# THE BELHAM BUZZ

# The Belham Primary School

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# **HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE**

In our current 'lockdown' situation, we are all online so much more and as parents and educators, we must be vigilant in keeping our children safe. The <u>National Online Safety</u> website has a wealth of information about different apps and websites that are popular at the moment, and downloadable advice sheets which I have found very useful. I have attached some general 'online safety tips for children' to the Belham Buzz this week but we will be providing more site/app specific advice on the Covid-19 section of our website, due to launch next week.

Understandably, parents have been asking about the possibility of children seeing their teacher before the end of the term as children are struggling with motivation after so many weeks at home. I will be sending a separate email about this before the start of next week.

#### **MIRROR ART**

Some of the Year 2 and 3 keyworker children have been experimenting with name art and created a mirror effect with the letters of our names! Tracing the letters was quite a challenge but we were really proud of the finished effect!

Miss Gardner



#### **BLACK LIVES MATTER**

Thank you for the wonderful posters you have been making and sending to us! Please keep them coming and we will publish a selection here each week.



# **CLASS DOJO**

You will have noticed that we have not been giving out the class codes as often, this is because we are moving away from their use. The class codes allow anyone to access any the portfolio of any child in the class which combined with some of the new updates to functionality is not something we want to allow. You can access your child's portfolio by:

- 1. Switching to it from your portfolio
- 2. Using the hyperlink
- 3. Using the QR code

Your child's teacher can send you the hyperlink or QR code if you request them.

As always, if you have any technical questions, please direct them to Ms Sprakes or Mr Turnham who will be happy to help you. You can still direct questions about distance learning to your class teacher.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Mr Turnham

# SCIENCE @ HOME – ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK

Each week, Ms Chan will be setting an exciting activity that you can do at home. Please see attached flyer for this week's activity! We hope that you enjoy this

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY EVENTS RUN BY EXTERNAL PROVIDERS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICES AND CLUBS) ARE NOT ENDORSED BY THE SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE

# 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

# THANK YOU TO THE SCHOOL

A huge thank you to the school again for the tremendous effort in reopening for Reception and Year 1 at the same time as supporting the ongoing home learning. We are so proud of our amazing teachers and all the wonderful people who contribute to the school.

# **NEXT FOB MEETING - 23 June**

We have a Friends of Belham meeting on 23 June (via zoom, of course) and if you would like to attend or have any points to feed in please contact <a href="https://doi.org/nc.com/hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com">hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com</a> for details. What we will cover will include:

- Whether it is appropriate to be fundraising and if so how to do that safely in the current environment
- Whether we could or should be doing something to support the school or families currently or over the summer
- Events schedule for the autumn term

Dial in and have your say! If you have any brilliant ideas for what you would like the FOB to be doing please let us know.

# **GROWING GARDENS**

Giles Hardy, (valiant Belham parent) has spent some time over the last few weeks working on the school growing gardens up at Copleston Road.

Giles would still benefit from a donation of any of the following:

#### Hardware

- Small tools. Trowels, forks etc
- Large tools. Rake, spade, fork
- Spare fence / shed preservatives
- Hosepipe(s)
- Watering can(s)

#### Consumables

- Compost
- Seeds (fruit and vegetables)

Anyone who can donate items should email Giles on <a href="mailto:gileshardy@gmail.com">gileshardy@gmail.com</a> to discuss what they have and to arrange for Giles to collect. If anyone would like to nurse some seedlings until the garden is ready for them to be planted please let Giles know.

## **FOB COMMUNITY CORNER**

We would like to make the Friends' Friendly as helpful as possible to you all in these difficult circumstances. If you run a business that offers something that may be useful to school families at this time, or you work with a charity that is helping people impacted by this crisis, we invite you to submit a short paragraph and a link telling everyone how we can support what you are doing. Please only submit if it's a business or charity you are personally part of, and we ask that your name appears in the text. Please send to <a href="mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com">friendsofbelham@gmail.com</a>. Thank you

# **EASY FUNDRAISING**

FOB aren't fundraising at the moment so 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 a proportion of your spending will get automatically donated to FOB.

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