

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Our second week at school has certainly seen a return to the cooler weather and with that, a need for pupils to start wearing (named) jumpers and coats in school. It is around this time of year that I usually send out a reminder about our school uniform. Over the past week, I have spotted a lot of non-uniform accessories, with brightly coloured hair bows and bracelets being particularly popular. Please take a minute or two to familiarise yourself with the Belham school uniform [on our website](#).

Every parent and carer will have received a list of key dates for the Autumn term and a letter outlining how the school will be communicating information to you. We have listened to your feedback and have adopted a more streamlined approach so that it is clear where certain information will be coming from and who to approach in different situations. As ever, we welcome your feedback. It was great to see so many parents, both new and old, at our first coffee morning of the year. Our 'in house' Early Help team were there to chat with parents about the different ways in which your children are supported in school. If you missed the coffee morning but are interested in finding out more about our Early Help approach, more details can be found in the attached handout. I look forward to seeing parents at our next coffee morning, where the focus will be 'how to support your child with learning to read'.

Goodbye

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to three members of staff at the beginning of this term: midday supervisors, Gareth Hamilton-Braithwaite and Sabrina Weathers, and teaching assistant, Konstantinos Vasileiou who is leaving to pursue his studies. The Belham wishes them all the best of luck for the future.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

If your child has siblings who are not at the Belham and you would like them to be photographed with your Belhamite on Monday 24 September, this will take place in the Silk classroom (Year 1 classroom off the main playground) from 3.40pm onwards. The photographs will be taken on a first come-first served basis - we would ask that parents queue in the playground just outside the classroom.

KEY DATES

Monday 17 September

Before and after school clubs begin this week – please check website for all 10 club dates for the Autumn term <http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/after-school-clubs-and-practices.html>

Music lessons have now started; please see website for timetables:

<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/music.html>

Wednesday 19 September

Year 3 trip to Sydenham Woods – packed lunch and warm clothes required

Monday 24 September

Individual photographs for all children (see additional information below)

9.00am – 9.15am : Information session from Southwark Immunisation Team about the flu vaccinations taking place at school on 6th November. All parents are welcome.

PREMIER LEAGUE PRIMARY STARS

Following a successful bid by Tom Turnham to the Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Team, the Belham have been awarded an equipment pack including Nike match footballs, bibs and floor markers. The scheme aims to inspire children to learn and be active, and the children are looking forward to using the equipment at lunchtime and before school as well as during their curriculum PE lessons.

MESSAGE FROM BOLD TENDENCIES, PECKHAM

Last year the Year 4 children worked with us to make a collaborative piece based on ancient Greek myths. We'd love to invite the teachers, students and parents of the Belham to The Bold Tendencies Gallery in the Peckham Multistory Car Park to view all of their amazing work in *The Animal Mirror*, our third installation of My Museum which will be closing on **Saturday 22nd September** (pls see flyer attached).

READING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for parents or carers who would be willing to give an hour of their time to assist with one to one reading. We will provide training. If you are able to commit to an hour a week on either Mondays 09:15-10:15 or Fridays 14:00-15:00, please contact the office to let us know.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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FoB NEWS

Welcome Drinks!

Firstly, and most importantly, FoB is planning a social evening for all parents/carers to welcome those new to the school and, for the old hands, to welcome in the start of a new academic year! FoB have reserved an area at The Victoria Inn, Bellenden Road on 26 September from 8pm. Book that babysitter and please do come along! Any parents/carers interested in becoming class representatives are very welcome to chat through this with attending FoB members during the evening!

Easy Fundraising

A reminder to all parents/carers that FoB is able to receive extra fundraising money through easyfundraising.org.uk, being the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site. It's simple and free to use. When you wish to buy something online, navigate to The Belham's page on the site at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/>

click 'Support this Cause' and then proceed to find your desired online retailer and shop as usual from the retailer's own website. When you make a purchase, at no additional cost to you, the retailer then makes a donation to FoB, usually based as a percentage of your online order's value. It's a great way for parents/carers to support FoB and the school with really no cost or extra effort required. Easyfundraising have partnered with 3,375 retailers and you can use this for your regular online grocery shopping, home/travel/car insurance purchases, days out, holidays and hotel bookings, clothing and even utilities such as gas and electricity – from all the regular retailers and suppliers you might usually shop with. Please do use it!

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is held in November, and full details TBC currently, but usually at The Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove. The FoB committee presents our activities and monies raised over the previous year and what purchases or contributions we have made on behalf of the school. All parents/carers are automatically members of FoB so please come along for what is a fun social night too.

FoB NEWS



Velodrome

A reminder for our forthcoming inner track velodrome session, being our first of the season! The session will take place at the Herne Hill Velodrome on Sunday 23 September, 4pm to 5pm. This is for children from reception onwards who can ride without stabilizers, and who can start and stop on their own. Siblings up to the age of 10 are welcome to ride. The velodrome has Frog bikes available for hire if required. We have 14 tickets remaining and are priced at £3.60 per child, available to buy from:

<http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/195168>

If you haven't been to the Velodrome, it's an extraordinary venue, with adults usually whizzing round the banked outer track at high speed while the children play cycling games with the coaches on the inner track.



Cake Sale

That termly ritual of the cake sale is back! We would really be grateful for nut-free donations from parents/carers, to be brought into the office area of the school on the tba morning of the cake sale (October). The cake sale itself will be held from 3.25pm in the main playground. Please bring your loose change and those children attending Owls will also be brought out by Owls staff to join in the cake-scoffing fun – so please do give your children change for that day.

? Quiz Night

Another highlight of the FoB events calendar is the FoB quiz night. Look out for more details of this awesome night, usually held at The Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove.



Christmas Fair

It's NEVER too early to start talking about Christmas! FoB have pencilled in the Christmas Fair for 1st December 2018 at the school site. FoB are busy beavering away with planning this event and if you'd like to help, please contact the above email address.



School Disco

Date tba again, but the discoing dream team will be back for more disco-mania!