

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

The deadline for parent governor nominations is fast approaching and there has been a slight revision of dates. Pen portraits need to be sent directly to me by 10am on Monday 5 November and if there is more than one nomination, an election will be held next week. More details about the process can be found in the attached letter.

Road safety is always a hot topic for those with children and I've had several conversations with parents who are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of drop offs and pick-ups that are occurring directly outside the main school gate on Bellenden Road. Cars shouldn't be stopping on the lines outside the school or in the (unfortunately placed) bus stop, and children's safety is being compromised. I appreciate that mornings can be hectic but please take the time to park a little further up the road and accompany your child into the school premises. Of course, Blue Badge holders have more flexibility in where they can stop, but still I would urge all parents to walk their children across the road using the zebra crossing so we can ensure that all of our Belhamites arrive at school safely.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES: IMPORTANT

PLEASE SEE NEXT PAGE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

CONKER SEASON!

Conker season at The Belham will run for one week in the second week after half term (week starting 5 November). Each year group will have one day in which to play conker games (Y1 Mon, Y2 Tue etc). Conker games will be run by our midday supervisors and play leaders using the rules from http://www.bbc.co.uk/norfolk/kids/conkers_3.shtml

Conkers must be in a labelled pencil case, purse or envelope and can only be used on the terrace during a match (or they risk being confiscated). During matches children will wear safety goggles. If you would like to make your conkers, you can find instructions at http://www.bbc.co.uk/norfolk/kids/conkers_4.shtml

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

FIREWORKS

KEY DATES

Monday 5 November

Conker Week begins – please see details below
Parent Governor pen portraits deadline

Tuesday 6 November

Flu Immunisations

Year 2 to visit local Mosque (no packed lunch required)

Sleep Café, 9.00am with parenting coach Lorraine Thomas
Find out more about how to ensure your child receives the best night's sleep. Please click below to book a place:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sleep-cafe-tickets-50849762007>

Parent Governor Elections: voting opens

Wednesday 7 November, 8.00pm

Friends of Belham AGM in the main school hall

Friday 9 November

FoB School Disco at the Peckham Liberal Club
Parent Governor Elections: voting closes

Thursday 15 November, 7.30pm

FoB Quiz night at the Peckham Liberal Club

Saturday 1 December, 11.00 – 2.00pm

FoB Christmas Fair – the first ever Christmas Fair in our new building!

SPRING TERM CLUBS DEADLINE

On Monday all parents in Y1 to 4 will have received an email via Evolve to register interest in the clubs for next term. The deadline for expressing interest in clubs is **Monday 5 November**. Please note that registering interest does not mean that your child has been allocated that club. You will receive confirmation of allocated clubs w/c 12 November.

POPPY APPEAL

This year we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal at The Belham Primary School by selling poppies in the playground after school on Friday 9 November. We will be selling poppies from The Royal British Legion as well other other poppy merchandise such as poppy pencils, rulers and erasers. Year 4 will also be making flapjacks which we will be selling as well. All the money raised will go to the Poppy Appeal charity. On Monday 12 November we will also be holding a 2 minute silence in school with all the children and staff to mark Remembrance Day.

THE BELHAM BUZZ

The Belham
Primary School



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CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

This year The Belham will be performing 2 different Christmas shows:

Lights, Camel Action – Reception and Year 1

Thursday 13th December 9.30am

Thursday 13th December 2.30pm

Friday 14th December 9.30am

One Bright Star – Years 2, 3 and 4

Thursday 20th December – 9.30am

Thursday 20th December – 2.00pm

Thursday 20th December – 6.15pm

Each child will be entitled to 3 tickets to their show. e.g. if a family has a child in Year 1 and another in Year 4, they will receive 3 tickets to both Lights, Camel, Action and another 3 tickets to One Bright Star.

Due to the staging, capacity of the hall and our insurance, each child may reserve up to 3 tickets to the performances in any combination.

An example of this would be 2 tickets to a morning and 1 to a later performance. The total number of tickets per child over the run of their show **MUST NOT** exceed 3. Any additional tickets over the allocated amount will be cancelled.

These will be issued through Eventbrite. Booking will open no earlier than Wednesday 7th November at 11am with the link being shared via email.

It is **essential** that you complete your child's booking in 1 transaction, using your child's name as a reference, e.g. Name: James Smith – Wool Class.

Entry will only be permitted with a ticket, with children over 2 years of age requiring their own. This includes Reception and Year 1 children if you would like to bring them to the 6.15pm performance of One Bright Star.

We understand that this appears slightly complicated, however, this system is to ensure the equality of opportunity for all our families to share in our Christmas celebrations.

I DIG SATURDAY!

Don your wellies and come help us prepare for the new arrivals at the Belham. The tarmac will be up, so we can set to digging holes and preparing the ground for the kids to plant saplings and shrubs which arrive in November! Contact harriet_bailey@yahoo.co.uk for more info and to sign up (tea, coffee and cake will be provided!)

