

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

We had a moving service this morning led by the children and Ms Robinson as our act of remembrance. One of our Year 5 trumpet players demonstrated her Belhamite Values with an inspiring rendition of The Last Post. It felt important to pause and remember those who have sacrificed their lives for democratic freedoms and those who continue to do so. The words of the final poem read by Year 6 reminded us all that is now our responsibility to value and safeguard our freedoms and protect what seems right.

"...Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high."

On another note, we have been particularly impressed by the children's attitude to their learning and one another since coming back from half term. It has been lovely to see cheerful faces walking into school every day.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Tickets for the Christmas performances will be going live to book on Monday next week via Eventbrite tickets. An email with instructions for buying tickets will be sent on Monday to all parents. As with previous years, please can we ask that you only book **2 tickets in total** for your child's performances, this will give all parents and carers the opportunity to come. Your support on this is greatly appreciated.

Day	Time	Class
Thurs 1 st Dec	9.30am	<u>R/1/2 (ALL)</u>
Thurs 1 st Dec	2pm	<u>R/1/2 (ALL)</u>
Friday 2 nd Dec	9.30am	<u>R/1/2 (ALL)</u>
Weds 7 th Dec:	2pm	Cashmere Velvet Chiffon Tweed
Weds 7 th Dec:	6.15pm	Tartan Silk Hessian Corduroy
Thurs 8 th Dec:	2pm	Tartan Silk Hessian Corduroy
Thurs 8 th Dec:	6.15pm	Cashmere Velvet Chiffon Tweed

KEY DATES

Monday 14th November

Y5 (Hessian) Bikeability (all week)

Monday 21st November

Y5 (Chiffon) Bikeability (all week)

Thursday 1st December –

Christmas Show Rec/Y1/Y2

Friday 2nd December

Christmas Show Rec/Y1/Y2

Saturday 3rd December

FESTIVE FAIR

Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Show Y3/4/5/6

Thursday 8th December

Christmas Show Y3/4/5/6

Monday 12th December

Last day of morning and after school clubs

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

**SEWING & CRAFT (MAKE UP CLUB)

Thursday 15th December

**ART & CRAFT (MAKE UP CLUB)

Friday 16 December

Last day of term (**finish at 1:15pm**)

Please find a link [here](#) to our full school events calendar.

PE AND SWIMMING AUTUMN TERM

Monday

Reception PE

Y5 PE

Tuesday

Y4 PE

Y6 PE (TWEED)

Wednesday

Y1 DANCE

Y2 SWIM (AM)

Y2 PE (PM)

Y3 Dance

Y6 PE (CORDUROY)

Thursday

Y5 PE

Y6 PE

Friday

Y1 PE

Y3 PE

Y4 PE

YEAR 1 JUNK MODELLING

Year 1 are beginning their DT project next week linked to the story 'The Adventures of Egg Box dragon'. They are on the hunt for lots of CLEAN junk modelling (egg boxes, milk boxes, cardboard boxes, cardboard tubes, plastic lids, corks etc). If you have any donations - please bring to either Year 1 classroom at drop off/pick up. (The children will need lots and will continue collecting for 2 weeks - so please bring whenever!) Thank you!

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

11th November 2022

Meet the Friends of Belham (FoB) Committee & Class Reps

<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/friends-of-belham.html>


Contact us

friendsofbelham@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

12 th Nov	FOB Table Top & Uniform Sale
20 th Nov	FOB Velodrome session
23 rd Nov	FOB Meet & Mingle drinks & AGM
3 rd Dec	FoB Festive Fair
4 th Feb	FoB Burns Night Ceilidh

TABLE TOP & UNIFORM SALE 12th NOV

 Please pop along **THIS SATURDAY** to support the School with our first ever table top sale - dubiously dubbed Peckham's answer to an indoor car boot!

We've a number of sellers from across the school community, and FoB will be selling good quality, second hand uniform, as well as some kindly donated nearly new children's clothes and fancy dress. We'll be running a "3 for 2" offer on uniform so do stock up!

