to visit the Horniman Museum, the Unicorn Theatre, and the Wildlife Garden just to name a few! Please look out for emails and keep an eye on the 'key dates' section of the Belham Buzz, so that you know exactly what is coming up.

Just before the half term holiday, you may have noticed that your children were coming home at the end of the week, proudly displaying a 'Ready to Learn!' sparkly sticker. This is part of our new whole school behaviour reward system. Each class has a chart displayed somewhere in the classroom, which has been divided into three sections: 'Ready to Learn', 'Stop and Think', and 'Reflection Time'. Children are aiming to always have their name on the 'Ready to Learn' section of the chart as fantastic behaviour leads to fantastic learning in the classroom! At the end of the week, children will be presented with a sticker if they have ended every day that week on 'Ready to Learn'. One child will then be nominated by their teacher to receive a special 'Brilliant Belhamite' certificate in assembly. If there are instances where children are not behaving appropriately during lesson time, they are reminded what good learning behaviour looks like, often by using another child as a positive example. However, if behaviour doesn't improve, they may need time to 'Stop and Think' about what steps they need to take to improve their own behaviour. 'Reflection Time' will only take place if children need further time to reflect and discuss their behavioural choices with their teacher. We are encouraging children to think about what good learning behaviour looks like and how this links to our Belham values. It would be wonderful if this could be reinforced at home and you could have that conversation with your children too.

Y1 TRIP - CENTRE FOR WILDLIFE GARDENING

Year 1 will now be visiting the Centre for Wildlife Gardening on Monday 13 November, not Monday 6 November as previously mentioned. The Wool trip is from 9.30-11.30am; Felt from 1.00-3.00pm. If any parents are able to accompany the children please email the school office.

KEY DATES

Friday 3 November

Year 3 trip to Unicorn Theatre (packed lunch required)

Wednesday 8 November

Dulwich Hamlet trumpet players visiting children at the Thomas Calton

Mathletics training for parents, 3.30pm (please see below)

Friday 10 November

Assembly for years 2 and 3, introducing the guitar, violin and ukelele

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

MATHLETICS TRAINING FOR PARENTS

Year 2 and Year 3 parents are invited to a short (20 minute) information session on Mathletics at the main site on Wednesday 8 November, starting at 3.30 pm. Mathletics is an online learning tool which children can access at home and at school and will be used at The Belham from this year. If you are interested but are unable to attend, notes will be available from your teachers.

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STEAM MEETING

The next STEAM meeting will be held on Monday 6 November in the back room of the Victoria Inn and will be mainly focused on deciding on the fun for next term and beyond. Please email chris.newman@parityprojects.com if you would like to be added to the STEAM google group.

FRIENDS OF BELHAM AGM

Every parent/carer is a member of Friends of Belham and they hope that you will join them at the AGM on Thursday 16 November at 8pm at the Peckham Liberal Club, 24 Elm Grove SE15 5DE. They aim to keep the formal part short so that time can be spent on fun discussion. You will be able to find out what FoB has been doing in the last year and help to plan future social activities, fundraising events and other ways of supporting the children. You can also find out how you can help as a class representative or volunteer if you so wish. FoB also need you there to elect those who run FoB for you: chair; vice chair; secretary; treasurer and 4 other committee members representing the 4 year groups. Nominations for the committee should be sent to friendsofbelham@gmail.com by 15 November.