

THE BELHAM BUZZ

The Belham
Primary School



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

As always, it has been a very busy week at the Belham! Year 3 enjoyed their visit to Butser Farm on Monday, lots of sporting activities have taken place before, during and after school for Sports Relief, and Reception welcomed some very special, fluffy visitors into the classroom – newly hatched chicks! All of these wonderful activities taking place in and out of the classroom are examples of how the Belham adds 'glitter' to our enriched curriculum. However, this isn't possible without your support. At the start of the school year, we ask parents to contribute to the School Fund. Your generous, voluntary contributions mean that we are able to provide many activities which complement and enhance the children's learning in school, and almost exclusively cover the cost of school trips, workshops, special visitors and memorable experiences, such as your children watching chicks hatch and then having the opportunity to hold them in their hands! Please see the attached letter for more details on how to contribute to the School Fund.

SPRING RISING : SATURDAY 24 MARCH

The STEAM club children have made some lanterns for the Spring Rising parade on Saturday. We encourage you and your children to come along and join in.

The procession will gather at 5.45pm at Albrighton Community Centre, SE22 8AH (just off Dog Kennel Hill) and then set off at 6.15pm. The carnival will wind its way through the streets to Goose Green arriving at 7pm for a finale moment in the illuminated gardens. The gardens will then stay open for the public to enjoy until 9pm.

Make your way to the area that has the Belham Primary School label when arriving at Albrighton Community Centre.

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

WONDERS OF THE WORLD

KEY DATES

Monday 26 March

Year 2 Circus workshops

Thursday 29 March

Year 2 and 3 Air Quality Workshops (please see next page)

End of term at normal time!

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

It's that time of year again when we are all looking forward to the school holidays. However, we would like to remind parents that children should not be taken out of school during term time to go on holiday unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please see the attached guidance, which follows guidelines from Department for Education.

STEAM VOLUNTEERS

Next term we are planning a space theme to last the whole term with activities from water filtering, through planet making, space suit making, to a rocket launch. We've got volunteer leads to organise each week but really need some more spare hands – no experience necessary at all. In fact the children are encouraged to see failed attempts as important as successes, so little experience is encouraged. Please contact chris.newman@parityprojects.com if you can spare 3.15pm to 4pm either every Monday or every other Monday.

EARLYBIRDS AND OWLS : SUMMER TERM

All booking forms for the summer term should be sent in by Friday 23 March. Confirmations of sessions booked and the amount owed will go out via email next week.

Please note that payment needs to be made via Parentpay or vouchers **by the date of your child's first session**. Whilst most parents are very prompt in making payment, we are still having to chase payments even now for sessions earlier this term, which is very time consuming.

If you are unable to make full payment upfront please email info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk marking your email for the attention of Claire Connor.



SCRAP FABRIC

We are collecting scrap fabric for various art projects in the school. If you have any old fabrics of any variety that you would like to donate, there is a collection bin in the area by the reception front desk.

LITTLE VILLAGE EAST DULWICH

A team of local parents and volunteers are launching Little Village in Southwark, where there are over 8,000 children under 5 living in poverty - that's more than 1 in 3 in the borough. This is a problem we can do something about and we need your help to make that happen!

Little Village collects good quality donations of clothes and kit for babies and children up to the age of 5 from local families and gets these out to other families in the area who need them but can't afford to buy them, via friendly weekly drop-in sessions. We want to make it as easy as possible for families to support each other in a way that's social, sustainable and local. All our donations of clothes and kit are gifts from one family to another, and not hand-outs.

Before we can get up and running and start accepting donations we need to do some building work to our premises. Please support our crowdfunder and help us launch in SE15. Thanks to a number of local businesses, we have some fab rewards up for grabs, from coffee and meals out to bike services, beer and books! Find out more and pledge here:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/little-village-southwark/>

UPCOMING FoB EVENTS

School Disco

Thank you to everyone who helped with and attended last Friday's school disco sessions!

Our children's boogie-ing raised an amazing £329.71! This is a great amount for the school via FoB! Thank you! Watch this space for next term's crazeee session!

The FoB Easter egg hunt - Saturday 24 March

This will take place from 10.30am, at Lettsom Gardens (arrive Grove Park side SE5). Cost is £3.50 per child. As part of FoB's commitment to more ethical resources, fair trade chocolate eggs will be used in the hunt!

Please bring your own pencils to fill out the forms.

FoB Brick Brewery Tour – Wednesday 28 March

The 8.00pm tour is now sold out. 3 tickets are still available for the first tour at 7.00pm:

<http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/150295>

BELHAM AIR QUALITY GROUP

Next week a theatre group will be coming into school to run a workshop with children in Years 2 and 3 (these are currently only aimed at older years). These fun and interactive sessions will get children thinking about how they can get active and lower pollution themselves, eg by walking to school. Hopefully they will be able to tell you something about it!

Tip of the week: If you drive to school, why not try out 'park and stride' this week – park a few streets away and walk the last bit. This helps keep the roads around the school clearer and safer, and gets children into the habit of being active. This video explains more about the idea: [Introducing Living Streets' WOW - our year-round walking challenge](#)

If you'd like to get involved with the Air Quality Group or find out more, contact harriet_bailey@yahoo.co.uk.