LEGO CARDS

Please could we ask that children only bring in their LEGO cards on Tuesdays and Thursdays, when they will be allowed to play with them on the terrace.

STEAM QUESTION OF THE WEEK

As there was no Celebration Assembly today, children have a few more days to think about the question below. Winners will be announced next Friday 10 November.

STEAM

question
of the week?



This week's question:

Why do trees lose their leaves in Autumn?

Extra challenge: Are there any exceptions?

Why not go on a walk and collect some Autumn leaves and create a collage or do some leaf rubbing.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

Friends of
Belham



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

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FoB NEWS

Cake Sale and Huge Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who baked, brought, bought and sold the many cakes, biscuits and buns for the FoB cake sale prior to half-term. We raised a MASSIVE, record-breaking, £518.76! This money will be used to carry out some much-needed work on the school's science garden on Copleston Road, that all Belhamites visit on a regular basis. A very special thank you to the fabulous Year 4 volunteers who worked their socks off selling all the cakes. Next term we will be looking for Year 3 helpers!

School Disco

Get those glad rags on, because it's..... school disco time! This term's disco-fest will be held on 9 November at the Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove. Sessions are:

Reception: 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Years 1 and 2: 4:45pm – 5:30pm

Years 3 and 4: 5:45pm – 6:30pm

Non-school siblings are welcome, school siblings can strut their stuff alongside their older/younger brothers/sisters, all can come. Entry is £3 on the door per cha-cha-cha-ing child, an extra £1 if children would like squash and crisps. Parents can use the Liberal Club cash only bar but must remain within their children throughout.

FoB Quiz Night

This is at the Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove, on Thursday 15 November from 8pm (doors open at 7.30pm). There are **ONLY** 7 tickets left so please be quick if you don't have yours already! Tickets cost £8 per person for entrance only or £20 per person with food options. The Liberal Club operates a cash-only bar. Tickets can be purchased [here](#). On purchasing your ticket, please email Rich Knowles at rich_knowles@hotmail.co.uk with your details of your team (up to 6 people per team) or request to be placed into a team.

Raising Money While Shopping Online

Another reminder of this excellent platform. When doing any form of online shopping (holidays, flights, groceries, clothes, insurance, etc), please buy via FoB's Easyfundraising [page](#). This is a safe way of raising funds from 3,500 shops and sites with no extra cost to you.

FoB NEWS

FoB Secretary Call Out and Annual General Meeting

Chloe Cubitt is stepping down as FoB secretary, which means we are looking for someone who is an enthusiastic communicator to step forward to take up the mantle. Please contact: friendsofbelham@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions about the role - or come along to the AGM. And on that note...

The FoB AGM will be held on 7 November from 8pm at the school building where we will present the past year's activities and spending. One of the great things about The Belham is the sense of community and we believe the events organized by FoB play a large part in this. We believe that bringing people together is just as important as fundraising for the school. FoB would love as many people as possible to come along so we can hear your feedback and ideas for the future. We will have drinks for early arrivals, but please do bring a bottle of whatever you like to drink.

Christmas Fair

This will be our first Christmas fair in the school building and will be held on Saturday 1 December 11am-2pm. We have loads of fantastic stalls this year including kids' lucky dip, pre-loved toys, pre-loved uniform, bake off competitions, biscuit decorating, face painting, mulled wine, raffles, kids' arts and crafts AND a very special appearance from Santa in the grotto. More info to follow.

Christmas Trees

FoB will be selling Christmas trees again this year. We have some fantastic quality Nordmann Firs, which can be purchased in advance with pick-up from noon onwards at the Christmas Fair. Prices are competitive, with a variety of sizes available! Deadline for ordering is 22 November 2018 from [here](#). Prices are:

3-4 ft (100-125cm) £26

4-5ft (125-150cm) £30

5-6ft (150-175cm) £34

6-7ft (175-200cm) £40

7-8ft (200-225cm) £50

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Donations Request

For the Christmas fair, we would be very grateful for any of the following donations:

Glass jars (any size and without labels)

Small toys (e.g. items from party bags), collecting cards

Small nut-free sweets or snacks

Suitable raffle prizes e.g. unopened bottles of wine, port etc or packaged toiletries

Good condition pre-loved toys and Belham school uniform

Apart from the toys and uniform (which we will advise on soon), please kindly place any donations in the marked FoB box in the school office area. Thank you very much!

Volunteers Request

For the Christmas fair again, we need some volunteers to help with set up, stall manning and clear away. Shift times are:

Set Up: 9:30-11am

Shift 1: 11am -12pm

Shift 2: 12pm-1pm

Shift 3: 1pm-2pm

Clear Up: 2pm-3pm

If you can help with any of these slots, please email Michelle Hardy at michellehardy1975@gmail.com