

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Tomorrow we reach the end of the academic year and what an eventful year it has been! We started in September on three sites and have finished with an Ofsted inspection in the final week of the summer term. I would like to thank all of the staff, parents and pupils who have worked so hard to make The Belham such a fabulous place to learn, and I look forward to continuing our school journey in September.

I am pleased to say that we have much to celebrate at this point in the school year, including a great set of outcomes for Early Years, Year 1 Phonics Screening and Key Stage 1 SATs.

Assessment	Expected+	2017 National Results	Greater Depth	2017 National Results
EYFS Profile	87%	70%	n/a	n/a
Phonics Screening (Yr1)	90%	81%	n/a	n/a
KSI Reading	93%	74%	37%	25%
KSI Writing	83%	68%	22%	16%
KSI Maths	90%	75%	27%	21%

A huge well done to our hardworking pupils and of course a big thank you to our wonderful teachers and teaching assistants. We are very proud of our children's achievements.

Tomorrow we will be saying a sad goodbye to Chris Finney and Charlotte Carter as they embark on their new journeys. We wish them both the best of luck for the future.

Finally, have a wonderful summer break and enjoy whatever exciting activities you have planned! We will see you in six weeks!

KEY DATES

Friday 20 July

Last day of term and whole school picnic

Tuesday 4 September

First day of term

EXECUTIVE HEAD'S NOTES

And... we've come to the end of the year, in the building that we waited for for so long, all wrapped up with a Section 5 Ofsted Inspection which went well. The report will be published in mid-September, and until then has to remain confidential. I cannot express strong enough praise and thanks for the whole staff team, and the children who have worked so hard. In particular, I must name Liz Cohen, Ally Sprakes and Sharon Baxendale, who were constantly under the spotlight, providing copious documentation and answering many questions. I also want to say one deafening "THANK YOU" to you, the parents, who completed the Parent View with such resoundingly positive responses. I genuinely believe that what makes this school so very special is your utter "buy-in" to what we're trying to achieve, and without this, the school would not be the same. I will become part time from September with a greater focus on developing the work of the Trust. Enjoy your summer, each and everyone.

TAPESTRY

Reception parents

We hope you and your child have had a wonderful first year at The Belham. Throughout the year, we have captured your child's learning and special events on Tapestry. Shortly you will be able to download their journal from your Tapestry account as a memory of this extra special year. Please make sure you have downloaded the journals by 31st July.

If you require your password to be reset, please contact Ally directly.

WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC

On the last day of term, Friday 20 July, the whole school will be going to Warwick Gardens at 11.30am for an end of year picnic. All children will need to bring in a packed lunch. Parents, carers and younger siblings are invited to come and join us (parents should bring food for themselves and family plus a picnic blanket!) Parents may take their child directly from the park after 1pm.

All other children will be walked back to school for collection at 1.15pm. Should the weather be less than picnic friendly and we need to cancel, we will let parents know in advance. Please note there is no Afternoon Owls on this day.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

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FoB NEWS

End of Year Activity Summary

In our last issue before the end of the school year, FoB would like to take this opportunity to give huge thanks to all those who have attended our events over the year, who have volunteered their time or assistance in whatever guise, and who have donated items to FoB, be that cakes, plants, pre-loved toys, clothes, uniform, or anything else. All parents/carers are automatically members of FoB and we certainly couldn't have done it without you.

Thanks also to all the amazing local businesses who so generously supported us, whether through financial donations or gave gifts to be used as prizes in FoB events. We are tremendously grateful and FoB has created 'thank you' posters to show our gratitude to the local supporting businesses.

In terms of fundraising activity, this was a great year for FoB. To name but a few, FoB organised a range of events:

- 2 school discos;
- 3 cake sales;
- 1 summer fair;
- Santa's grotto and Xmas tree sales;
- The grown-ups' quiz night;
- 2 children's movie nights;
- An Easter egg hunt;
- Several Velodrome cycle sessions;
- A summer camping trip;
- Yoga with Harriet; and
- An evening of Brick Brewery tours.

FoB also created the following items for parents/carers to buy:

- Reception year tea towels;
- Children's Xmas cards;
- Reusable water bottles.

Across all FoB activities for the 2017-2018 year, we made an incredible net profit of **£7,400!**

FoB NEWS

School Use of Proceeds

All the monies FoB raises are for the benefit of the school and its pupils, for use in purchasing equipment or funding projects and activities. So, how has the school used some of this money over the year? Your generous contributions have paid for:

The children's drinks at Sports Day!



The main playground's reading shed and all the books in it!



FoB NEWS

The school's team sports kit!



This, of course, represents only a portion of our total fundraised monies. As the school grows, develops and settles into our wonderful building, FoB anticipates more funding requirements.

For next year, funds have already been earmarked for the planting scheme within 'the lane' area of the school site, as part of the air quality initiatives, aimed at improving air quality at the school site.

If you would like to hear more, please make a note in your diaries re **FoB's Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, held usually in November, full details TBC currently, but usually at The Peckham Liberal Club. The FoB committee presents our activities and monies raised over the previous year and what purchases or contributions we have made on behalf of the school. All parents/carers are automatically members of FoB so please come along for what is a fun social night too.

UPCOMING FoB EVENTS

Next term, please look out for:

? Quiz Night

Another highlight of the FoB events calendar is the FoB quiz night. Look out for more details of this awesome night, usually held at the Peckham Liberal Club in October.



Christmas Fair

It's NEVER too early to start talking about Christmas! FoB have pencilled in the Christmas Fair for 1st December 2018. Watch this space for further details next term.



Cake Sales

Date tba at the moment, but please stand by your ovens, for a "ready, steady, BAKE!"!



School Disco

Date tba again, but the discoing dream team will be back for more disco-mania!

But, in the interim, FoB wishes everyone a wonderful and relaxing summer! See you all next term!

WHAT IS THE FRIENDS OF BELHAM?

The Friends of Belham (FoB) is The Belham Primary School's Parent-Teacher Association and is a registered charity (number 1168767). Our primary aim is to raise funds to provide additional equipment, projects, and activities for the benefit of children attending The Belham Primary School, in addition to arranging social events for pupils, parents/carers, and members of the wider local community to enjoy. We do this through organising and hosting fundraising events and activities. Our structure, activities, and what we may spend fundraising monies on is governed by the Parentkind PTA Constitution. The FoB committee is comprised entirely of Belham parent/carer volunteers and every class has named FoB representatives, all of whom are elected by the parent/carer group at our AGM. Every Belham parent/carer is automatically a member of FoB, however, and we always welcome ideas, suggestions, and comments from all parents/carers. We meet about once a month and please see the FoB page of the school's website for our meeting notes and list of the current committee and class representatives. Please feel free to contact us at the above email address.