

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Yesterday, I was lucky enough to take part in a terrarium workshop, run by local company *Jar and Fern*. My finished product doesn't quite look like the ones on their website but nonetheless I'm proud of my creation! Some of our pupils made terrariums too and these will be placed in classrooms and in other spaces around the school. Well done and thank you to the children who took part in the workshop – the terrariums look fantastic! A huge thank you to Mr Turnham for organising.

For several weeks now, we have had a 'blurb' in the Belham Buzz about a communications review taking place in the spring term. We are keen to listen to the views of parents so that we have a clear idea of what works – and what doesn't work. For more details about how you can be involved, please contact Catherine in the office. We would love to hear from you!

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank our past Year 6 parents (now Year 7!) for the very thoughtful and insightful guide they put together, titled '*Things we wish we'd known in Y6*', to try and help Belham parents embarking on secondary transition. We have sent this to our Year 5 and Year 6 parents, many of whom have already said how useful they have found it! If any parents in the lower year groups would like a copy, please contact the office and we will send it to you.

SECOND HAND FIGURINES!

The Reception team are looking to enhance their small world area. In a pledge to be more eco-friendly, we are on the hunt for **second-hand figurines!**

We are particularly interested in any fantasy characters - e.g. knights, dragons, fairies etc. However, we welcome any donations of people, animals, etc.

If you have any at home that your child no longer plays with then we would be very grateful! Please give to any of the Reception staff at the Belham Road gate or ask your child to give to their class teacher with a note.

Thank you!

KEY DATES

Monday 17th January

Y3 Cotton – Cycle Confident
(please bring bike and helmet to school)
Y2 swimming

Tuesday 18th January

Y3 Cotton – Cycle Confident
(please bring bike and helmet to school)

Wednesday 19th January

Y3 swimming

Thursday 20th January

Y3 Linen – Cycle Confident
(please bring bike and helmet to school)

Friday 21st January

Y3 Linen – Cycle Confident
(please bring bike and helmet to school)
Y4 swimming

WATCHES IN SCHOOL

We would like to ask for your understanding and support concerning certain watches in school. Children can wear watches to school but NOT ones with games, cameras or a capacity to record. If any watches that have these capabilities are found, the class teacher will take them and return them to you at the end of the day. Thank you!

STEPPING INTO STORIES – LIT FEST

Stepping into Stories is a book festival at the heart of Herne Hill! Now in its third year, 'Stepping into Stories' is bouncing back for 2022; more details can be found here -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/stepping-into-stories-kids-lit-fest-herne-hill-39580889243>

NHS FOOD SCANNING APP

The NHS food-scanning app is available to download free. It allows you to scan your family's favourite foods, to check nutritional value and, if needed, offers you healthier swaps for next time you shop.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/nhs-food-scanner-app/>

BELHAM COMMUNICATIONS REVIEW

Communication is a key part of how we all – parents, carers, and staff - experience The Belham. We aspire to have open and two-way communications that reflect our core values, are clear, consistent and contribute to a thriving school community.

Our communications and the systems and processes we use have grown organically as we have become an established school, and this has left us with challenges that, parents and colleagues tell us, can result in less than brilliant communications.

We are therefore undertaking a strategic review, to assess our current situation and develop the foundations for new parent communications programmes for the 2022/23 school year.

This will be a highly collaborative project and we are seeking and welcoming ideas and skills of people from across our school community.

If you would like to contribute to the success of the communications project, there will be several ways you could get involved. For instance, we will be running parent and carer focus groups in the new year. We are also likely to need systems and design skills. If you are interested in getting involved or have ideas you want to share, please email Catherine in the office info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week's guide is 'What parents need to know about Replika'. Please see attachment.

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.

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.

CONSULTATION ON ADMISSIONS POLICY 2023-2024

We have updated our admissions policy for admission into our school in September 2023. We are therefore running a consultation on the new admissions policy between **15th December 2021 and 26th January 2022**. Comments are sought from any interested person or party. The updated policy can be viewed [here](#).

Changes to our policy

We have updated our policy to bring it into line with other schools in The Charter Schools Educational Trust (TCSET). Our policy is fully compliant with the new 2021 School Admissions Code and local authority guidelines.

The Published Admissions Number (PAN) remains the same at 60 and is unchanged. We have made changes to our admissions and oversubscription criteria to be in line with other schools in the Trust.

Responses to the consultation should be sent to Juliane Caillouette Noble, our Chair of Governors, at jcaillouettenoble@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk by **26th January 2022** when this consultation closes.

All responses must be sent by the end of the consultation period stated above.

SWIMMING AND PE SPRING TERM 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y2 SWIM	R PE	Y3 SWIM	Y1 PE	Y4 SWIM
Y6 PE	Y5 PE	Y2 PE	Y1 YOGA	Y6 PE
Y3 YOGA			Y5 PE	Y3 PE
Y4 PE				

Swimming lessons will start week of 10/01/22. There are **no** lessons on the week of 14/02/22. Lessons end on the week of 21/03/22 (inclusive of that week).

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

18 Jan	FOB Committee Meeting
24 Feb	FOB Quiz
3 April	Easter Egg Hunt
1-3 July	FOB Camping weekend

YEAR 6 YEARBOOKS & HOODIES

Year 6 parents and carers!! Don't forget to order your Leavers Yearbooks and Hoodies, all the information you need is on the Ticket Tailor link below:

<http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/633980>

FOB QUIZ 24TH FEB

We have reserved the Peckham Liberal club for the return of the FOB Quiz on Thursday 24th February – the first week after half term. Tickets will go on sale next week. Teams of six again - so feel free to start organising and swotting up!

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

We are planning to run a raffle at the Quiz next month. Could you or your business donate any high quality prizes? Please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com if you are able to help. We just need a few high quality items for this one!

FOB SURVEY CLOSING THIS WEEKEND!

Last chance to let us know what you think of FOB in our short anonymous online survey. Also give us your ideas for events and activities in 2022:
<https://forms.gle/DBdN3zkPdoCaJf1J6>

HALF TERM CLUBS

We are planning to circulate a list of half term clubs and activities. If you know of any good holiday clubs, please send ideas to friendsofbelham@gmail.com. (We are already aware of Magna, Nimble Arts, Football Magic, Charisma, Holiday Drop Off, JAGs,

CAN YOU HELP THE FOB GARDENING GROUP?

Amazing mum Harriet Bailey has done lots of work over the past 6 years to help with gardening at the school. Her son will be leaving soon, and Rachel Cook has kindly agreed to help take on the green-fingered mantle. She's keen to find other parents to help co-design the space and share their gardening knowledge. If you would like to help out please reach out to Rachel rachelhomemail@gmail.com.

UNIFORM LABELS

Friends of Belham has registered with two name label companies that offer commission to school PTAs. Both labels have been tried and tested by committee members and are recommended! If you are in need of new stick-on labels, please consider these suppliers:

- 1) [Stikins](#) – enter Belham school code 36250 at checkout to earn 15% commission for FOB.
- 2) [Mynametag.com](#) – enter Belham school code 105032 at checkout to earn 24% commission for FOB.

You can also click on direct links to the companies to order from our [FOB webpage](#), without need for codes.

FOB COMMITTEE MEETING 18TH JAN

The next FOB committee meeting will be on next Tuesday 18th January at 7.30pm in the school hall, followed by drinks at 8.45pm at the Montpelier – everybody is welcome to attend and help out with fundraising and event planning.