

THE BELHAM BUZZ

The Belham
Primary School



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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Now that we are starting to see a change in the weather, children should be coming into school wearing a warm coat, perhaps with optional hat, scarf and gloves. Our Belhamites spend a lot of time outside so need to be well protected from the elements!

Anti-Bullying Week is being held nationally between the 13 and 17 November. This year, the theme will promote difference and equality in schools, with the tag-line 'All Different, All Equal'. This is the perfect time for us to begin our work with the children as a 'Stonewall School Champion'. Stonewall is the largest LGBT+ charity in Europe and work in partnership with schools, training staff to become confident in tackling homophobic bullying, celebrating diversity, and exploring different family structures, for example children who might have same-sex parents or one parent or who are being brought up by grandparents. After all, families come in a variety of shapes and sizes! We will be exploring these themes in many different ways including taking part in whole school projects, having circle time discussions and reading some lovely diversity themed picture books with the children. My personal favourites, which I would highly recommend reading and discussing with your children, are *'It's Okay to be Different'* by Todd Parr, *'Something Else'* by Kathryn Cave and Chris Riddell, and *'Dogs don't do Ballet'* by Anna Kemp. You can find out more about Stonewall by going to their website: <http://www.stonewall.org.uk>

COFFEE MORNING & SPELLING WORKSHOP

Liz Cohen will be hosting this month's coffee morning on Wednesday 22 November at 8.45am. Parents of children in all year groups are very welcome. Straight after the coffee morning, Charlotte Carter, our English Subject Leader, will be delivering a spelling workshop which will focus on practical ideas you can use to help your children learn their spellings. This will begin at 9.30 and run for approximately 45 minutes. Please email the office if you would like to attend the coffee morning and/or the workshop. Numbers for the workshop are limited so places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The coffee morning beforehand has unlimited numbers! For those unable to attend the workshop, please be reassured that it will be repeated again at a future date.

KEY DATES

Friday 10 November

Assembly for years 2 and 3, introducing the guitar, violin and ukelele

Monday 13 November

Wool and Felt trip to Centre for Wildlife Gardening

Friday 17 November

Children in Need Pyjama Day – children to come to school in pyjamas with a suggested donation of a pound for Children in Need

CHRISTMAS CARD AND PHOTO ORDERS

A final reminder of all Christmas Card and Photograph order deadlines:

School Photographs

Order forms and money to school office – Thurs 9 Nov

Online ordering and payment – Sunday 12 Nov

Christmas Cards

Order forms to be given to class reps – Thurs 9 Nov

Please do not bring Christmas Card orders to the school office.

FRIENDS OF BELHAM AGM

Every parent/carer is a member of Friends of Belham and they hope that you will join them at the AGM on Thursday 16 November at 8pm at the Peckham Liberal Club, 24 Elm Grove. They aim to keep the formal part short so that time can be spent on fun discussion. You will be able to find out what the FoB has been doing in the last year and help to plan future social activities, fundraising events and other ways of supporting the children. You can also find out how you can help as a class rep or volunteer if you so wish. FoB also need you there to elect those who run FoB for you: chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer and 4 other committee members representing the 4 year groups. Nominations for the committee should be sent to friendsofbelham@gmail.com by 15 November.