

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

[Black History Month](#) is well under way and the Belham is marking it both as a whole school and within the classroom – for details please see opposite. This week, you will also find attached Southwark's Black History Month brochure, outlining events happening in the borough.

Our wonderful Friends of Belham are looking for new recruits to take over the main committee from November. Our current FoB committee – and all other parents involved – do a brilliant job organising events to raise money for the school and it would be such a shame if they were forced to disband. If you feel that this is something that you would like to find out more about, please contact our current Chairs, Patrick and Michelle (for contact details see 'The Friends' Friendly').

OWLS BOOKING SYSTEM

Towards the end of next term, parents booking Earlybirds and Owls will be able to book sessions for the Spring term. However, we will no longer be refunding cancellations from October 28th. We have had a lot of cancellations this term and want to ensure that all spaces are being used, especially because after school care is in such high demand. Please see separate email for more information.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BREAK

A reminder that before and after school clubs are now on a mid-term break and will resume **w/c Monday 4th November**.

The only exceptions to this are the following, which will run next week:

Creative Kids Art and Design : will run on Monday 14 October

Cookery club Y4/5 : will run on Tuesday 15 October

SAVE THE DATE : 18 JANUARY 2020

Belham families have been offered free family tickets to see Dulwich Hamlet Football Club vs. Chippenham on 18 January 2020. The ticket request form will come out soon so please watch this space!

PUPIL ILLNESS

Please could we remind you that if your child is ill, please call the office to tell a member of office staff rather than e-mailing. Please also call in every day that your child is ill.

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

ART AND WELLBEING

KEY DATES

Wednesday 16 October

Parents' Evening : please check your Schools buddy calendar to check the time of your slot

Thursday 17 October

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Friday 18 October

FoB Cake Sale, 3.25pm in the main playground – see next page

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As many of you are probably aware, we try to ensure that we teach a range of marginalised histories in all of our topics rather than just waiting for a themed day or week to prompt us. We believe it is important to look at the histories of groups that are not talked about, be that due to religion, gender, ethnicity or sexuality. This term year groups are covering a range of diverse histories.

EYFS- Family structures: similarities and differences

Yr1- Royal Families of Africa

Yr2- Inventors of colour & Female inventors

Yr3- John Wesley Gilbert (first Afro-American archaeologist), Japanese art & influential Greek women

Yr4- Slavery in the Roman era & Remembered Together (Remembrance throughout commonwealth countries)

Yr5- Jabir ibn Hayyan (a Muslim astronomer/chemist) & Remembrance Day from a different POV

In addition, this term's CRAZE week (in the second week after half term) will focus on 'Conflicts' and all year groups will also be looking at 'Soldiers from the Empire' as well as different poppies and their meanings. We are currently collecting suggestions for local heroes so that we can build a Peckham specific wall of fame. We hope that this will help celebrate some of the notable figures from marginalised groups in our community and the wider locality.

This month, whole school and class assemblies will be marking Black History Month and we will also be setting up a brand new permanent display of storybooks and BHM information. This will supplement the range of stories we already have that represent marginalised cultures.

If you have any other suggestions as to how we can celebrate Black History Month this October or any other marginalised cultures in history, then please do get in touch (tturnham1.210@lgflmail.org).

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

Contact Email: friendsofbelham@gmail.com

FoB NEWS

This is a plea for the new main committee

Unfortunately, only one person has come forward so far and we need to have more identified for the November AGM. In addition to organising events, FoB looks after the money raised and is governed by a formal constitution that allows it to operate a bank account and qualify for insurance. This constitution requires us to close FoB if the main committee numbers fewer than two.

We are incredibly lucky as a school to have many parents/carers who are committed to being on the wider team of FoB; we have twenty one class reps across all year groups. These members, along with others, have come up with fantastic ideas for great events and devoted time to make them happen – the camping weekend, the fun run, the golf day and the wine & cheese evening to mention just a few from last year.

The most important part of the main committee's work is to support the incredible parents who do this. Thanks to all these people, being on the main committee doesn't mean that you have to do it all, but does give you the privilege of working with these fantastic volunteers. All give their time to raise money for the school and to help build a Belham community that works for all of us.

