

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I'm sure that many of you, like me, were moved by the events commemorating the centenary of the end of the First World War and Armistice Day. As well as the Sunday parade, there was a fantastic programme on BBC2, '[They Shall Not Grow Old](#)' which turned archive black and white footage of soldiers into a full-colour documentary. In the background were real life accounts of soldiers' personal experiences, the combination of which made for compelling viewing. I would recommend this as essential viewing for adults and **older** children (due to the subject matter). A child friendly website that talks about the events of World War 1 in more detail is the [BBC Schools WW1 website](#).

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy, or any of the poppy-related merchandise that Year 4 sold after school. Year 4's flapjack sale raised £165 which will also be sent to the Royal British Legion.

FRIENDS OF BELHAM NEED YOU!

The Friends of Belham (FoB) held their AGM last week in the main hall and seven members were elected to the committee. However, the FoB are still looking for a Secretary who would be responsible for:

- Arranging regular meetings of FoB
- Keeping and distributing a record of decisions made at those meetings to FoB team and the school
- Knowing the requirements of the FoB constitution and ensuring that they are applied
- Maintaining FoB's charitable status
- Being responsible for FoB's weekly FF in Belham Buzz

If you are interested in becoming the FoB Secretary, please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to support the school community.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Please remember to book your tickets via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-belham-primary-school-17919049416>

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

FRANZ MARC

KEY DATES

Friday 16 November, Midnight Tonight!

Order deadline for Belham children's Christmas cards

w/c 19 November *OPEN CLASSROOMS ALL WEEK* – pls see below for details on dates and booking

Tuesday 20 November

Y4 trip to Science Museum 'It Takes Guts'. Packed lunch needed

Wednesday 21 November

Y1-4 tree planting – please see full details on the next page

Thursday 22 November

Order deadline for Belham Christmas Trees (pls see Page 3 for details)

Wednesday 28 November, 6.00pm

Community Christmas Science Lecture by the Royal Society. Pls see next page for booking information

Saturday 1 December, 11.00 – 2.00pm

FoB Christmas Fair – the first year in our new building!

COSTUME MAKING SESSIONS

We need your help! In order to turn our youngest children into sheep, angels and camels for 'Lights, Camel, Action' we are asking for parents to and support in the making of costumes and props. Please see the dates below. No craft ability is required, just willingness to help.

Wednesday 5 December, 9.30 – 11.00am

Friday 7 December 1.30-3.00pm

Please book to join the sessions via Eventbrite.

We are also currently looking for: old white bedsheets, white netting and a disco ball! Please let the office know if you have any of these items!

OPEN CLASSROOMS

Come to see what your child does in their classroom and have a look at their books. Please book via Eventbrite to book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-belham-primary-school-17919049416>

Monday 19 Reception, 9am and 2pm

Tuesday 20 Year 1, 9am and 2pm

Wednesday 21 Year 2, 9am and 2pm

Thursday 22 Year 3, 9am and 2pm

Friday Year 4, 9am and 2pm



BIKEABILITY – SATIN AND CALICO

Taffeta and Denim have now completed their Bikeability training. For those in Satin and Caico who have completed their consent forms, please bring in your bikes and helmets on the following days:

Monday 26 November/ Tuesday 27 November – Calico

Wednesday 28 November / Thursday 29 November - Satin

PLANTING TREES IN THE LANEWAY

On 21 November Years 1 to 4 will be planting our new trees (donated by the Trees Trust) with the help of an expert from Tree for Cities. Please could you make sure your child has their wellies in school. If you have gloves or a trowel they could use please send that into school (labelled). Reception will be planting the next batch of plants later in the year.

ROYAL INSTITUTE LECTURE

On Wednesday 28 November at 6.15pm we will be holding a Christmas Science Lecture for local families. The tickets will be £3 each with an additional optional donation on the night. Tickets will be issued through tickettailor on a first come first served basis.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/214783#>

STEAM TEAM CHALLENGE



20 STEAM Teams registered in only 15 minutes on Monday 5th November. We had teams from Year 1 all the way up to Year 4. Each team will be invited to one Challenge session (detailed in the children's individual invitations).

I understand that there are lots of disappointed children who did not manage to get their team entered for this half terms challenge. Fear not, I will be running a new STEAM Team challenge in the New Year for another 20 teams of 4 children. So if you want to enter a team in the New Year, plan your team and get ready to enter in 2019.

