

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Celebration Assembly, my favourite assembly of the week, will be starting again today after a gap of 18 months. Every Friday, children are chosen to present their learning or perform a piece of music during the assembly, as well as singing a song under Mrs Wayman's direction. A class from each year group takes part in the assembly every other week, giving children in Reception the opportunity to see what Year 6 have been learning in class, and vice versa! If your child is taking part in Celebration Assembly, the class teacher will contact you via ClassDojo with an invitation to attend. We're very much looking forward to welcoming you into our assemblies and giving you a 'snapshot' of the children's learning.

At the end of the summer term, we asked you to fill out our 'parent survey'. Around a fifth of parents responded and we have looked carefully at the responses. Whilst there was some lovely feedback, there were also some very constructive comments that we have taken on board. You will find some of the changes that we will be making to several of our processes on the attached document. As always, we welcome any feedback.

A YEARLY CALENDAR

Another action we have taken in response to the parent survey is to create a whole school event calendar for this year. It is attached to this edition of the Buzz and runs up until the end of July 2022. There will be some events that occur at shorter notice but please do take note of the key events now.

**Creative Reflection Time next week
will be about:
International Day of Peace**

KEY DATES

Monday 20th September

CRAZE WEEK - African Kingdoms

Y2 - SWIMMING

Wednesday 22nd September

Y6 - SWIMMING

Friday 24th September

Y4 - SWIMMING

Saturday 25th September

The Belham Autumn Fair 12pm-3pm

Friday 1st October

TRIP - Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 - TCSET Sports Day @ Dulwich Hamlet (packed lunch required)

Thursday 7th October

Flu vaccinations

Friday 8th October

TRIP - Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Cross Country Event @ Rosemead Playing Field (*Parents will be contacted by the school if your child is involved*)

Thursday 14th October

The Belham Art Show - 5:30pm-7pm (*tickets will be available to book soon*)

Friday 15th October

TRIP - Y3 - Butser Ancient Farm

Friday 22nd October

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

Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October

Half term

Monday 8th November

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

Tuesday 9th November

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

Friday 17th December

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

TERM DATES 2022/23

We appreciate many of you are keen to hear the term dates for 2022/23 and news on the October half term consultation. The trust is due to meet and discuss this in the next couple of weeks. As soon as we have definitive dates, we will let you know. Thank you for your patience.

PE & SWIMMING AUTUMN TERM 2021

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Y1 PE	RE	Y2	Y1 PE	Y4
Y2	PE	DANCE	Y1	SWIM
SWIM	Y5 PE	Y3	YOGA	Y6 PE
Y3		DANCE	Y3 PE	
YOGA		Y4 PE	Y5 PE	
		Y6	Y6 PE	
		SWIM		

FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations will be taking place at the school on **Thursday 7th October**. Please could you complete this form to confirm where or not you wish your child to receive it. <https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2021/southwark>

To be clear, this is for the annual flu vaccination not a COVID vaccine.

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 our open days coming up it would be useful for us to understand how many siblings we may have applying. If this applies to you please can you contact Catherine Ross on info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Over the last few weeks our Year Six children have been learning about persuasion and speeches in their English lessons. Every pupil has written a speech explaining why they would be a brilliant house captain. Those children who wanted to were then able to put themselves forward as candidates in our first ever house election. Where we had too many candidates in a house, the year group voted on the speeches that they would put through.

This morning Years 1-6 met in their houses to hear the candidates' speeches and to vote for their inaugural house captains. The votes have been counted (we are glad to report that we had no spent ballots) and the results are in.

We are delighted to announce that our first ever house captains are:

Peck: Ezra & Archie M

Ravensbourne: Havana & Joel

Falcon Brook: Tru & Phoebe

Effra: Casey & Mia

A special mention goes to all of the 26 candidates who read their speeches in front of almost one hundred people—those of you who have experienced public speaking know just how hard that can be. Well done to you all.



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

Sat 25th Sept, 12-3pm	School Fair, at the school
Monday 4 th Oct, 19:30	FOB meeting held at school, all welcome
Sunday 17th Oct, 10am	Fun Run, Peckham Rye
Saturday 4 th December	Christmas tree sale

SCHOOL FAIR

The fair is NEXT SATURDAY 25 September, 12-3pm, at the school

It's been so long since we've had a school fair, we are really excited about coming together for some fun. Entry is £1 for adults on the gate, free for children. It is open to everyone if you have local friends who would like to come along.

