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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Once again, the Belham has been advised by Southwark's public health team to put measures in place in response to several positive Covid cases in school. We have either cancelled, postponed, or adapted events taking place over the next two weeks to reduce the number of people mixing within the school or pupils and staff mixing with the wider community. This will be in place for two weeks and reviewed when we return to school after the half term. Everything else in your child's school day is continuing as normal and pupils are able to access their learning as they would usually. The Fun Run scheduled for this Sunday will still be taking place and we're looking forward to seeing you there! Any important communication regarding Covid-19 will be sent to parents via email so please ensure that you're able to access your emails as the information may be relevant to your child.

Even though the Belham's Art Show has been postponed, staff and pupils have still been able to see pupils' artwork displayed in our corridors. Some of the larger pieces have finally gone onto the walls, including framed pieces. Parents will have to wait a little longer before they can attend the Art Show but you may be able to have a sneak peek over the next couple of weeks on our Instagram account [@belhamprimary](https://www.instagram.com/belhamprimary).

PARENTS' MEETINGS

We are delighted to invite you to our first parents' evenings of the year. These will take place on **Wednesday 20th** and **Thursday 21st October**. Booking for this has now **closed**. If you have not made an appointment please contact the class teacher directly on Class Dojo for their remaining availability.

In light of recent advice from Public Health, these will now be held **virtually** using Google Meet. Links will be sent out on the morning of the parents' meetings. Please do not enter the waiting room until the start of your appointment. Thank you.

CONSENT FORMS FOR TRIPS INSIDE LONDON

Parents should have received a notification from SchoolsBuddy to complete a consent form for all trips for this academic year within London. If there are trips outside of London or involving water, a separate consent form will be sent.

KEY DATES

Sunday 17th October

FOB Fun Run @ 10am

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October

Parents' Meetings (these will now take place online)

Friday 22nd October

Wear **RED** Day – **Show Racism the RED card**

Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October

Half term

Week beginning 1st November

Tweed Bikeability Training

Thursday 4th November

Reception Vision Screening @ 09:30am

Week beginning 8th November

Corduroy Bikeability Training

Monday 8th November

TRIP - Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby Festival @ Dulwich Hamlet
(Parents will be contacted by the school if their child is involved)

Tuesday 9th November

TRIP - Y3 & Y4 Tag Rugby Festival @ Dulwich Hamlet
(Parents will be contacted by the school if their child is involved)

Friday 17th December

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

PACKED LUNCHES

Please could we remind you that we are a NUT FREE school. If you are providing a packed lunch for your child, it should not contain food items with nuts, chocolate, sweets, and fizzy drinks.

Advice and ideas can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>

THE BELHAM ART SHOW – POSTPONED



We were disappointed to have to postpone our Art Show once again. We are working on an alternative date or means to share all the wonderful work with you. These Frank Bowling inspired volcanic canvases were done by our current Y6 when they were in Y4, lockdown prevented them being seen but here they are now!

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: COMPETITIVE FOOTBALL

Many of you have asked if we would set up a competitive football team for some of our Key Stage Two children (Years 3-6) that would compete in more formal leagues. In order to do this we would need to heavily rely on parent volunteers. If you are able to commit to the following, please get in touch:

- A morning practice session (08:00-08:45), at least five weeks out of ten in a term.
- A Saturday between 09:30-12:00, at least three over any given term.
- Helping out regardless of your child being selected for the team.
- Potentially undertaking some basic online training (1-2 hours).

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	

STAFFING

Currently we are experiencing unprecedented levels of staff absence. We work with some wonderful supply agencies but at times, they are also struggling to provide us with staff. The safety, care and education of your children are of course our highest priorities. This may mean that that your children work with different adults or messages from parents take a little longer to receive a reply. We are very much hoping to be back to full strength as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

On Friday 8th October, the Belham took part in the first competitive cross-country race of 2021. The event was held at Rosendale Playing Field, with about 14 other schools, on a warm but cloudy autumnal day. The Belham team was made up of eager, sporting volunteers from years 3 to 6.

As Year 3 warmed up doing high knees and bum kicks, some felt nervous, but didn't let their nerves get the better of them. The distance for Years 3 and 4 was 1k, and the distance for Years 5 and 6 was 1.5k. Our entire team did really well, with everyone challenging themselves, but we didn't win any overall prizes.

