

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Over the past year, there has been an increased focus on mental health, both within schools and nationally. On our website's '[Covid-19 Information Hub](#)', there is a dedicated wellbeing section with resources to support children and parents. The children's mental health charity, [Place2Be](#), has launched a new website called [Parenting Smart](#), which is full of practical tips to support children's wellbeing and manage behaviour. There you will find useful videos and quick reads covering a range of topics from 'my child has meltdowns' to 'healthy habits for parents'. Highly recommended.

This week we said a sad goodbye to our supply Year 5 teacher Farah Farouk who has worked in Tweed class over the past term. We are delighted to welcome new teacher Alice Renouf Donaldson to the team. Alice will be teaching Tweed class for two days a week – welcome to the Belham!

PARENT DROP IN SESSIONS

Ms Cohen will be holding virtual or in-person parent drop in sessions each Thursday from 2.30-3.30pm. If you would like to book a slot, please contact Catherine in the office info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk.

COPELSTON GARDENS

A huge thank you to our amazing Belham community pulling together to make positive changes to our gardens! Their hard work was all to improve the drainage and giant mud puddles we had. Have a look in the Friends' Friendly below to see some more pictures of their amazing work!



KEY DATES

Monday 15th November

ANTI - BULLYING WEEK

Y2 Swimming

Reception & Y6 Height and Weight

Wednesday 17th November

Y6 Swimming

Open Classrooms Early Years/KS1 - **POSTPONED**

Thursday 18th November

Open Classrooms KS2 - **POSTPONED**

Friday 19th November

Y4 Swimming

Tuesday 23rd November

Joseph Coelho online interactive session for Y1-Y6

Monday 29th November

This is the last week of morning and after school clubs

Thursday 2nd December & Friday 3rd December

Reception – Year 2 Nativity (Ticket info to follow)

Wednesday 8th December & Thursday 9th December

Year 3 -6 Christmas Performances (Ticket info to follow)

Saturday 4th December

Belham Christmas Market

Tuesday 7th December

The Sketchbook Project (to make up for cancelled club)

Thursday 9th December

Hands on Science (to make up for cancelled club)

Friday 10th December

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17th December

Last day of term (finish at 1.15pm)

Creative Reflection Time next week will
be about:
Enterprise Week

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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JOSEPH COELHO – TALES ON MOON LANE

Joseph Coelho will be doing a virtual session with The Belham Primary School on **Tuesday 23rd November** to talk about his work and run a poetry workshop. Please see the attachment from Tales on Moon Lane who are offering Belham parents a selection of his books available for pre-order.

TAEKWONDO CHAMPION!



Congratulations to one of our Year 6 pupils in Satin class who won Bronze in the under 48kg category at a recent British Taekwondo Tournament. Such a wonderful achievement – we're very proud of you!

OPEN CLASSROOMS – 17TH & 18TH NOVEMBER

It has been wonderful to invite parents back onto the site again for whole school events. However, we have decided that as we have just come out of 'amber' measures due to a rise in Covid cases, we will postpone our Open Classrooms event until later this year. Hopefully this is the last event that we need to postpone!

HOME LEARNING

All pupils have access to remote learning should they be required to self-isolate due to Covid-19. If your child is absent for any other reason, including sickness, home learning will **not** be provided. Please see the [Home Learning](#) section of our Covid-19 Information Hub for more details.

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

Each week we will attach a PDF from National Online Safety. This week's guide is on NETFLIX.

RECEPTION PLACES 2022/23

Applications for Reception places in September 2022 are done through the Southwark programme and are now open [here](#). **The deadline for applications is 15th January.**

PE & SWIMMING AUTUMN TERM 2021

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Y1 PE	RE PE	Y2 DANCE	Y1 PE	Y4 SWIM
Y2 SWIM	Y5 PE	Y3 PE	Y1 YOGA	Y6 PE
Y3 YOGA		Y4 PE	Y3 PE	
		Y6 SWIM	Y5 PE	
			Y6 PE	

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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Meet the FOB Committee and Class Reps on the Belham website
<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/friends-of-belham.html>

Contact us
friendsofbelham@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 12 Nov 2.45 - 5pm	Uniform sale!
Saturday 13 Nov 9-12	Gardening at school
Thurs 18 th Nov, 6.15pm	Friends Drinks
Sunday 21 Nov, 11-1.30	Velodrome sessions
Saturday 4 th December	Christmas tree pickup and Festive Market
13 January	Terrarium workshop

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

TODAY!

