



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

After a very busy few weeks, we have reached the end of term and we can finally start getting ready for the holidays. Like many schools, the Belham has been affected by the recent rise in Covid cases, especially when it has come to staffing. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 5th January. However, should there be any government announcements that have an impact on schools, we will be in touch with parents via email. I hope that everyone has a restful break, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas collection! With your generosity, we managed to raise £1135 for Southwark foodbank, which is amazing!

CHRISTMAS TRAVEL

As of Tuesday 7th December, there are new UK Government rules in place for international travel. If you are going abroad during the Christmas period, everyone in your travel party aged over 5 must take a PCR test within two days of arrival back in the UK, and self-isolate whilst waiting for the result. Tests must be booked before you travel, and bought privately from [a government-approved list of providers](#). You can stop self-isolating if your test is negative.

Please let the school office know as soon as possible if these rules will affect your child's return to school date in January. Remote learning will be available for your child to complete whilst they are isolating.

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 week of 14/02/22. Lessons end on the week of 21/03/22 (inclusive of that week).

KEY DATES

Tuesday 4th January

STAFF INSET DAY

Wednesday 5th January

First day of Spring term 2022!

Monday 10th January

Morning and after school clubs begin

Y2 swimming

Tuesday 11th January

Lamda classes begin

Wednesday 12th January

Y3 swimming

Friday 14th January

Y4 swimming

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.

UNICEF UK RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

We are becoming a **UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School!** Please see attached letter from Ms Saullo with more details!



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 *making the most of the online world this Christmas!* 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.

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

13 Jan	Terrarium workshop
24 Feb	FOB Quiz

2021 FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has come along to an FoB event, helped out with them, and contributed ideas and energy. It's been a particularly busy term, and it's felt great to be socialising, chatting, making new friends and being together on the school site.

Thank you also to everyone at school - teachers and staff - who have been involved with the planning of FoB events, and given their time to help out and attend them too.

2021-22 GOAL: A few months ago we set a goal for this school year of raising **£20,500**. That's since gone up a bit with some extra ambitions from the school.

WHAT WE DID THIS TERM: Thanks to your hard work, volunteering, fun running, seeking sponsorship, donating and spending, **we've raised an amazing £13,277 in a single term!**

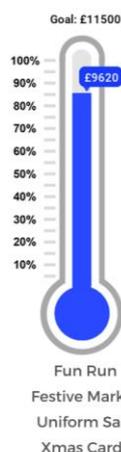
This means that:

- the Maker's Room upgrade is well underway: the school are ordering equipment for the room;
- the proceeds of the School fair are helping every pupil have the chance to see live theatre;
- the Belham Bee Hives are on their way to being funded for another year, and we're so impressed with all the ways the bees are being included in the learning at school.

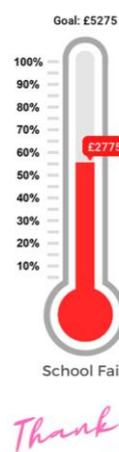
The new committee team have lots of fun things planned for next year and will continue raising funds for these campaigns and other things the school values ur help with, like extra morning practice sessions and the school gardens.

Friends of Belham Fundraising Update

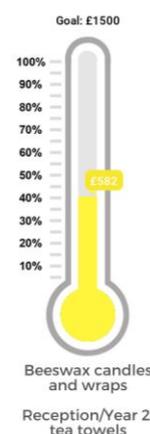
The Makers Room
The upgrade project is starting now thanks to you!



Belham Arts Fund
Theatre trips, in-school performances, music



The Belham Bees
Funding one beehive at £1500/year



Thank you everyone!

THANK YOU TO THE OUTGOING COMMITTEE

A huge thank you to the outgoing FOB Committee members for all their hard work over the past 2 years – Adam Scott (Chair), Hannah Cleaton-Roberts (Secretary) and Shaun Kirby (Treasurer). The new committee has some big shoes to fill in 2022!

FOB SURVEY

Let us know what you think of FOB in our short anonymous online survey here. Also give us your ideas for events and activities in 2022:

<https://forms.gle/DBdN3zkPdoCaJf1J6>

XMAS GIFTS FOR STAFF

A big thank you to Claire Hubbersty for coordinating the central pool for xmas gifts across the 7 years for school teachers and support staff, as well as the volunteers from each class or year group.

ALBRIGHTON THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the Albrighton Community Fridge this week and at the Festive Fair. We delivered many bagfuls to them, which were very gratefully received. If you forgot your donation in the scramble of the school run, they are open for collections each weekday between 10am and 4pm. And if you'd like to find out more about the work they're doing, their website is <https://www.albrightoncommunityfridge.org/>.

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) [Sitkins](#) – 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.

OTHER WAYS TO RAISE MONEY FOR FOB

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.

Company matched funding - FoB is registered with Benevity <https://benevity.com/>. If your employer does company matched funding you may be able to get them match any donations or fundraising you do for FoB.

Koru Kids – for £50 to FOB and £50 to the family, use the code SC1BELHAM in the "how did you hear about us?" section. <https://www.korukids.co.uk>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TERRARIUM WORKSHOP 13th JAN

Come and make your own self-watering terrarium! Or give this as a lovely present for a friend. You will make your own Bottle Terrarium to take home, and every ticket purchased will **help pay for a workshop for Belham pupils**, where they will create terrariums for the classrooms.

The workshop is being run by local company Jar and Fern, who are kindly offering a great discount to their normal prices. Full details and tickets: www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham

Note: in the event of ongoing COVID restrictions in January, this workshop will be rescheduled.



FOB QUIZ

We have reserved the Peckham Liberal club for the return of the FOB Quiz on Thursday 24th February – the first week after half term. Save the date and start revising people!