Lots of our runners finished in the top fifth of their race. The highlights include:

Yr3 Girls: Jahzara (11th)

Yr 3 Boys: Wilbur (17th) and Peter (19th)

Yr 4 Boys: Bertie (15th), Benjamin (18th) and Arthur (20th)

Yr 5 Boys Burr (8th), Rocky (13th), Charlie (16th) and Alasdair (11th)

Year 6 Boys Ezra (17th)

Congratulations to Reggie (Yr4) who came ... FIRST in his race!!!

The Belham team were definitely the most colourful in our bright, vibrant, neon yellow bibs. We showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm and we all felt a sense of achievement for completing the distances.

By Peter (Yr3, Cotton)

Creative Reflection Time next week will be about:
Black History

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FOOTBALL MATCH REPORT

The football match on Wednesday was a tough fight! We had two teams, playing in two matches at St Mary Magdalene Primary. Arthur, Moussa and Sam A all scored goals. There was even an own goal against us at one point! Both teams were very evenly matched but in the end the result was 3-2 to The Belham! We played with great sportsmanship, which I hope will continue, along with a winning streak!

By
Flora (Yr 6, Team Captain)

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.

THE BELHAM BUZZZZZZZZ



Last week Year 3 created their own very life like bees, inspired by our very own Belham Bees. Aren't they fantastic? Great work Year 3.

We have been posting examples of the work the children do on our Twitter account so others can share in how wonderful our children are!
Do visit @TheBelham and click follow!

WATERPROOFS NEEDED!

Reception are looking for donations of rain suits/ waterproof clothing. If you have anything at home that your children have grown out of, then please drop them off at the Reception gate at pick-up/ drop off. Thank you!

PARENT ZONE LOCAL PROGRAMME

At The Belham, we know how important it to keep our children safe online, and the vital role that parents, carers, and guardians play in helping teach our young people the protective skills and behaviours that they need to safely navigate the digital world – whether that's social-media, apps, or gaming.

To coincide with *Digital Parenting Week* (11th-15th October), Southwark will be offering all families that need it a year of free support through the new *Parent Zone Local* programme.

To access the *Parent Zone Local* programme, and the wide range of free support, please visit their website: pzlocal.org.uk

RECEPTION PLACES 2022/23

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, they will be due to start school in September 2022. Applications are completed through the Southwark programme and are now open [here](#).

As we have now started our open days, it would be useful for us to understand how many siblings we may have applying.

If this applies to you, please contact Catherine Ross on info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk

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FUN RUN

SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER

At Peckham Rye Park (by the dog-free picnic area)

3km run, 10am
(warm-up 9.45am)
awards for Y4-Y6

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awards for YR-Y3

Followed by a picnic in the dog-free area to celebrate

Entry: FREE
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/586304>

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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

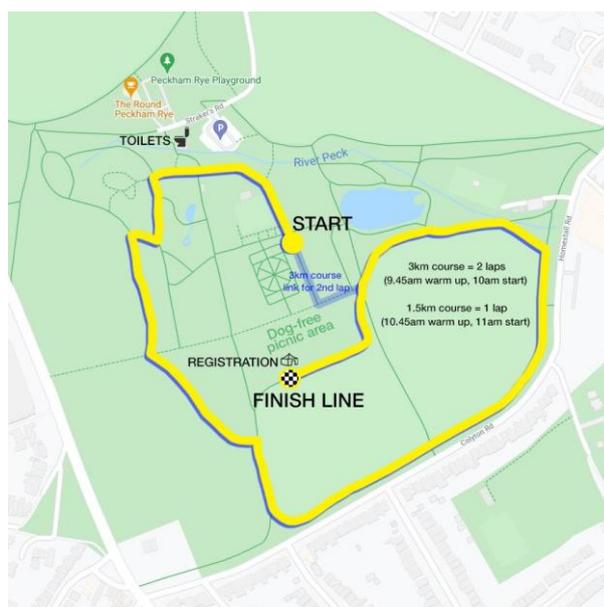
Sunday 17th Oct, 10am	Fun Run, Peckham Rye
18/19 October	Christmas card art will be in book bags
Thurs 18 th Nov, 6.15pm	Friends Drinks
Sunday 21 Nov, 11-1.30	Velodrome cycling and "learn to ride" session (more info next week)
Saturday 4 th December	Christmas tree sale

BELHAM FUN RUN THIS SUNDAY

We're looking forward to hosting our 2021 Belham Fun Run THIS SUNDAY 17th at Peckham Rye Park!! We've already raised an amazing £1600 for the Maker's Room through sponsorship, and we hope even more to come! We still need more volunteers to help on the day, so please sign up if you can help:
<https://forms.gle/C1j3YXGh3T8MzQjw8>

