

THE BELHAM BUZZ



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all after the half term break. I hope that parents/carers and children are feeling suitably refreshed and ready for the term ahead. The deadline for the house name competition was yesterday and I would like to thank those who sent in their ideas for our new house system. Suggestions were varied, ranging from local landmarks, to planets, to teenage pop stars! We will, of course, only be going in 'One Direction', but all will be taken into serious consideration and soon the Belham will reveal which house names we think will best represent our school.

As those who drop off and collect their children from school will have seen, we now have use of our entire playground. Children have relished the extra space, as have the adults! Once we have access to the upper deck, which will be used as an additional play area, there will be even more focused activities to engage the children during lunchtime play for which we will be purchasing more equipment. Any unwanted games suitable for outdoors, building blocks or Lego donations from you would be gratefully accepted.

RECEPTION : FAIRY TALE BALL

All Reception parents are invited to the Fairy Tale Ball, which will be taking place from 2-3pm on Friday 2 March. Please email the office if you would like to come.

COFFEE MORNING

The next scheduled coffee morning will take place on Tuesday 27 February from 9am. Joining us from 9:30 will be Lorraine Thomas, parent coach and children's learning coach at The Belham, who will be facilitating conversation around the topic of parenting. Lorraine's particular area of interest and expertise is centred around the topic of raising resilient children and she has written a number of books on the topic. You can find out more about Lorraine [here](#). Parents/carers do not have to book in advance for the coffee morning; however, please email the office at info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk if you are interested in joining the informal chat hosted by Lorraine Thomas which will take place from approximately 9:30 – 10:30am.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 28 February

Parents' Evening

Thursday 1 March

World Book Day – please see below for details of all the events

Parents' Evening

Friday 2 March

Reception Fairy Tale Ball – please see below for details

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 1 March is World Book Day. Each year group has chosen a theme for fancy dress that is linked to their topic:

Reception - Fairy tale characters

Year 1 - Kings, Queens and Royalty

Year 2 - The Circus

Year 3 - Children in Literature e.g. Pippi Longstocking, Horrid Henry

(Please note that none of the above include superheroes!)

There is a suggested donation of £1 which will go towards a new reading area in the school.

As part of the day, there will also be a Book Swap – children can bring in a book they no longer want to keep, and swap it for a new book. A great way to teach children to reuse and recycle.

Children will also be given a reading challenge checklist to take home on the day. We would love it if you could photograph your child completing the challenges and we will create a display of all the photos (please hand in photos to any member of staff).

Finally we would like to invite all parents to a Reading Breakfast between 8.15 - 8.45am - a lovely way to start the day, reading with your child over a tea or coffee. This will take place in the Dance Hall – numbers are limited so please email ccarter50.210@lgflmail.org if you would like to come. (only one parent per child please). Then just bring along your favourite book!

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

POP ART

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DRESSING UP CLOTHES

Our dressing up boxes are looking a little bare – if you have any spare clothes or accessories that the children can use for dressing up we would be very grateful.

FRIENDS OF BELHAM : SAVE THE DATE

Please save the date for the FoB Easter Hunt on Saturday 24 March. More details to come very soon!