

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

This week there has once again been lots going on at The Belham. Year 2 have been taking their SATs assessments, Year 6 have been making puppets and Year 4 danced at the TCSET Dance Festival held at Lyndhurst Primary School. So much going on and through it all the children have worked hard to show their skill and talent. Nevermore so than this morning in Celebration Assembly, Year 5 shared some of the poetry they have been writing based on the work of Dean Atta, a Greek-Cypriot Jamaican-British poet. His work 'I come from' was the template for their own 'I come from' poems. They wrote about food their parents cook, experiences they have had and emotions they sometimes feel. It was so powerful! We're hoping to share some of these *anonymously!* on Class Dojo and our social media channels in the coming weeks.

KEY DATES

Monday 22nd May

TRIP – The Big Sing

Tuesday 23rd May

TRIP – Year 2 RAF Museum – packed lunch required.

Wednesday 24th May

TRIP – Year 1 Greenwich Observatory – packed lunch required.

Summer Concert – Peripatetic Music (invitation)

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th May

Art Show

HALF TERM

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June

Children return to school

Monday 12th – Friday 16th June

Y6 Residential.

Monday 19th June – Friday 23rd June

Y5 Residential

THE BELHAM ART SHOW – 25TH & 26TH MAY

This year The Belham Art Show will be taking on a different form. We will be filling the corridors of the school with the artwork our Brilliant Belhamites have produced over the last year. We warmly invite you to view the artwork between 3.45pm and 4.45pm across the two days. Classrooms will display children's sketchbooks and some 3D work. We're looking forward to seeing you then.



STRIKE DAYS

Some of you may have been expecting an announcement of further strike days yesterday (18th May). The NEU have decided to delay a decision on further strike action until 17th June. On this day they will be deciding if a three day strike action is to take place in the week of 3rd July 2023. As soon as we have the information required, we will contact parents.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

All parents & carers should have received an email this afternoon, explaining the process for our Parent Governor Election. Thank you to our four fabulous Mums who have put themselves forward. The election will run from 5pm tonight until 5pm on Monday 5th June. Please do take time to vote. The statements for each candidate will be available on the voting platform.

PACKED LUNCHES FOR TRIPS

Please can we remind all our families that we are a nut-free school and that there should be **NO NUTS** in packed lunches. All packed lunches should be as healthy as possible and not contain any fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate bars. Please remember that for those families who like to, we are happy to provide a packed lunch for your child with notice. Thank you.



FOOD APPEAL AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

We will be collecting again next week. With the cost of living increases and rising energy bills we have seen a greater need from our own Belham families for support of this kind. Many of our families benefit from the food we gather together as a community. Friends of Belham are supporting to distribute any food items not required by Belham families to the Allbrighton Centre and Pecan in Peckham.

Food items that families are in need of:

- Dried pasta, noodles and pulses
- Cupboard sauces
- Kitchen and toilet rolls
- Cereals and UHT milk
- Tea and coffee.

Collections on Tuesday 22nd , Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th mornings in the playground or in the office.

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

Lullaby and Goodnight: A Study of the Experience of Fathers and Male Carers Who Sing to Children



Are you a Male Parent or Carer of a child from 0-4 years old? Do you ever sing to your child, in public or private?

We would like to talk to you as part of a fascinating new research project into men who sing to babies/young children.

We require an hour of your time, via an online interview, which will be confidential and anonymous. You will receive a £20 Amazon/ Sainsburys Voucher for taking part.

To find out more out the project, and to take part, please contact Dr Emily Falconer: e.falconer@westminster.ac.uk or Dr Tom Thurnell-Read: t.thurnell-read@lboro.ac.uk



0-5 STORY SESSION

Thank you to everyone who came to our very first Storytime session this morning. We had a great time singing songs with Miss Rose and hearing a story from Miss Hogg! The next one will be **10am on Friday 9th June.**



THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

Friends of
Belham



19th May 2023

Meet the Friends of Belham (FoB) Committee & Class Reps

<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/friends-of-belham.html>

Contact us

friendsofbelham@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

17 th June	School Summer Fair
14 th - 16th July	Camping Weekend

FOOD DONATIONS

FOB is again working with the school to collect non-perishable food donations next week. These will be offered to families within the Belham community next Friday, 26 May, with anything remaining donated to the Albrighton Community Fridge or Pecan.