Everyone at the Belham has a busy life between home and work. Nobody could make it to every event and meeting, but by sharing committee jobs, and with the work of everyone who comes to the FoB, somehow it always works. As a result, the roles of Chair & Secretary are very easy to job share.

To clarify, the positions that will be open are:

- Chair/Vice Chair or two Co Chairs
- Treasurer
- Secretary or two Secretaries

If you would like to take one of the roles or know more about them, please contact: michellehardy1975@gmail.com and patrickjamesmurray@gmail.com

FoB NEWS

Autumn Cake Sale – Friday 18th October

Don't forget that it's the cake sale next Friday and it's hosted by YEAR 3!

From 3.25pm in the school main playground.

If you would like to theme your bakes the theme is "HALLOWEEN".

Please bring cakes, bread & biscuits in on the morning of Friday 18th at drop off to the main playground or reception.

There will be a table in each location where you can leave your bakes.

Clearly label your containers with your child's name & class.

Bring lots of cash for the yummy cakes!

Belham Christmas Fair 2019

Saturday 30th November, 12 – 3pm

Organisation for the Christmas fair has started & we have loads of fantastic stalls this year including Kids Lucky Dip, Toys, Uniform, Cakes, Face Painting, Festive refreshments, Food, Raffle, Kids Crafts, pom-poms AND a very special appearance from Santa in the grotto.

We will also selling Christmas trees; watch this space for more info.

FoB Donation Requests!

Holiday Auction

Calling all parents and carers with family holiday homes (apartments, tree-houses, time-shares, caravans, chateaux) near and far.

As part of our Christmas Fair prizes we are thinking of auctioning weekend breaks or week long holidays to raise money for the school. It's a great fundraiser and an even greater way to grab a bargain holiday!!!

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

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All you have to do is provide the following:

- a few pictures of your home with a brief description
- the market value of the holiday if you've rented it before (if not we can take a guess)
- two or three dates next year that you can make it available.

The auction will start from a minimum amount to cover your cleaning costs so you're not out of pocket. Owners' names will only be revealed to those that win the auction.

So don't be shy, come forward and help raise money for our school.

Please email Christabel at cdaugherty@hotmail.co.uk for more info.

Kids Lucky Dip

The prizes will be jars of all different sizes each one filled with all the things kids love!

It would be amazing if possible for each child at the school to fill 2 glass jars (of any size & without their labels) with small toys (stuff that you get in party bags), Sweets, Collecting cards etc

Please make sure any sweets/snacks are nut free



Raffle

Do you have any gifts that you have never used, bottles of drink you have never drunk?

Do you know any local businesses that would like to donate a voucher?

We are looking for donations of anything that would make a fabulous raffle prizes.

Please leave in the FoB box in reception or email Kath at kathmacleod184@gmail.com

Hampers Auction

Following the success of the summer fair hampers, we will be doing some more for the Christmas fair.

Hampers ideas so far are:

Festive food & drink hamper

Pamper hamper

If you have any ideas for hampers or are happy to put one together, please email Kath at kathmacleod184@gmail.com

Or if you have items that could fill the hampers please put them in the drop box in reception.

FoB have a MASSIVE box (clearly FoB) that is now located just inside the door to the school reception/office.

Please put all your Jars in there.

Many thanks in advance!

Good condition toys and second hand Uniform

We will have drop off dates, but for the moment if you could please keep at home until we are ready. No baby toys please.

FoB Volunteer Requests!

FoB Christmas Fair – 30th November

We are looking for volunteers for 1 hour shifts for set up, clear away and all the stalls.

Shift times are:

Set Up: 10 -12am

Shift 1: 12am--1pm

Shift 2: 1pm-2pm

Shift 3: 2pm-3pm

Clear up: 3pm-4pm

Please send an email to Michelle on

michellehardy1975@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

SAVE THE DATE!

Herne Hill Velodrome – only 4 tickets left

Sunday 3rd November, 3pm to 4pm

Annual General Meeting / Parent Social

Wednesday 6th November

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.