

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

And so we reach the end of the half term – and what a busy one it has been! We have had our usual quota of trips and visitors, and this week saw the first round of parents' evenings take place. I hope that while you were here, you had the chance to have a look at some of the fabulous work your children have produced, currently being displayed in the corridors, CRAZE and STEAM areas. They have worked very hard and thoroughly deserve the next week off! So on that note, have a lovely half term, everyone!

BHM ARTICLE FROM 11 OCTOBER

It has come to light that the use of the word 'marginalised' used in last week's Black History Month article has caused offence. The term was used to represent historical narratives that in the past have been pushed to the side in the school curriculum and not assigned the importance they deserve; it was never our intention to suggest that specific groups of people are marginalised. We are sorry for the offence that was caused. *Tom Turnham on behalf of the School*

LOCAL HEROES

We are on the hunt for local heroes (famous or well known people from the area) as inspiration to make a set of plaques in the laneway. Please email info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk with your ideas.

CURRENT AFFAIRS PROJECT

We are launching a new Key Stage 2 Termly Current Affairs Project. Entries must be handwritten and no larger than A4- please see the attachment with the Buzz for more details. Entries to be handed in to the office by 8 December.

SAVE THE DATE : 18 JANUARY 2020

Belham families will be offered free family tickets to see Dulwich Hamlet Football Club vs. Chippenham on 18 January 2020. The ticket request form will come out soon so please watch this space!

PE KITS

PE kits being in school each week Mon-Fri in a small labelled bag that will fit into the pigeon hole in the child's classroom- as it gets colder the PE kit can be blue tracksuit trousers.

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

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KEY DATES

Monday 28 October

INSET day – no pupils in school

Tuesday 29 October

Year 3-5 Black History workshop in school. No packed lunch needed

Wednesday 30 October

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Mask Painting workshop in school. No packed lunch needed

Monday 4 November

Year 1 to V&A : packed lunch needed

Year 3 River Dipping trip : packed lunch needed

Thursday 7 November

Velvet class to National Portrait Gallery: packed lunch needed

Flu Immunisations

TFL AND UNICEF WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY CHALLENGE

To mark World Children's Day 2019 and to celebrate the power of children to change the World, Unicef and Transport for London (TfL) want your school to show and tell us what makes public transport great for children in the capital.

We are asking children to create a design that will feature on the iconic TfL roundel (see attachment for the roundel template). The winning artwork and message will be displayed at selected London bus and Underground stations for everyone to see.

Inspiration for children's design might come from ideas like:

- Transport issues affecting London's children – like road safety, active travel and air quality.
- How public transport helps children realise their rights to education, leisure and play, as well as helping to protect our environment.
- What makes public transport great for children in the capital? That might be getting the best seat on the top of the double decker bus, whizzing through the tunnels on the Piccadilly line to your favourite museum, or watching London landmarks fly by your train window.

The children can use whatever medium they prefer felt tip marker pens, poster paint, collage, whatever inspires them.

Deadline of Tuesday 29 October to hand designs into the office!

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BREAK

A reminder that before and after school clubs are now on a mid-term break and will resume **w/c Monday 4 November**

Main Committee Members: Patrick Murray, Michelle Hardy, Richard Knowles

Contact Email: friendsofbelham@gmail.com

FoB NEWS

This is a plea for the new main committee

The good news is that we have had a few people volunteer for the treasurer and secretary roles which means that we should be able to remain open!

Unfortunately, no one has come forward so far for the chair / co-chair roles.

To be run at its best, we believe that the FoB needs all roles filled on the full main committee.

The most important part of the main committee's work is to support the rest of the FoB team and parents who run the fantastic events for the children and parents. Thanks to all these people, being on the main committee doesn't mean that you have to do it all.

Everyone at the Belham has a busy life between home and work. Nobody could make it to every event and meeting, but by sharing committee jobs, and with the work of everyone who comes to the FoB, somehow it always works. As a result, the Chair roles are very easy to job share.

To clarify, the positions that we're looking for people to come forward for are:

- Chair/Vice Chair or two Co Chairs

If you would like to take one of the roles or know more about them, please contact: michellehardy1975@gmail.com and patrickjamesmurray@gmail.com

FoB Events

Halloween face painting

Thursday 31st October

Halloween face painting at the school on 31st October just after school pickup until 5:30 in the atrium on the first floor. Access will be via the external staircase off the main playground.

