

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Staff at the Belham have been working hard this week to make sure that the school is ready to open its doors to Reception and Year 1 children on Monday and I can say with confidence that their learning spaces are looking fabulous. The school will look a little bit different to your children but their teachers will be closely supporting them with this transition and establishing new routines. If you have decided not to send your child into school this week, we understand that the timing may not yet be right for you and your family. We look forward to when we can see **all** of our pupils again and hope that it won't be too much longer.

Coronavirus has now dominated our lives and the news for the past three months. However, if you have been watching the news recently, you will know that protests have been taking place in America, and across the world, in response to the death of a Black man, George Floyd, at the hands of the police. This incident further exposed the systemic racism that exists worldwide, and highlights that much more needs to be done by all of us to fight it. Recent events have brought to many people's attention that it's not enough to be passively non-racist; we have to be actively anti-racist. It is important to talk with our children about this. The attached Picture News resources are a good starting point to explore the effects of racism on people's daily lives and talk about what is happening at the moment.

As well as educating our children about racism, we recommend looking at the diversity of the characters in your children's books at home. We certainly have invested in a range of books at the Belham that are culturally diverse. For children of colour, it is important to see themselves represented and know their voice matters. For White children, it is important to see children who look different to them represented in these stories. The following is one of many websites that recommend a range of books representing different colours and cultures:

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/genre/div/Diverse-Voices.html>

If you would like to recommend any resources that explore racism or promote cultural diversity and equality, please feel free to contact me directly. These can be shared in future editions of the Belham Buzz.

#BLACKLIVESMATTER

**The Belham Primary
School stands in
solidarity with all
black communities
against racism and
injustice.**

We stand together.

#blacklivesmatter

BEDROCK VOCAB UPDATE!

We want to say a huge well done to our Belhamites for all their hard work on Bedrock Vocabulary recently. It's been really wonderful to see that the children are engaging with new, exciting and challenging language. We wanted to share a few statistics for the month of May with you to celebrate our Belhamites' accomplishments.

A huge congratulations to...

- Denim Class who were our top performing class
- Satin Class who made the most progress with a 35% improvement
- Francesco in Denim Class who completed 24 lessons – the most in the school!
- Sophie in Velvet Class who made the most progress with an amazing 359%!

Keep up the brilliant work Belhamites :D

I wonder who will be the top performing class on Bedrock vocabulary for the month of June...stay tuned to find out!

Ms Gardner

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TEACHERS IN ISOLATION

During lockdown, I have been in school on most days. In my free time, I started running by the river and discovered that I quite enjoyed it! Here are some of the views I passed on my route.



I'm also exploring new places to take Pumfrey on his walks. This was a particularly lovely walk in the woods one sunny morning.

Ms Cohen



SCIENCE @ HOME – ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK

Each week, Ms Chan will be setting an exciting activity that you can do at home. Please see attached flyer for this week's activity!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2020

The Summer Reading Challenge is back with Silly Squad! It's almost time for this year's Summer Reading Challenge, and for 2020 it's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

We would love to see and hear about lots of our Belhamites getting involved over the rest of the summer term and the summer holidays.

Take a look at the attached poster to find out more and be sure to visit the website over the coming few days to begin your own reading challenge 😊

Happy reading Belhamites!

Ms Gardner

ROYAL ACADEMY YOUNG ARTISTS' SUMMER SHOW

Congratulations to Miri in Satin Class and the whole of Taffeta class. Their artwork has been chosen by The Royal Academy, amongst thousands of entries, to be included in their online Young Artists Summer Show 2020. Miri made a beautiful cyanotype of a fern, as part of the then Year 3's 'Nature Notebook' STEAM week, last summer. Taffeta will be showing a film version of their Christmas shadow puppet performance, 'Herod's Palace'. The whole of Taffeta class worked really hard to design and make their own puppets and put the performance together. It is an amazing achievement and we are very proud to have two entries from The Belham included in this year's show. Dates to follow.





UNIFORM – ONLINE AT MARKS AND SPENCER

The Belham school uniform can now be purchased online at Marks and Spencer. Please find the link below; it will also be on our website going forward.

<https://www.mandsyourschooluniform.com/>

Everything you need to know regarding sizing and prices and the 20% off July promotion can be found in the attached summer newsletter and leaflet.

In the case of non-logo items, you are free to buy them from any source you choose, as long as they meet our uniform guidelines.