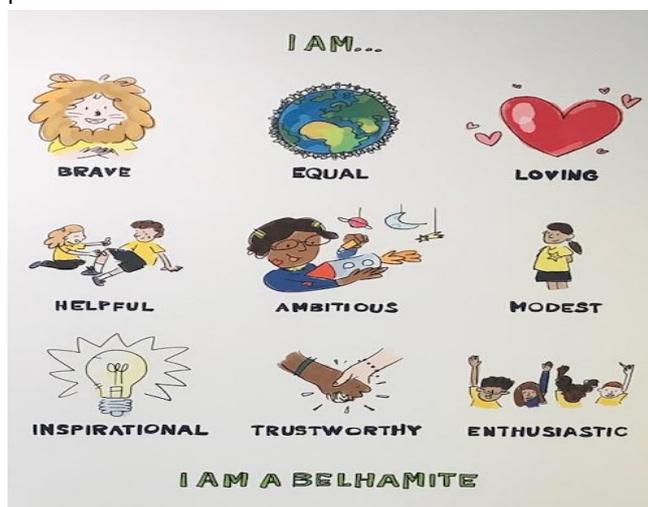


HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Having been back at school now for two weeks, routines have been established and children seem to have settled into their new classes well. Our teachers and support staff are doing a wonderful job in supporting their pupils and every time I walk around the school, it is remarkably calm. At the beginning of the year, I usually take the opportunity to remind children about our Belhamite Values and look for examples of how we can apply them in everyday life. These are displayed throughout the school but it's always great if parents can reinforce them at home.



I am continuing to post my Monday assemblies on Class Dojo, where we usually explore a theme through a story and related questions, and where I announce the week's 'Brilliant Belhamites'. Celebration assemblies will begin next week. We will start with a musical performance and then children will present their learning via a pre-recorded video to the rest of the school. We will finish off, as usual, with a song. I'm really looking forward to seeing what fabulous learning has been going on already!

CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos are going to take place on Tuesday 6th October. These will be taken in a Covid secure way. Unfortunately we will not be able to facilitate sibling photos this year.

FORGOTTEN ITEMS

Please can we remind you that if your child has forgotten an item for their school day we cannot allow any drop offs at the school at all. Thank you for your understanding.

KEY DATES

Monday 21st September

Yr 3 - PE
Yr 5 - PE
Yr 4 - Yoga
Yr 6 - PE

Tuesday 22nd September

Yr 2 - PE
Yr 4 - PE

Wednesday 23rd September

Reception - Dance Lesson
Yr1 - Dance Lesson
Yr6 - PE

Thursday 24th September

Yr2 - PE
Yr3 - PE
Yr5 - Yoga

Friday 25th September

Yr5 - PE

Please bring PE kit at the beginning of the week and take home on Friday.

PACKED LUNCHES

Over the last two weeks we have found it increasingly hard to ensure that all children have their lunch and also break time outside whilst keeping the bubbles intact. We have created extra dining spaces but our kitchen simply cannot serve hot food quickly enough for us to ensure that lunch does not reduce our afternoon provision. As many other schools have done, we have decided to introduce some packed lunches each day.

Each year group will have 1-2 cold packed lunches per week (**the packed lunch menu will be on our website from next week**) and for the remaining days, they will have a hot meal (again the menu is available online).

We will of course continue to monitor the situation and adjust our provision accordingly. The catering staff are of course aware of all food allergies, intolerances or dietary requests that are given to the office and will ensure that all children have an appropriate meal.

DATES INCOMING!

Please keep an eye on your inboxes over the next few days for information about:

- **Parents Evening - w/b 5th October**
- **Absence Reporting**

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BLACK LIVES MATTER

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the parents who have already donated!

Book Fresh

Over the last few weeks and months, several parents have kindly contacted us and asked if they can help with resources that promote diversity, both in authorship, character and setting. Since opening, we have always regularly reviewed our selection as they get tattered and worn. Some are 5 years old now! It is clear that whilst we have many books that are representative of our local community, we could do with more. Friends of Belham do a wonderful job in regularly supporting us in providing books but we believe you can never have enough!

