

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

With the rise in coronavirus cases in Southwark and the delay in the lifting of lockdown restrictions, we are continuing to review the organisation of events happening in the summer term. Unfortunately, we have already had to reschedule the art exhibition and the FoB have postponed the summer fair, but so far, all other events remain firmly in the diary! We will communicate any changes via email. Thank you for your flexibility and patience at this time.

At the Belham, we mark international and national events, and June is always a busy month! This week, my virtual assembly was about 'Pride and the Rainbow Flag', as LGBT+ Pride parades traditionally take place in cities all over the world in June. Within the assembly, I shared this [BBC Newsround video](#) which explains what the Rainbow Flag represents – it's commonly used as a symbol to celebrate people's differences. You may have also seen on ClassDojo, this week's CRT postings about 'Gypsy Roma Traveller Week', and some of the wonderful art and music created and inspired by the Gypsy Roma community. At school, we explore diversity through events such as these and definitely would encourage parents to continue the conversation at home!

REPORTING ABSENCE

Please can we ask that for any COVID-19 related absence you complete this [updated form](#) -

<https://forms.gle/D8qHnEugt8onJJAJ7>

For any other absence not related to COVID-19 please ensure that you call the office by 8:30am on the day of absence.

THANK YOU!

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to FOB for the AMAZING amount of new books we have received at the school this week! We are still in the process of unpacking the many boxes as you can see in the below picture in the Friends' Friendly!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FOOD

We are continuing our work with the charity School Food Matters to improve our wraparound care offer.

The work they have done with Earlybirds has been fantastic and we would now like to hear your views and ask for your input on improving the 'tea' provision in Owls. If you would like to attend the zoom call on **Friday 25th June at 4.30pm** to give your feedback and discuss our provision please complete this [form](#).

We will also be sharing a questionnaire next week for those who are unable to make the meeting.

KEY DATES

Monday 28th June

CLASS PHOTOS

Thurs 8th- Friday 9th July

Year 6 Production

<https://www.theatrepeckham.co.uk/show/3850-2/>

Monday 12th – Friday 17th July

Year 6 Residential Trip

Tuesday 20th July

Sports Day 2021

Thursday 22nd July

BEFORE SCHOOL SPORTS SESSIONS

On Monday 21st June at 9am we will open selection for our before school practices for next term on SchoolsBuddy. Selection will close on Thursday 24th June at 9am. The morning clubs are free and run from 8am-8:45am.

If anyone is available to help out with our morning clubs, please can you contact Tom Turnham directly on tturnham1.210@lgflmail.org

Please see a list of the clubs below, remember this is for next academic year so the sessions for Year 2/3 will be for the current Year 1/2, and the sessions for year 4/6 will be for the current year 3/5.

Mon- Football (Yr 2-3) (Coach Lewis)

Tue – Distance Running (Yr 4-6)- (Mr Turnham)

Wed- Belham Bootcamp (Yr4-6) – (Ms Sprakes & Ms Cheele)

Thur – Ballet (Yr 2-3) - (Miss Gardner)

Thur – Hockey (Yr4-6) (Coach Lewis)

Fri- Football (Yr4-6) (Coach Lewis)

Please be aware that as we are still operating in bubbles until the guidance changes, bookings will be tight and unfortunately we won't have our usual flexibility, so we may not be able to give everyone a space this term.

**Creative reflection next week will be about:
Languages Week**

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

Important dates

Sadly, due to the announcement on extension of restrictions, we have had to cancel the Summer Fair, the camping trip, and the Year 6 Leavers Party.

Summer Fair – now the Autumn Fair!

Sadly we need to postpone the fair and it will not take place this term. However the good news is that we have rescheduled for **25th September!!**

Year Six Leaver's Party

Sadly this has had to be cancelled, however leavers' hoodies and year books are very much in progress.

FoB Camping Weekend 25th – 27th June

The camping weekend is cancelled - we're really disappointed.

If you bought tickets you will have received an email about refunds, and the option to donate your ticket cost to Friends of Belham.

If you wish to donate your ticket, please email us before Sunday from the ticket buyer's email address to let us know:

friendsofbelham@gmail.com

Refunds will be made on Sunday evening.

Books books books!



Now the good news! All the funds you have helped raise are being put to good use in school...

Since the Belham was founded, Friends of Belham has paid for many books to help keep bookshelves stocked as the school grows. This week we have agreed to fund £2800 for new non-fiction classroom texts to be rolled out in September. These will tie into the history, geography and science curriculums especially, with many books that smash stereotypes or that shine a light on under-represented cultures.

And in further book news, some time ago we agreed to fund £5,000 to enhance the library areas in each classroom. We're excited to hear that many boxes of books are being unpacked at school right now and will be on classroom shelves soon.

Plastic Free Peckham clean up

Community clean up with Plastic Free Peckham
2pm - 4pm Sunday 27th June
Kirkwood Nature Reserve, Boswell Street
SE15 2TN

Join us for Plastic Free Peckham's next community clean up at Kirkwood Nature Reserve on 27th June at 2pm. We'll be clearing litter from the nature reserve and assessing what will and won't make it into recycling here in Southwark. This clean up is in partnership with Peckham Coal Line - a community-led new park to link Queens Road Peckham and Rye Lane and reconnect Peckham's neighbourhoods.

Everyone is welcome and all equipment is provided, including sanitised gloves and litter pickers. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Other useful links

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>

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.

FOB Uniform Exchange

Anyone else trying to scrape through to the end of term without replacing uniform? Why not buy it secondhand from the FOB uniform exchange?!

To list uniform:

http://bit.ly/FoB_2ndHandUniform_SubmitForm

To buy uniform - search for items you might need on the stock list here. Contact the seller directly and arrange to collect your items. The seller updates the stock list once items have been collected.

http://bit.ly/FoB_2ndHandUniform_Stock

<https://www.justgiving.com/friendsofbelham>