

THE BELHAM BUZZ

The Belham
Primary School



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

We are fast approaching the end of term and as is usually the case in the final weeks of the academic year, a lot is going on. Please take the time to look at our key dates and check email communications so that you do not miss any important events.

In the last few weeks before the summer holidays, schools typically start to focus on the future and look at arrangements for the coming year. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to two of our teachers who are both looking to expand their horizons: Charlotte Carter and Chris Finney. Charlotte has worked in Year 2 for the past two years and has done a fabulous job leading the subject of English. She has accepted a job at a primary school in North-West London and hopes to continue her post-graduate studies at some point. Chris Finney will be saying goodbye to us after a successful two years in Year 1 and joining a school in South-East London where he will be co-leading English. We wish both Charlotte and Chris the very best in their future careers.

I am pleased to announce that we have some fantastic new additions to our teaching staff who will be joining us in September. I will be introducing new teachers Emily Downing, Katie Mander, Maddy Tee and Anna Cagney properly in next week's Belham Buzz. Also joining us will be Emma Chan, who previously worked at Dulwich Hamlet, and Zoe Ansah, our new School Direct student. We are very excited about expanding the Belham team and look forward to welcoming all of our new members of staff.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day this year will take place on Friday 29 June at Warwick Gardens and all parents are invited to watch. It will start at 1.10pm and finish at approximately 3pm. All children will need to come in to school wearing a T-shirt in their house colour in addition to navy shorts or jogging bottoms. They should bring in a sun hat if it is warm. We will provide children with water and light refreshments and there will also be refreshments on sale for parents.

There will also be parent races so please come dressed ready to race!

If any parent has a transit van that we could use to set up for sports day we would be extremely grateful – please contact the office.

Creative reflection next week will be about:

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE

KEY DATES

Friday 22 June

Year 2 to Florence Nightingale Museum (with packed lunch)

Thursday 28 June

Parent Workshop, 7.00pm 'Nurturing Sibling Harmony. Please email the office to book a place

Friday 29 June

Sports Day in Warwick Gardens. Put the date in your diaries and please see details below

Thursday 5 July, 6.00pm

Summer Concert

YEAR 1 TRIPS

Tuesday 3 July : The South London Gallery

Wool class from 9.00 – 12.00pm

Felt class from 11.00 to 3.00pm. A packed lunch is required for Felt Class only. Please let us know if you can help.

Friday 6 July : Science workshop at The Charter School, East Dulwich, 1.30 - 3.30. Half of Wool Class and half of Felt Class (names out of a hat) will attend this workshop. We will contact parents to let you know if your child is attending.

THE BELHAM AS A COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Orley Quick is a local dance artist with a special interest in sharing the joy of dancing and the unlocking of personal creative boundaries with people from all sorts of walks of lives and experiences. She enjoys teaching, performing, choreographing and directing in a range of contexts and is very interested in how relationship exchanges in all of these areas can build self-understanding, confidence and purpose for everyone involved.

Orley's primary work, although not exclusive to, is within the styles of contemporary dance and improvisation. She creates dance pieces for a range of events and enjoys working with both professional dancers and those new to dance in equal measure.

Orley is keen to start adult movement sessions at the school from September. The goal is to tailor the focus and structure of these classes to the needs and interests of those in the local area. Therefore, we invite you to attend a focus group, whether you are brand new to dance, terrified of dance, love dance, want to discover something new about yourself, learn or revisit a skill.

This focus group, held at the school, will enable Orley to understand how to devise the classes to suit your personal needs. Please can you email Orley direct orley.quick@gmail.com stating which date is preferable: Friday 29 June at 9.30 to 10.30 or Monday 2 July 2.15 -3.15pm

FoB THANKS

Movie nights

Our first two FoB Movie nights were a great success and we hope all the children enjoyed themselves.

Big thanks to Kat for organising the event and to Thelma, Miriam, El, Sally, Ginnie, Kirsten, Sarah, Karen, and Cassie who helped on the nights.

Summer Fair 'Win a Jar' stall

Thanks, you to everyone that bought in glass jars and the bits to go in them. We have managed to fill 150 jars. Please don't bring in anymore as we know have plenty for the stall.

FoB REUSABLE DRINK BOTTLES

We are so pleased to be selling Belham reusable spun aluminium drinking bottles in two colours, blue and red. The bottles are branded with the Belham logo and a white rectangle underneath where children can write their names/ personalize. They also have a clip that means they can be clipped to your child's school bag (hand free...)



We have a small quantity of 100 to see how popular they are. Price of each bottle is £5 should they be popular we will order some more. The first batch will be on sale at the camping weekend and then at the school fair.

FoB REQUESTS AND VOLUNTEERS

FoB Summer Fair – 7 July

Donations of **Good condition toys, second hand Uniform, teddy Bears** can be dropped off on Monday 25 June & Monday 2 July. Please bring to main playground at drop off and leave on the left-hand side of the main gate.

FoB Summer Fair – 7 July

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered so far. We are still looking for further volunteers for 1 hour shifts for clear away and all the stalls.

Shift times are: shift 2: 12pm-1pm, shift 3: 1pm-2pm, shift 4: 2pm-3pm, clear up: 3pm-4pm.

Please send an email to Michelle on michellehardy1975@gmail.com if you can help in any way on any of the above.

FoB EVENTS

FoB Camping Weekend – THIS WEEKEND!

FoB are excited to see some of you for the inaugural Belham camping trip this weekend - please be sure to check your email for details that were sent two weeks back. Importantly, you'll need to bring cash for the bar and the hot dog stand; but you don't need to bring your ticket.

FoB Summer Fair – 7 July 11am – 3pm

The summer fair is fast approaching and we are very excited to be hosting it again this year at Dog Kennel Hill Adventure Playground.

There will be lots of great stalls including Golden Ticket, Face painting, Win a jar, Lucky dip, Fair games, Toys and second hand uniform, Teddy Bear Tombola and lots of yummy food and drinks. Music by Champion Hillbillies!

FoB Yoga – TBC July 7:30pm – 9pm

In conjunction with Harriet Bailey FoB are hosting a relaxing summer evening taster yoga class at the school. The class is open to those who already practice and a comfortable place to start for those wanting to get (back) into yoga.

Time: 7.30pm start, arrive 10 minutes before to gather and come in together.

Capacity: 16 people

Duration: 1 hour 30 minute class

Cost: £10 a head for a taster session

The date is not confirmed but please watch this space.

FoB Velodrome Session - Sunday 15 July

We have arranged a last Velodrome session for the year on Sunday 15 July for 30 children on the inner track from 4pm to 5pm. This 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. Tickets are £3.60 per child, and are on sale now at <http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/176312>