

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

As you know, at the Belham we put great emphasis on ensuring that all of our children are exposed to all that living in London has to offer. We take our children to see plays, museums, galleries, gardens, historically significant buildings and we get high-quality providers in to run workshops that immerse children into their topic. However, all of this comes at a cost (although we do try to find free locations where possible). With continuing financial cuts in education, it is becoming harder and harder to run these types of events and balance our books; this is why we ask for a voluntary contribution to help fund these trips and workshops. Money that you donate helps ensure that we can continue to offer these fantastic experiences to ALL of our children. A separate letter will be sent to parents next week detailing how you can pay the voluntary contribution on Schoolsbuddy and select the amount you wish to contribute for your child. The suggested donation of £75 per child, per year is made so that we are able to continue to add that extra 'glitter' to the curriculum. However, any amount that can be donated would be greatly appreciated.

FANTASY BRIDGES WORKSHOP

Next week is our STEAM Week (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths). On Thursday, parents and pupils are invited to come and create their own 'Fantasy Bridges' in an after school workshop (3.30 - 4.30pm). Can you design a bridge between two planets or into a parallel universe?! Come and explore with a range of mediums. Spaces are limited so use the link below to reserve your place.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fantasy-bridge-workshop-tickets-89725004905>

FREE FEBRUARY HALF TERM CYCLE TRAINING

Southwark are running FREE bikeability training again this February Half Term in Dulwich Park. Please see attached a flyer for all the details.

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KEY DATES

Saturday 18th January

STEAM Team Challenge- Rocket Challenge

Monday 20th January

STEAM WEEK BEGINS

Wednesday 22nd January

TRIP Year 5 to Alleyns for the Big Lecture
Science Parent and Pupil Workshop AM and PM

Thursday 23rd January

Fantasy Bridges Workshop 3:30pm-4:30pm

Friday 24th January

Dan Dan the Science Man- three shows
Fantasy Bridges Workshop 3:30pm-4:30pm
Dan Dan the Science Man- Science Community Show
5.30pm

UNIFORM

In the past two weeks, we have seen a rise in non-uniform items being worn to school. Please see below a link to our uniform expectations.

We would appreciate it if all parents could take time to revisit these and ensure your children are wearing the correct clothing and footwear along with all long hair being tied back each day.

Please ensure that all items of clothing have your child's name in. There have been lots of lovely new coats for Christmas which are not named! And speaking of coats, don't forget to send your child to school in a warm, waterproof coat and shoes suitable for more inclement weather: pupils play outside and go to the garden in all weather!

<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/our-uniform.html>

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP THIS WEEKEND!

Plastic Free Peckham are holding a community clean up this **Sunday 19th January from 2pm until 4pm** in Holly Grove Shrubbery (the grass area behind McDonalds on Rye Lane). This is a family friendly event and a great opportunity to spend time outside helping the local community. All are welcome and all equipment is provided!

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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FoB NEWS

DIARY DATES

Here are the upcoming FOB activities, hope to see you at some of them...

School Disco – Friday 7th Feb 2020
Quiz Night – Wednesday 12th February
Bag for School - Thursday 5th March
Golf Day – Friday 27th March 2020
Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 28th March 2020
Fun Run – Sunday 3rd May
Camping - Friday 19th, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June

LAST CHANCE – SURVEY: TELL US WHAT YOU WANT FROM FOB

We will be closing our anonymous feedback survey at midnight on Friday 17 Jan. Thank you if you have already filled it in. If not, we'd love it if you could take a couple of minutes to fill it in.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W6VDS DK>

The survey covers just four questions: what you think FOB are doing well, what we could be doing differently, what funds could be spend on, and any other feedback. If you have a view, share it now!

NEXT FOB MEETING

We are meeting at the Victoria at 8pm on Monday 20th January. This is the first meeting of the new committee so even if you're not a class rep, if you'd like to come along and have a say or get involved in this year's events and activities, or help us shape our strategy, including how to benefit the school with the money we have raised, come along and join in.

hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com if you want to come along so that we can check numbers.

FoB NEWS

DISCO – FRIDAY 7th FEBRUARY

Get those glad rags on, because it's..... school disco time!

Venue - The Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove, SE15 5DE

Entry is £3 on the door per child

Sessions are as follows:

Reception and Year 1: 3:45pm – 4:30pm
Years 2 and 3: 4:45pm – 5:30pm
Years 4 and 5: 5:45pm – 6:30pm

Non-school siblings are welcome, school siblings can strut their stuff alongside their older/younger brothers/sisters, all can come.

Refreshments for children are available – drinks are free and crisps are 50p a packet during the session.

Parents can use the Liberal Club cash only bar but must remain within their children throughout.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED PLEASE!!!

We need volunteers for set up, helping with each slot, and clear up. It's not difficult. Please contact Hannah on hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com or 07958053168 if you can help.

QUIZ NIGHT – WEDNESDAY 12TH FEB - TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Pit your wits against fellow Belhamite parents/carers/teacher/governors in the 2020 Belham Primary School Quiz!

Warning: May cause an awkward sense of over-competitiveness amongst some participants.

TIME: Doors open at 7:30pm with quiz starting at 8pm

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TICKETS: £8 quiz only, please see link below for additional food options. Food will only be available to those who purchase in advance.

DRINKS: Please bring cash on the night for drinks (from Peckham Liberal Club bar)

TEAMS: Group into teams of up to 6 by emailing rich_knowles@hotmail.co.uk with details of team name (if already decided) and a list of team members. Note teams can only include individuals who have already purchased tickets. If you prefer, just buy a ticket, come on the evening and you will be welcomed into a team!

BUY TICKETS

NOW: <https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/338410>

FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY – 27 MARCH – TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Come and play golf, have a lovely lunch and raise funds for the school.

Whether you are a scratch golfer or a hacker and whacker (like most of us) we would love you to join us and play a round at our beautiful local course overlooking London.

You'll start the day with coffee a light breakfast, play 18 holes with fun and games along the way, and then enjoy a leisurely lunch.

Tickets are on sale now at a reduced price this year of £75 per player.

We already have a few teams of three signed up. You can sign up as a team, a pair, or just yourself and we'll put together teams.

Please click the link below for full details and tickets.

Any questions please email pauljmunro@yahoo.co.uk

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/335823#>

OTHER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

There are several ways in which we can raise money.

Koru Kids will donate £100 to the school if you use the code the code SC1BELHAM when signing up an after school nanny. They have lots of nannies in our area and a number of parents are already using them.

Company Match Funding – if you think your company would be prepared match any donations you make to the school please get in touch with hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com - we already have some successful match funding arrangements in place.

EASY FUNDRAISING – CASE STUDY

Bravely, on your behalf, your dauntless FOB secretary has ventured where only a few dozen have dared to go before her... On a mission to see just how easy Easy Fundraising really is...

Step 1: I clicked on the link below, on my phone:

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

Step 2: I entered my email and set a password.

Step 3: As prompted, I downloaded the free easy fundraising app.

And that's it. Now if I want to go internet shopping, I click on the Easy Fundraising app and click on, let's say, John Lewis and lo and behold! If I buy something from John Lewis through the Easy Fundraising app, Easy Fundraising gives a whopping 2.5% straight to FOB. Amazon give 0.5%. It costs you nothing. It is FREE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL.

IT REALLY IS THAT EASY!! Let's do it everyone.

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