The attached flyer explains timings and runs! For those who have already registered, here is some key information:

- This is a BYO event! Make sure you bring plenty of water and snacks. Also bring food for the picnic afterwards!
- The start and end of the race is indicated on the map here. Number collection and late registration will be in the dog free picnic area.
- The closest toilets are also shown on the map (not that close!) - make sure children go at home first!
- Warm ups start at 9.45am for the 3km and 10.45am for the 1.5km runs (runs at 10am and 11am). Prize giving will be after the second run at around 11.30-11.45.
- Parents/carers are responsible for children at all times. While we will place marshals round the course, FOB cannot be responsible for the safety of children before, during or after the run.
- Please try and take litter and recycling home with you.



- All property left is at the owner's risk.
- There will be a first aid tent in the dog-free area.
- Please let us know via email if you would prefer for your child not to appear in any photographs of the event (used by the school on social media and by FOB or the school for internal communications) (friendsofbelham@gmail.com)
- The school has seen rising COVID cases in the past week and sadly had to cancel indoor events. We are grateful we can proceed with our outside run, but please be COVID aware: If possible, take LFTs on the morning; don't attend if you have COVID symptoms; try and keep physically distant in the start and finish areas; and adults please wear a mask if it gets busy before or after the run.
- Don't forget to **DRESS UP!** It is a **FUN RUN!**

For those who haven't registered, it's **NOT TOO LATE!** Here is everything you need:

- Pre-register for the run here (or you can also register on the morning in the dog-free area): www.buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/586304
- Raise sponsorship to fundraise for the Maker's Room upgrade through our Just Giving campaign page here: www.justgiving.com/campaign/belhammakersroom

FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hopefully you will have already received details of this project already. The full details are attached again to this email.

The key things you need to do if you want lovely personalised cards featuring your child's artwork are:

1. Look out for your child's artwork in their book bag **next Mon/Tues** along with a vital QR code sticker.
2. Contact your class teacher if either of these things do not come home by midweek.
3. If you like the artwork, affix the code sticker to the back, add child's name, and use the code to order cards and other items at www.apfsorders.co.uk.
4. If you wish to re-do the artwork, get your child to do it at home, affix the sticker to the back, and order items.
5. In either case, if you have made an order, return the artwork with sticker attached after half term. Artwork-with-sticker **must** be returned to school to be scanned and turned into cards.

FESTIVE EVENT SATURDAY 4th DEC

We are starting to plan this event but it's not too late to get involved if you can help us make it happen! These events take a real team effort so if you would like it to be more than just a "pick up your Christmas tree and go" event, please consider joining us, email friendsofbelham@gmail.com

If you would like a stall at the event to sell your own crafts or something else that people might like to buy in the run up to Christmas then do get in touch.

FRIENDS DRINKS – THURSDAY 18th NOV

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. You are all Friends of Belham!

The evening will incorporate the Friends of Belham AGM – a short review of the last (crazy) year and how we all worked together to get through it, and your chance to elect the next committee of FoB.

This will be subject to any Covid restrictions in place at the school, but please save the time and date and we hope to see you there!

SEEKING NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We will hold our AGM in mid November and this is when new members are voted in to join the FoB committee.

This year, Adam (chair), Hannah (secretary) and Shaun (treasurer) will be standing down after two years. To keep the FoB running as a charity we will need a new team to take on these roles. Kathryn will stay on, so new committee members will have plenty of experience on hand to help them, and we will have a long handover period until January to ensure a smooth transition.

So we'd love to find three or more people who can help pilot the good ship FoB! If you have basic accounting skills then you could be a terrific treasurer, and the secretary gets the delightful job of putting this newsletter together.

Please drop us a line if you'd like to know more: friendsofbelham@gmail.com

Fundraising Christmas trees

It's a long way away but if you'd like one of our great value, good quality, fundraising Christmas trees then please save the date of Sat 4th December when they will be at school to collect.

Other useful links

EasyFundraising – Sign up here for a percentage of your online shopping to go to FOB:

https://bit.ly/FoB_EasyFundraising

AmazonSmile – choose FOB as your charity on Amazon and we will receive a tiny percentage of your spending – it all adds up.

Symprove

Symprove, one of our Fun Run sponsors, has kindly offered a free 12 week trial to 10 parents of the Belham, each valued at £149. Symprove is a leading probiotic that has been clinically tested at Kings College Hospital to provide symptomatic relief to IBS/IBD sufferers. If you're interested please drop a note to support@symprove.com quoting 'Belham School Fun Run' and the team will be happy to help.

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