We're going to have stalls, craft tables, games, food & drink, face painting, musical performances and a bouncy castle!

Please volunteer for the fair!

Can you oversee a splat the rat stall for an hour? We've had an amazing turnout from volunteers already so thank you very much if you have already volunteered. If you'll be attending the fair and haven't yet volunteered, please do so if you can, even just for one hour. **We still need 13 – 15 volunteers for EACH of the 1 hour slots of the fair!!**

It really takes a village to make it happen and we need a lot of hands-on help on the day, but it is also a really lovely way of connecting with other families and feeling part of things. We especially need people for all the slots during the fair. It's a lot of fun - serving food, helping kids do crafts, running

the games! Please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/whLzVsZ5ksHvw8Nz5>

Calling all bakers

The Bake Off returns to our screens next week and guess what? So does the Belham School Fair bake sale. Coincidence? P'raps not. Please bring your homemade creations along on 25 September (drop-off from 11am). We're looking for cakes, biscuits, muffins, traybakes, buns: anything that will sell like, er, hot cakes. Vegan options welcome and remember NO nuts.

Don't forget to label your bakes as well as your plate/tin and please list key allergens including gluten (found in most flours, cereals, breadcrumbs etc), eggs, milk, sesame seeds and sulphur dioxide (found in dried fruits). On your marks, get set, BAKE!

Donate toys, books and tombola prizes

If you missed the drop-off today then there is another chance on Monday morning (at drop-off only) and next Friday 24th at the start and end of the school day at the Bellenden Road gate. Please donate great quality children's books, toys (no baby toys please), and things that would make a good tombola prize, e.g. bottles of wine or spirits, high quality unwanted gifts, or vouchers / items from local businesses.

COVID risk management

To minimise COVID risk we will be spacing the fair out around the school, keeping the internal areas well ventilated, and asking volunteers and visitors to consider wearing a face mask when inside.

The fair will be cashless, with tokens available to buy on the door and in the fair using your contactless card.

Do you have a big BBQ?

If you have a large gas barbecue, please could we borrow it for the school fair? Email us at friendsofbelham@gmail.com

Ignite Hubs free coding classes

The Fair will be raising money for the school and also raising money for a local educational charity, as part of the school's mission to be at the heart of our community. The charity is Ignite Hubs, which started out as a free coding club at Peckham Library founded by a local mum, and has big ambitions to offer high quality STEM education to everyone.

If your child would be interested in taking one of Ignite Hubs' courses, booking is open for their Autumn term of online coding classes (ages 7+) which start soon. Please visit <https://www.ignitehubs.org.uk/code-hub>

Next FOB meeting – all welcome

The next FoB meeting will be held at the school, 7:30-8:45pm on Monday 4th October. Please come to the Maxted Road gate. We will retire to the Montpelier on Choumert Road afterwards for a social gathering.

All are welcome and we'd love your ideas and input. We'll be discussing plans for events and fundraising for the rest of this term and into 2022.

Christmas trees

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.

School uniform

Please note that there won't be a uniform stand at the fair but we are hoping to hold a uniform sale later on in the term.

School Fun Run

The Belham Fun Run will be on **Sunday 17th October at 10am in Peckham Rye** park. Please save the date, and start your training for the 1 mile kids run or 5km adults run. Fancy dress is also warmly welcomed and there will be a prize for the best dressed runner this year!

We are currently looking for possible corporate sponsors for the event, so if you know of a business who might be interested in sponsorship please contact kathrychurch@gmail.com. Also please reach out if you would be keen to join our small organising committee!

Plastic Free Peckham

We're delighted to announce that Laura from Plastic Free Peckham has agreed to work even more closely with FOB as our sustainability advisor.

Plastic Free Peckham have recently been nominated for a Green Investment Award in the Southwark Business Resilience Awards 2001 and you can [vote](#) for them here!

Plastic Free Peckham is running a Community Clean Up on **26th September from 2pm until 4pm**. They are meeting in Holly Grove Shrubbery behind McDonald's on Rye Lane and will fan out into the surrounding streets and green spaces of Peckham.

Everyone is welcome, please bring friends and family. All equipment is provided including sanitised gloves and litter pickers.

Call for class reps

We are always on the look out for new class reps and are delighted to say that we have some more men joining the ranks of the class reps for this term. It isn't a massive time commitment and the more people we have the more manageable it is. If you would be interested in getting more involved in the lovely community that is the FOB, or just want to find out a little bit more about it, do email us at friendsofbelham@gmail.com