Hit two vampires with one magic wand: get your little ones ready for their special evening and raise funds for the school!

FoB NEWS

We are looking for parents/carers keen to join the face painting fun - please do volunteer as artists! What can go wrong with a zombie face paint? ☐

Please contact Val at valeriecou@hotmail.com

Atmospheric music and of course Halloween goodies

£3 per face

Annual General Meeting and parent social Wednesday 6th November at the school

This year we would like to combine our AGM with a parent social.

The first half of the evening will be the FoB committee presenting our activities and monies raised over the previous year as well as the purchases and contributions we have made on behalf of the school. The second half will be the opportunity to chat with other parents and us with a bar!

Belham Christmas Fair 2019 Saturday 30th November, 12 – 3pm

Organisation for the Christmas fair has started & we have loads of fantastic stalls this year including Kids Lucky Dip, Toys, Uniform, Cakes, Face Painting, Festive refreshments, Food, Raffle, Kids Crafts, pom-poms AND a very special appearance from Santa in the grotto.

We will also selling Christmas trees, watch this space for more info.

FoB Donation Requests!

Holiday Auction

Calling all parents and carers with family holiday homes (apartments, tree-houses, time-shares, caravans, chateaux) near and far.

As part of our Christmas Fair prizes we are thinking of auctioning weekend breaks or week long holidays to raise money for the school. It's a great fundraiser and an even greater way to grab a bargain holiday!!!

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

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All you have to do is provide the following:

- a few pictures of your home with a brief description
- the market value of the holiday if you've rented it before (if not we can take a guess)
- two or three dates next year that you can make it available.

The auction will start from a minimum amount to cover your cleaning costs so you're not out of pocket. Owners' names will only be revealed to those that win the auction.

So don't be shy, come forward and help raise money for our school.

Please email Christabel at cdaugherty@hotmail.co.uk for more info

Kids Lucky Dip

The prizes will be jars of all different sizes each one filled with all the things kids love!

It would be amazing if possible for each child at the school to fill 2 glass jars (of any size & without their labels) with small toys (stuff that you get in party bags), Sweets, Collecting cards etc

Please make sure any sweets/snacks are nut free



Raffle

Do you have any gifts that you have never used, bottles of drink you have never drunk?

Do you know any local businesses that would like to donate a voucher?

We are looking for donations of anything that would make a fabulous raffle prizes.

Please leave in the FoB box in reception or email Kath at kathmacleod184@gmail.com

Hampers Auction

Following the success of the summer fair hampers, we will be doing some more for the Christmas fair.

Hampers ideas so far are:

Festive food & drink hamper

Pamper hamper

If you have any ideas for hampers or are happy to put one together, please email Kath at kathmacleod184@gmail.com

Or if you have items that could fill the hampers please put them in the drop box in reception.

FoB have a MASSIVE box (clearly marked FoB) that is now located just inside the door to the school reception/office. Please put all your Jars in there. Many thanks in advance!

Good condition toys and second hand Uniform

Drop off dates are:

- Friday 8th November
- Friday 15th November
- Friday 22nd November

For the moment please keep them at home until then.

No baby toys please.

FoB Volunteer Requests!

FoB Christmas Fair – 30th November

We are looking for volunteers for 1 hour shifts for set up, clear away and all the stalls.

Shift times are:

Set Up: 10 -12am

Shift 1: 12am--1pm

Shift 2: 1pm-2pm

Shift 3: 2pm-3pm

Clear up: 3pm-4pm

Please send an email to michellehardy1975@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

SAVE THE DATE!

Herne Hill Velodrome – sold out

Sunday 3rd November, 3pm to 4pm

FoB Quiz Night – Wednesday 12th February 2020

Oh yes the FoB Quizz is back!

Venue - Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove Time - Doors open at 7:30pm, with the quiz starting at 8pm

Price- £8 per person for entrance only.

Following the success of the food on the night last year, we'll do the same this year - more details on menu, price and booking link to follow.

In the meantime, put the date in the diary!

FoB camping

Friday 19th, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June

Venue: South London Scout Centre, Grange Lane, SE21 7LH.

Further information will be given closer to the time.