

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

On Monday, Ben Duff and Nancy Wayman took a group of ukulele players to Sainsbury's, not for the purpose of picking up a few groceries, but to busk and entertain the public. They also managed to raise over £100 for charity! All of our ukulele players should feel very proud of themselves: we had lovely feedback from parents, the general public and Sainsbury's, who have invited us back to perform before Christmas.



As we begin the new academic year, your children will have already started going on trips and may have even taken part in school-based workshops as part of their curriculum topic. Each year, we ask parents to kindly contribute £25 per term so that teachers can organise these exciting activities to support your child's learning. More details about voluntary contributions, including how to pay, will be sent to parents next week.

An important reminder to Key Stage 2 children: School Council elections will take place next week. Please have speeches ready by Monday if you would like to be a representative for your class. Good luck!

CURRENT AFFAIRS PROJECT

This term we are launching a new Key Stage Two Termly Current Affairs Project. Entries must be handwritten and no larger than A4- please see the attachment with this week's Buzz for more details. Entries should be handed in to the office by 8 December.

LOCAL HEROES

We are on the hunt for local heroes (ideally famous or well know people from the area) as inspiration to make a set of plaques in the lane. We would love parents to suggest any local (Peckham or south London) people of interest from all walks of life and all backgrounds. Please email info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk with your ideas.

KEY DATES

Monday 30 September

Year 3 Portrait workshop (in school, no packed lunch needed)

Thursday 3 October

Silk and Velvet trip to Tower Bridge : packed lunch required

Monday 7 October

Year 4 cinema trip – no packed lunch needed

Wednesday 9 October

Sibling photos at the Belham! More information to follow

PARENTS' EVENINGS : ADVANCED WARNING

Parents' Evenings this term will take place on Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 October.

Bookings will be taken through Schools Buddy, parents will be notified in advance about how the booking system works and when it will open.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Richard of Balf's Bikes who came in this week to complete free safety checks on our children's bikes. Despite the wet weather he managed to check around 60 bikes and ensure that they were road-worthy. Do pop in to his shop on East Dulwich road and say thanks. <https://balfsbikes.co.uk/our-stores/east-dulwich/>

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT THE BELHAM

We are looking for a passionate chef, foodie or amazing cook to join our brilliant kitchen team at the Belham. Ideally working up to 30 hours per week during school term time you would join an established team who deliver great home cooked food to the children everyday. Have a think and contact Principals catering if you either want to do it yourself or know of anyone.'

Email Pete on peter.mckenna@chandcogroup.com

Main Committee Members: Patrick Murray, Michelle Hardy, Richard Knowles

Contact Email: friendsofbelham@gmail.com

FoB NEWS

Parent Year Reps

Each class within the school will have ideally 2 class representatives. Please see the FoB page on the school's website for details of your class representative. The class representatives are the first point of contact for any fundraising ideas or questions. Class representatives do not act as parent-teacher liaisons regarding child, school or teaching matters.

We are looking for:

Reception: 1 from Wool and 1 from Felt

Year 2: 1 from Silk and 1 from Velvet

Year 3: 1 from Corduroy

Year 4: 1 from Taffeta

Year 5: 1 from Denim

If you would like to become a class representative/ know more about it, please contact:

michellehardy1975@gmail.com or

patrickjamesmurray@googlemail.com

Annual General Meeting and parent social - Wednesday 6th November at the school

This year we are going to combine our AGM with a parent social.

The first half of the evening will be the FoB committee presenting our activities and monies raised over the previous year and what purchases or contributions we have made on behalf of the school. The second half will be the opportunity to chat with other parents and us with a bar!

FoB Committee

Michelle, Pat & Rich will be stepping down from the FoB main committee in November.

We have been in the positions for two years as main committee members. As with the previous committee, it feels like a two year rota is healthy to keep ideas fresh & give other people a chance to run the FoB.

As our school is so new, the previous committee and this one have worked hard to get a strong foundation and ways of working, along with a fantastic, dedicated strong wider committee. We now have in place a yearly calendar that the next committee can use as a starting point for their new planning/events.

FoB NEWS

The positions that will be open are:

- Chair/Vice Chair or two Co Chairs
- Treasurer
- Sectary

As the AGM is in November, we will continue to plan all the Autumn terms activities and set the dates for the big FoB events for the rest of the year.

Please let us know if you are interested in any of the roles and we would be more than happy to chat though them.

You can also attend FoB meetings (once a month) & shadow us for this term to see how everything works.

Please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com if you are interested & would like to know more.

SAVE THE DATE!

Autumn Cake Sale – Friday 18th October

FoB camping

Following the success of the last 2 years camping weekend, we have booked Friday 19th, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June for camping.

As in previous years, it will be at the South London Scout Centre, Grange Lane, SE21 7LH.

Further information will be given closer to the time.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th November

It's NEVER too early to start talking about Christmas! This year it will be on Saturday 30th November. Please put the date in your diary.

Join The FoB Facebook Group

Page will provide updates and information on upcoming FoB events, together with providing a central parent/carers online forum for Belham related discussions.

Please do join and use to grow our group community!

To join go to the link below and request to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/355496675010142/>

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Other Ways To Raise Money

Koru Kids

Earn £100 for our school - with a Koru Kids after school nanny. They have lots of nannies in our area - if you get a nanny using the code SC1BELHAM they will donate £100 to the school.

Find out more at: <https://www.korukids.co.uk/refer-school>



Earn £100 For The Belham Primary School

Refer a friend to Koru Kids.
Use code SC1BELHAM

Your friend hires a
Koru Kids nanny.

Koru Kids donates £100
to your child's school.*

See terms and details at: www.korukids.co.uk/refer-school

 KoruKids.

Easyfundraising

If you're doing any summer shopping, please use #easyfundraising and raise **FREE DONATIONS** for Friends of Belham School - London on everything from days out to summer clothes, gardening and home improvement, food and drinks and more! Groupon, ASOS, Next, M&S, Waitrose, GO Outdoors and over 3,700 other shops and sites will all donate and it really makes a difference to us so please take a look!

Sign-up using our unique link

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/

Company Match Funding

Last year we raised £1400 for FoB funds through match funding.

An increasing number of large companies operate a match funding scheme whereby they "match" charity fundraising undertaken by their employees.

These organisations set aside millions of pounds to fund such schemes and are more than happy to support their staff in raising money for charities of their choice.

What is match funding?

Match giving, or match funding, is a simple way to maximise the fundraising efforts of individual volunteers. It is an informal, but corporate, arrangement between a company and an employee.

Usually, a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to the amount the employee has either raised (volunteered to help at an event) or donated to a charity.

If you think the company that you work for is happy to fund match please get in touch with us as it would be a huge boost to the money we can raise for the school.

Please email Friends Belham friendsofbelham@gmail.com