FOB is hosting another second hand uniform sale today - Friday 12th November, from 2.45pm-5pm at the Copleston Centre on Copleston Road (less than 5 mins walk from school!). All proceeds to support the Maker's Room Upgrade! Contactless payments only, no cash!

FRIENDS DRINKS – THURSDAY 18th NOV

6.15 – 8.30pm at the school

Join us to celebrate a unique year in the life of our school. This is a social evening open to all in our school community: parents, carers, staff teachers, and governors are all welcome.

We will also be incorporating the AGM in the middle, from about 7 – 7.30, where we will be ELECTING OUR NEW COMMITTEE!!!

NEW FOB COMMITTEE

We already have Kathryn staying on and a great candidate for Treasurer, but we are looking for a Secretary and a chair person or two to keep things going and spread the load. Put your hand up to

a say in the running of the FOB and a real involvement in the lovely school community. Think of all the excellent things in this newsletter which wouldn't happen without the FOB. No individual thing takes a massive amount to organise, but we need the FOB to make it all happen.

FESTIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 4th December, 1:30 to 3:30pm

Don't forget to save the date, and pre-order your Christmas Tree at the link below by **Wednesday 24th November!**

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/598324/>

You must pre-order your tree: there will be none for sale on the day.

As usual, all profits will support the school.

In addition to collecting your tree, there will be

- Festive food and homemade bakes
- Stalls selling festive gifts, supporting local small businesses
- Festive decorations for the kids to make
- A visit from Father Christmas (if we're lucky!)

To make it happen we need **YOUR HELP!** Please look at the volunteer form and let us know if you can help. Any time you can give helps.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0gNYtjihEnhbtv-MBICLwOx1F9fEtwA9KuhXph6Oc-AiGDA/viewform?usp=send_form

BELHAM BEE PRODUCTS

The Belham Bees are partially funded by the FOB, and we spoke to the school last week to talk about all the exciting learning opportunities coming from

those. If you are interested in making bee related products (beeswax wraps, candles, etc) that we can sell to raise funds for the ongoing cost of maintaining our lovely Belham Bees, please get in touch with hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com

LANDSCAPING DAY AT COPELSTONE GARDEN

Thank you so much for everyone who helped at the landscaping day! With an amazing amount of effort, the area around the climbing frame in the Coplestone Garden was TRANSFORMED from muddy swamp to beautiful bark topped haven. Much digging and wheelbarrowing was involved so thank you everyone who helped .



GARDENING MORNING AT SCHOOL

Saturday 13th November, 9am to 12noon

If you feel you missed out last Saturday, come and join us to tidy up the school beds and planters ready for the winter. We'll be clearing leaves, cutting back and clearing for the quiet months so we're ready for some planting come the spring. Come for the whole morning or just an hour tea and coffee will be

provided with biscuits to keep us all going! Bring gloves, trowel/little fork and secateurs if you have them please. Contact Harriet on harriet_bailey@yahoo.co.uk 07943216677 or for more info and to sign up.

VELODROME CYCLING SESSIONS (all years and abilities, Sun 21 Nov)

There will be three sessions at the Velodrome, spanning all abilities and ages. Please choose the session that is appropriate for your child:

Learn to Ride session, 11am-12pm, parental supervision required. £5.50 – **SOLD OUT**

Pedal bike session, Inner track, 11am-12pm, all year groups. £5.50 – **SOLD OUT**

Pedal bike session, Inner track, 12am – 1pm, all year groups, £5.50 – **A few tickets left**

In response to demand we have laid on an extra coached session on the inner track, for kids who can ride a pedal bike unassisted.

Track bike session, Main track, 12-1.30pm, Year 4 upwards. £7.50 – **A few tickets left**

An introduction to track cycling on the main, banked track for kids who can confidently ride a bike, are able to hold a straight line and follow basic instructions. This session uses fixed wheel track bikes provided by the velodrome.

Helmet and gloves required. Bikes can be provided for all sessions, or you may bring your own (but not for the Track Bike session). No stabilisers permitted.

Please read the full details carefully and book tickets here:

www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham

TERRARIUM WORKSHOP 13 JAN

Come and make your own self-watering terrarium! You will make your own Bottle Terrarium to take home, and every ticket purchased will help pay for a workshop for Belham pupils, where they will create terrariums for the classrooms. The workshop is being run by local company Jar and Fern, who are kindly offering a great discount to their normal prices. Full details and tickets:

www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham