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## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Over the last few days, we have seen an increase in illness at school, which has had a heavy impact on children's attendance. It has been well publicised that there has been an increase in Strep A/scarlet fever cases across the country. More information about what symptoms to look out for can be found on our website [here](#).

After a busy couple of weeks, we are finally winding down and getting ready for the holidays. Yesterday we had our annual Christmas lunch, with Chef Leo leading the catering team, and pupils and staff enjoying a full plate of festive food. A lovely way to end the term! From all of us at the Belham, Have a happy and healthy festive break! We look forward to seeing all children back in school on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**.

## Staff News

Sadly, the time has come to say goodbye to Maddy Tee and Verity Ure-Jones who are moving on to pastures new. We thank them both for their contribution to the Belham and wish them all the best.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE BELHAM!



## KEY DATES

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

All children return to school

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Morning and after school clubs begin**

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January

Planning meeting for STEAM/BHM community event - all welcome! (details to follow)

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

STEAM/BHM community event (details to follow)

Please find a link [here](#) to our full school events calendar.

## CHRISTMAS AT THE BELHAM!



# THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Meet the Friends of Belham (FoB) Committee & Class Reps  
<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/friends-of-belham.html>

Contact us  
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## SAVE THE DATE

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| 10 <sup>th</sup> January | FoB Meeting and New Year's Drinks |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb      | FoB Burns Night Ceilidh           |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> March   | School Disco                      |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March   | Quiz Night                        |

## AUTUMN TERM UPDATE

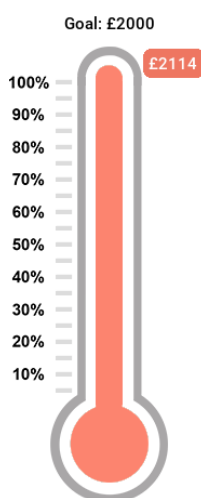
We've raised in excess of £15,500 since September, which is fantastic. You can see our thermometer fundraising targets below, and how they are filling up. Or in the case of the Emergency Support Fund Appeal – a response to the cost of living crisis – the thermometer is already full.

The term started with our biggest fundraising event – the Fun Run – which raised just short of £6900 and very much lived up to its name: a really fun event for the whole school community to enjoy together.

And as we look back at the term, there have also been uniform sales, cake sales, the newly launched Belham Art Calendar, the annual tea towels and all that's part of the festive season: Christmas card sales, Xmas Trees orders and the Winter Fair. It's been a busy term!

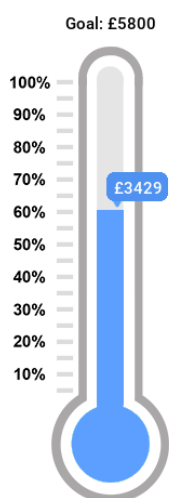
Thank you to everyone who has supported and helped us. We couldn't have done it all without you.

### Emergency Support Fund



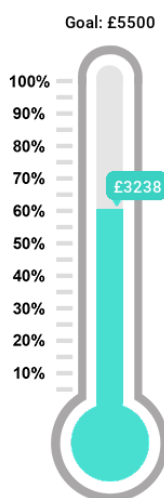
Urgent financial support, covering uniform, books, equipment, residentials

### Library Upgrade



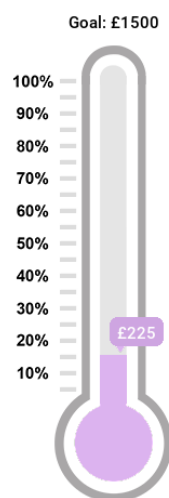
New books  
New shelving  
Library system

### Arts Fund



Theatre trips for Belhamites  
Musical instruments  
School performances

### Belham Bees



Upkeep of  
Belham hive

### General



Before school sports;  
Fencing for the Y1  
area of the playground;  
Upgrade of the school  
hall lighting; Various

## **NEXT YEAR...**

### **FoB Meeting and Drinks 10<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Join us on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at The Victoria Inn (corner of Bellenden/Choumert Road) from 8pm for a brief FoB meeting followed by New Year's drinks. Head to the private room in the back. We'd love to toast in 2023 with you. This isn't just for the committee and reps but other parents too. Come and be part of the conversation. Or feel free to just come for drinks. The more the merrier.

### **2023 Events**

We've got big plans for next year, with lots to look forward to. Quiz & Curry Night will be making a return. The School Disco will be happening. The Easter Egg Hunt will take place once more. And beyond the classic yearly events, we are also planning our very first Burns Night Ceilidh as well as a range of new activities for the school community to enjoy.

We'll circulate information on how to book the various events in the New Year. Watch this space!