Below is a link to a list of some of our favourite books; we already have these but would love to have more copies. If you are one of the parents who has asked about supporting us in this way, please find the link below.

<https://amzn.eu/e8VrP4y>

DANCE FOR 7-10 YEAR OLDS

Creative Contemporary (7-10 years)

- Tuesdays, 16.00-17.00 (starting Tues 29th Sept)
- £8 per session
- [PUSH Studios, 21 Blackwater St, East Dulwich, London SE22 8RS](#)

The aim of the classes are for children to:

- ✦ Develop a confident movement vocabulary
- ✦ Understand how they like to move as an individual
- ✦ Expand their imagination using different stimuli for starting dances
- ✦ Build up social skills working with others in pairs or small groups (no contact)
- ✦ Explore the space and make it their own

Children need to wear comfortable clothes to move in and have bare feet. No previous dance experience is necessary.

For further information please contact katie@danceeducates.co.uk or visit www.danceeducates.co.uk/classes

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

CLASS REPS

THANK YOU SO MUCH to the following awesome and brilliant people who have put their names forward to be class reps. From Reception, we have Dani Carter (Lace) and Claire Hubberstey (Poplin). Also welcome to Carina for Year 1 Wool, Lizzy Page for Year 2 Cotton, and Libby Sarsfield for Year 6 Denim.

Also a big **THANK YOU** to Grace Reynolds who is standing down as year 1 rep, Stephanie Thomas and Sera Bazin who are standing down this year as Year 2 class reps, Sally Birch who is standing down as a year 3 rep. Thanks so much for all your wonderful contributions!

We would still love to recruit extra class reps for each year! The more class reps we have, richer our activities and decisions will be and the lighter the (really already not that burdensome) load for any individual. We'd like the makeup of the FoB committee and class reps to represent the whole school community. You'll notice that there's not many male class reps so consider this a challenge to a few men out there to get involved...

Class reps stand as a connection point between the FOB and the year group. They join our FoB email group and help the elected committee to run events and make decisions on how funds are spent. Class reps often attend FoB meetings, held a couple of times each half term (these meetings are open to all). The role is not a big time burden and it is a great way to contribute to the school community, and get to know other parents.

If you're thinking of putting your name forward but wavering a bit, feel free to call me, Hannah (your FOB secretary) on 07958053168 for a chat about what it involves. I promise not to coerce you into signing up. Or not much...

Important dates

6 October 2020	EGM and FoB meeting
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How we communicate

The Friends Friendly - we send this newsletter out every week attached to the school's Belham Buzz. It is essential weekly reading for news on forthcoming events! We *don't* send emails out to the whole school.

WhatsApp groups - every year group has a WhatsApp group of parents and carers, including the new Reception intake. We don't administer these, but we use them to send out updates and reminders in case you miss the newsletter! If you want to join then please ask another parent in your year if they can add you or email us at friendsofbelham@gmail.com and we'll help you get added to the group.

Facebook - we have a Friends of Belham Facebook page, private to parents/carers only. Search for the private Facebook page Friends of Belham (FoB) and once we get confirmation from the school that you are a parent / carer at the school, your member request will be accepted.

Upcoming EGM and committee meeting

Our next FOB meeting is on 6 October. This will be an Extraordinary General Meeting as we need to ask the members to appoint an independent examiner of the accounts. We will also discuss how to fundraise in the current climate. This will be a Zoom call and if you are interested at all in having your say or seeing what goes on in the FOB please join us. We'll put dial-in details in the newsletter on Oct 2nd.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Since FOB aren't fundraising at the moment we would be really grateful if you could make the trouble to use Easy Fundraising for any online shopping.

Just click the link below to register and remember to do your online shopping through the app and proportion of your spending will get **automatically donated to FOB**. Just a little effort on everyone's part here could mean a whole lot more money coming into the school, as some websites give up to 2% on purchases.

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