

THE BELHAM BUZZ

The Belham
Primary School



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HEAD TEACHER'S NOTE

We want the Belham to be different. We want Belhamites to grow in confidence and to feel that they can build (almost) anything they can imagine. We want children to feel confident to roll their sleeves up and to make a difference. So we plan to build a 'STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) Lab' at the Belham where children can get hands-on experience of designing and making things. These things might include robots, interactive art installations, laser-cut pancakes, experiments with electrophysiological sensors, hacked toys or installing lights on granny's wheelchair so she's easily visible at night. This is made possible by a recent, generous donation of £11,000 from Intel and the Department of Computing at Imperial College – we are incredibly grateful to Jack Kelly, father of Olive in Cotton class, for orchestrating this. We want the STEAM Lab to be welcoming for all children at the Belham, and will be working on its development with our colleagues at Dulwich Hamlet. We'd love to hear suggestions of how this space should function and what equipment and materials to buy. Please contact Jack at jack.kelly@imperial.ac.uk.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

All parents will receive an email on Monday 3 October with details of how to book their slot at our upcoming teacher/parent meetings on Tuesday 18 October (Year 1 & 2 pupils) and Thursday 20 October (Reception pupils).

PHONICS WORKSHOPS

Workshops for Reception and new Key Stage 1 pupils will take place after school on Thursday 13 October. We will be running three slots: 3.30 - 4.00 / 4.30 – 5.00 / 6.00 – 6.30. There is no need to book; just come along to Faith Chapel (red door on Bellenden Road) at your preferred time.

KEY DATES

Thursday 29 September

Cotton class Bring Me Sunshine visit to Elim House
FoB parents and carers social, Prince Albert, 7.30pm

Friday 30 September

Individual pupil photographs (siblings from 3.20pm)
FoB Y1 & 2 coffee morning at Anderson & Co, 9am

Wednesday 5 October

Year 2 to BFI London Film Festival

Thursday 6 October

Year 1 road safety training, 9am

Monday 10 October

Year 1 visit London Wildlife Trust

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have been informed by Trutex that all uniform items and sizes are now available at the shop at 46 Rye Lane. Navy Belham bookbags will be back in stock in the next few weeks for any Year 1 and 2 pupils wishing to replace their yellow bags. These are priced at £6.99.

RECORDER LESSONS

Applications are now closed and timetables finalised. Parents who have requested their child start lessons will receive an email shortly with full details.

POLICE XMAS TREES COMPETITION

The school has just been told that all entries should be on A3 paper. Any children who have already completed an entry A4 size will have their drawing enlarged on the school photocopier. All entries must be given to your child's teacher by Friday 7 October.