STEAM QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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This week's question :

Are all metals magnetic?

Extra challenge: What do you think is the best use of magnets in everyday objects?

Please write your answers on a piece of paper with your NAME and CLASS.

Question of the week will be announced on a Friday in Assembly and in the Belham Buzz. Winners will now be announced Mondays in the Brilliant Belhamite assembly and presented their certificate and prize.

Last week's question:

How do you think people will travel in 50 years' time?

This week's winners:

Nancy (Denim)

Liliana (Denim)

Nancy and Arthur (Taffeta)

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FoB NEWS

MASSIVE THANK-YOU AGM

Thanks to all of you that came to the AGM last week. We would like to thank all of the FoB members who stepped down this year. Without their enthusiasm, energy, dedication and hard work we wouldn't have achieved all that we did last year.

Massive thanks, Chloe, Immy, Lucy, Jo, Marie-Anne, Kat, Latisha and Giles

Christmas Cards – Order Deadline Midnight Tonight (16th)

The children's artwork has been sent home in book bags, please place your orders by midnight tonight.

School Disco!

Thanks to everyone that came to the Autumn term school disco. The children definitely looked like they had a fantastic time.

We made an amazing £570 for the FoB funds!

Special thanks to the organisers Chloe & Immy, Rich on the door and all the helpers.

Belham Christmas Fair 2018 – Saturday 1st December 11am – 2pm

Our first Christmas fair in the school!

Stall Volunteers needed!

Thank you to everyone that already volunteered.

We only need 8 more people to cover all shifts.

Shift 2: 12pm-1pm – 1 person needed on face painting stall

Shift 3: 1pm-2pm – 7 people needed (2 of which are on face painting stall)

Please send an email to Michelle on michellehardy1975@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

FoB NEWS

Stall Donation Requests!

Kids Lucky Dip

The prizes will be jars of all different sizes each one filled with all the things kids love!

It would be amazing if possible for each child at the school to fill 2 glass jars (of any size & without their labels) with small toys (stuff that you get in party bags), sweets, collecting cards etc

Please make sure any sweets/snacks are nut free

Good condition toys and second hand Uniform

Please bring your bags of donations on any of these ***Thursdays* 22nd and 29th November** to the playground and leave them in the usual place outside Y1.

Raffle

Do you have any gifts that you have never used, bottles of drink you have never drunk, work for companies that could donate prizes?

We are looking for donations of anything that would make a fabulous raffle prizes.

Christmas Bunting

We'd love to make Christmas bunting from children's artwork. In your book bags today, you'll find a triangular card and a note about the bunting. Could you ask your children to draw something bright, colourful and Christmassy on the card, and drop it off in the FoB box on Monday. We'll then string them together to make bunting for the fair.

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Christmas decorations

We would love it if you have any decorations you can donate or can lend for the fair.

Fairy lights, baubles, tinsel, reindeer, Santa's sacks for putting the grotto gifts in!

If you have anything that we could borrow just for the day, please put them in a bag with your name and phone number so we can ensure we get them back to you.

There is a MASSIVE box (clearly labelled FoB) that is now located just inside the door to the school reception/office.

Please put all your jars, raffle prizes and decorations in there.

Many thanks in advance!

FoB Christmas Trees

Buy your Christmas trees from FoB and raise money for the school!

We will be selling fantastic quality Nordmann Fir Christmas Trees. These can be purchased in advance, with pick-up after 12pm at the Christmas fair.

Prices are extremely competitive, with a variety of sizes available!

Deadline for Tree purchases is Thursday 22nd November 2018.

Prices:

3-4ft (100-125cm) £26

4-5ft (125-150cm) £30

5-6ft (150-175cm) £34

6-7ft (175-200cm) £40

7-8ft (200-225cm) £50

www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/209432#

Raising Money While Shopping on Line

Booking holidays, buying flights or internet shopping for Christmas?

Easyfundraising is a fantastic way of raising money for the FoB at no extra cost to you!

All you need to do is when you're doing any online shopping [shop via www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/)

There are 3,300 shops and sites you can raise free donations with.

The FoB Facebook Group is now live!

The page will provide updates and information on upcoming FoB events, together with providing a central parent/carer online forum for Belham related discussions.

To join go to the link below and request to join.

www.facebook.com/groups/355496675010142/