There will be a box in the office throughout next week, but FOB will also have boxes for donations on Tuesday at drop off and pick up at the main gate (and potentially other days).

Particular items that would be useful are:

- Tins (tomatoes, soup, meat, fish, fruit etc)
- Bottles and jars (cooking oils, sauces, ketchup and jam etc)
- Dried goods (pasta, rice, tea, coffee, etc)
- Non-perishable items that require little or no prep (biscuits, crisps, other snacks, instant noodles, packet soups etc)
- Toiletries
- Cleaning products

SUMMER FAIR 17th JUNE

PLANT STALL

Do you have green fingers? Are you a pro at making cuttings? If so, please start prepping for the fair plant stall. We'll welcome all donations. Look out for more information nearer the time on when and where to drop off your offerings.

SPONSORSHIP

A call out for sponsorship! If you work for or know of a business that may be interested in sponsoring the school fair, please email us at friendsofbelham@gmail.com to discuss further.

Opportunities for businesses include branding on fair promotion material and the chance to promote their business to the school audience.

CALL OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Our fair cannot go ahead without our parent/carers. Please do sign up to volunteer via the links below.

Reception: Arts and Crafts – Contact Zoe

Year 1: Drinks -

<https://signup.zone/JqXHicpgSpbazBmRY>

Year 2: Music/ Entertainment -

<https://signup.zone/4R8Hg7e8q9snv3wDS>

Year 3: Hot Food and Face Painting -

<https://signup.zone/yvzktZEjiAAcAToo4>

Year 4: Bakes and Popcorn -

<https://signup.zone/fSLxgz3tdjFxFjRRT>

Year 5: Games – Contact class rep

Year 6: Stalls/ Young Enterprise Stall – Contact class rep

MUSICIANS AND BANDS

Are you or your child a musician or in a band? We want you for our summer fair open mic slot. Come and show off your musical prowess 17th June. Email your interest to friendsofbelham@gmail.com

CAMPING WEEKEND 14th – 16th July

The camping weekend is almost sold out. There is just a handful of tickets left for the Friday night. Buy yours here if you want to join in the fun:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/913158>

The cost for the night is £7.50 pp. Note, this price only covers the campsite and ticketing costs. Please feel free to make a voluntary donation on the check-out form to help raise funds for the school.

If you've missed out on Saturday day/overnight tickets, we have a wait list – put your name down via the link and we will notify you if a space comes free. All returned tickets will get a full refund if we can fill the space.

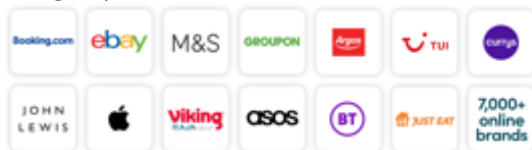
YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PROM

Please get your tickets here for the Year 6 leaver's prom, on Friday 21st July 6-8pm:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/917366> Please order your ticket by end of day Friday 26th May.

SIGN UP FOR EASYFUNDRAISING!

If you haven't already signed up for EasyFundraising, then please do. It only takes 2 minutes, and it will make a big difference to our fundraising efforts. You'll raise money for the school while you shop online in over 7000 retailers. To sign up, click here:



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

THEATRE FUN



Theatre Peckham is hosting its Fringe Festival until the start of June – and you can catch the return of *Pigs Might Fly* to the stage. Co-written by a Belham parent, it is a bold and energetic new musical that follows the air-raising adventures of Pintsize, the youngest and most daring piglet on Mudpuddle Farm. Based on the book by Michael Morpurgo, *Pigs Might Fly* brings the farmyard to life with catchy songs, puppetry, and plenty of frolicsome fun.

Performances: 24-26th May at 11am and 4pm. Book tickets here:

<https://www.theatrepeckham.co.uk/show/pigs-might-fly/>