2:30pm to 4:30pm in the School Hall

Free entrance: please use the Maxted Rd gate

Bring CASH for the stalls

The FoB stall will be taking cards and cash

Tea, fresh coffee and bakes available.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Everyone should have received a copy of their child's Christmas Card design in their book bags. To order cards, tags, wrapping paper and other great gifts visit www.apfsorders.co.uk and enter the unique artwork code on the back of your child's artwork. (note that you won't see your child's art online, only a generic example). **All orders must be placed by Friday 11th November.** Once ordered, your cards should be delivered to you via school by Friday 2nd December in time to catch Christmas post dates! Even better, the school will receive a donation for every order! For any queries please contact your FoB class rep.



FOB COMMITTEE 2022-23 NEEDS YOU!

The FOB committee is a group of 4-6 people who coordinate events and liaise with school on funding needs. Our chair, Kathryn, is stepping down this month after 2 years, and **we are looking for two new members** to support existing members Chantelle, Doug, Lucy & Rachel, who are staying on for their second year. Having new members now will help share the load next year, supporting the wide range of events and activities that have successfully raised a lot of funds for the school in previous years.

Volunteering on the committee is a great way to give back to your local community, get more involved with the work of the school, and meet other parents and carers. It's a time-limited commitment, ideally for one or two years, and the more people that volunteer, the less work for everybody running FoB! Please reach out to friendsofbelham@gmail.com if you would like more information about volunteering. New committee members will be elected at the FoB Meet & Mingle event on the evening of the 23rd November (see below).

VELODROME SESSION 20th NOV

FoB will be hosting a session at the Herne Hill Velodrome on Sunday 20th November at 11am. We have tickets for the following sessions:

- Learn to ride (£6, 15 spots at 11am): A session for children who haven't yet learnt to ride a pedal bike, teaching the balance and coordination skills required for safe and successful cycling.
- Pedal bike session (£6, 15 spots at 11am, 15 spots at 12pm): A coached session on the inner track, for kids who can ride a pedal bike unassisted.
- Mountain bike session (£8, 15 spots at 12pm): An introduction to MTB for kids on the off-road tracks behind the velodrome.

Tickets here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/793598>

** BELHAM FESTIVE FAIR **

FoB is planning the Belham Festive Fair on **Saturday 3rd December, 12-3pm**. If you would like to help us organise the event, we would love to have you onboard, so please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com.

Christmas Trees

Take the stress out of Christmas Tree procurement by pre-ordering one of our fabulous fund-raising fir trees! They are really great and good value trees, and every purchase includes £10 for the school. Trees must be collected from the school between 12 and 3pm on Sat 3rd December at the Belham Festive Fair. Order now (or before Sat 19th November) at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/781349>

Can you be Father Christmas or an elf?

We are looking for some volunteers to dress up as Father Christmas and his elves for the Santa's Grotto. If you would like to take part, or would like to nominate your other half to help out, then please email us (address above).

Seeking other volunteers

If you can help out on the day, for set-up, during or after the fair, please sign up here: <https://signup.zone/LTN6gQEE7dN4XEKhb>

Christmas stalls

Calling all local designer/makers/hobbyists/business owners: do you have crafts, makes, stock that you would like to sell at Belham Festive Fair?

We are looking for stall-holders who sell gift-able items - can be food stuffs - eg jams/chutneys, to decorations, clothing, accessories, homewares, jewellery, books, puzzles and more for stalls at the Festive Fair.

Large Table costs £25. Reduced rate of £10 for children designer/makers.

If you have the stock but can't be available yourself, you can nominate a friend as your stall-holder or someone might be able to man your stall for you. You just need to leave your priced items, an inventory, notepad for sales and a charged mobile card reader, or go cash only. Email us at address above.

Collecting teddies and Xmas Jumpers

We will be collecting unwanted (but good quality/clean) soft toys for a **Teddy Bear Tombola**, as well as any unwanted quality Jumpers for a **Christmas Jumper Swap!** Drop off info to follow next week.

FOB MEET & MINGLE – 23RD NOV

Come and join us on 23rd November to meet other Belham parents, have a drink and some food, and help vote in some new members into the 2022-23 FoB committee. Come any time after 6.30pm, at the school hall! As you can see there is a lot going on with FoB and it's a great way to meet other parents and carers and support our community. **We would love for anyone to put themselves forward to help on the committee.** Please email us at the address above if you are interested and would like to know more about what it involves.

