

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Something that I miss most at school during this time is being able to hold assemblies and chat to parents and pupils. As lockdown restrictions gradually lift, we will be following the government guidance carefully to see what we are able to reintroduce to our school day. I'm pleased to say that there are many other ways to connect with parents and pupils, and the upcoming parent meetings are an opportunity for you to have a conversation with your child's teacher about how your child has settled back into school. Meetings will take place in our last week so please do remember to book your slot. This term, I started to hold virtual drop in sessions for parents and I'll be continuing this each Thursday. A reminder will be sent out every week with details of how you can sign up to a session. It's been lovely catching up with some parents who I haven't seen for over a year or had the chance to meet properly yet.

As a result of the changed school year, we have had to adapt some of our usual events. Last year, reports were sent at Easter, with a parent meeting in June; this year, you will receive an end of year annual report for 2020-21 at the end of the summer term. As always teachers and senior leaders can be contacted via ClassDojo or email about any aspect of your child's school life.

At the time of writing, staff have been carrying out various Taskmaster challenges for Comic Relief. Next week, I will reveal how much we raised. A huge thank you to Kirsty Doig for organising the challenges. Check out the videos on our Twitter and Instagram accounts!

YEAR 4 – FIRST CLASS - A POSTCARD PROJECT

We are delighted to share with you the wonderful culmination of *First Class – A Postcard Project*, showcased here [on Padlet https://artslondon.padlet.org/sbarton0720181/mgpocagdy9nrkzfu](https://artslondon.padlet.org/sbarton0720181/mgpocagdy9nrkzfu). It is a unique project inspired, created and completed during Covid-19 as a collaboration between the schools involved in the Southwark Arts Network and artist the Fandango Kid. Their artworks provide insight into how they have coped this past year.
Kate Gorley

Creative Reflection Time next week will be about:

World Poetry Day

KEY DATES

Tuesday 23rd March

Bookings for Early Birds and Owls open at **8pm on SchoolsBuddy**

Monday 29th March

Virtual parents' evening 9am-6pm

Tuesday 30th March

Virtual parents' evening 9am-6pm

Easter Break 2021

Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April

Summer term 2021

Term starts - Monday 19 April - Friday 28 May

HOME LEARNING

Please can we remind parents that all pupils will have access to distance learning material should they be required to self-isolate because of Covid-19, either individually or as part of a wider school 'bubble' closure.

However, we are not able to provide home learning for pupils absent from school for any other reason.

PARENTS' EVENING

If you haven't already please remember to book your slot for parents evening via SchoolsBuddy.

CLUBS AND EARLY BIRDS AND OWLS

You can now make your selections for summer term clubs on SchoolsBuddy up until **3pm on Sunday 21st March**. Clubs will then be allocated on Monday morning. Please see attached timetable of all the clubs available for selection.

Booking for Early Birds and Owls will open on **Tuesday 23rd March at 8pm**. Bookings will be for the entire term and as with last year, you can select by days of the week, for instance you might book just Mondays for the entire term. Bookings are on a first come first serve basis with a limited number of places available for each group—this is due to staffing each bubble. You will need to pay 50% of your term total at the time of booking and the remaining 50% in the first week after May half term.

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

3 April	Easter Egg Hunt
27 th April	FOB Meeting
25 th – 27 th June	Family Camping trip!

Easter Egg Hunt

FOB will be organising its annual Easter Egg hunt on the morning of Saturday 3rd April. Children will be given a treasure map of the local area, and asked to find 'egg clues' in order to pick up their Easter eggs treasure from a local address. There will be a small charge for entry. More information will follow nearer the time.

Challenge 28 T-shirts and certificates!

On our Challenge 28 webpage you can:

-  **Submit donations**
-  Download and customise a **certificate**
-  Go to our **t-shirt shop**: Look at these LOVELY T-shirts! Organic, sustainable, in three colours, £13 each.



<https://friendsofbelham.squarespace.com/challenge28>

FOB Uniform Exchange

So... last Friday, your FOB secretary realised that we were COMPLETELY OUT of school jumpers. Where did they go? Did they slip through a gap in the space-time continuum? Is there a planet full of jumpers somewhere?

At 7.43am, I ordered two more jumpers from the FOB uniform exchange. They cost me £3 each. By 8.57am the jumpers were available for collection and I picked them up after school pickup THAT DAY. They have the logo on. They are in great condition.



They look like this (well actually they have two sleeves...)

Here are the links:

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

When you have identified what you need, you can **make a donation** to the school based on the guide price in the stock list on the JustGiving page below.

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

FRIENDS OF BELHAM RECIPES

#9: HIDDEN LEFTOVER VEGGIE BOLOGNESE

By Eleanore Mills

Introduction

The basis of this Bolognese is four meatballs from Flock and Herd which are really well seasoned but the consistency is still great if you leave them out.

Difficulty rating: Easy

Good for...

Children to eat



Vegetarians (with adaptation)



Ingredients

One carrot

One small courgette

Half an onion (or a small shallot)

One garlic clove

One handful of dry red lentils

A few mushrooms (those left over ones at the bottom of the fridge are good)

One tin of chopped tomatoes

Four meatballs from Flock and Herd

Any other left over veg – I generally keep the proportions small so that the flavour of the tomatoes is the strongest.

Method

Chop all the veg quite small. (This is to cook it quickly but the idea is to blend it all up so no precision required).

Heat a drizzle of oil of your choice in the bottom of a large saucepan and gently cook all the veg together until it looks a bit sweaty. About five minutes as a rule.

Brown the meatballs if you are using then cook the red lentils for a couple of minutes before adding the tomatoes. (I then fill the tin up again half way up with water and add it if I need a bit more liquid).

Cook for twenty minutes to half an hour until the lentils are cooked. Blend to a fine tomato sauce and enjoy watching your children unknowingly eating courgettes.

Send us your Recipes

Are you bored with cooking the same old thing? Do you have a much loved family recipe you would like to share? Please **SEND US YOUR RECIPES!!!** We would love to feature a recipe of the week in the Friends' Friendly. If you have a "go to" family recipe that your children love, please email it to friendsofbelham@gmail.com

Here's a template in case it's useful.

http://bit.ly/FoB_Recipe_template

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:

https://bit.ly/FoB_EasyFundraising

AmazonSmile – choose FOB as your charity here: