

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Since September, classes have been working, playing and eating in year group 'bubbles' and we have had to adapt all of our usual larger gatherings or whole school events, like playtimes, assemblies and concerts. When walking around the school, there is a real sense of calm and purpose emanating from the classrooms and children are producing lovely work which is being displayed in the CRAZE and on corridor displays. In 'usual' times, we would be thrilled to welcome visitors to our school and let them see what our pupils are up to; in 'Covid' times, we have to showcase our pupils' learning in a different way. If you haven't already, do check out our school Instagram and Twitter accounts, and follow the whole school ClassDojo feed. You will be able to see what is happening in our school and keep up with the latest news! This week, CRT has focused on the festival of Diwali, which was celebrated last weekend, and Miss Hogg has been posting videos of our teachers reading stories linked to a different Belhamite Value each day for Anti-Bullying Week.

RECEPTION ADMISSION APPLICATIONS 2021

The first virtual Reception Open Days took place this week and, despite the ever present threat of technology possibly failing, both events ran smoothly. A huge thank you to one of our parents, Elliot Smith, who filmed and edited a short promotional film starring and very much led by our Belhamites. We hope to share this soon on the ClassDojo feed so keep an eye out for it!

The 2021/22 Reception admission applications deadline will soon be upon us, and remember, even if your child has a sibling already at the Belham, you still need to apply online on Southwark Council's website. Online applications are quick and easy to do and instructions can be found [here](#). The deadline is **Friday 15th January 2021**.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Some interesting additions to the school uniform have crept in since the children's return from half term. A gentle reminder to all parents that smartwatches, non-regulation jewellery, and resplendent hair accessories should be worn at home only. Here is a link to our [uniform](#).

Creative reflection time next week will be about:
AUTUMN

KEY DATES

Monday 23rd November

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

Tuesday 24th November

Yr 2 - PE
Yr 4 - PE
Yr6 - PE

Wednesday 25th November

Reception - Dance Lesson
Yr1 - Dance Lesson
Yr6 - PE

Thursday 26th November

Yr2 - PE
Yr3 - PE
Yr5 - Yoga

Friday 27th November

Yr4 - PE
Yr5 - PE



SCIENCE IN ACTION!!

STEAM



Who can catapult the teabag the furthest?

You can use any recycled items from the home.

Submit a photo of you and your family with your catapult and the distance your teabag travelled.

Email entries to the office or Dojo me directly.

Please submit entries by WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER

I wonder which family will be at the top of the leader board?!

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SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2021-2022

Autumn term 2021

(STAFF INSET DAYS Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September)

Term starts: Monday 6th September - Friday 22nd October

Half Term: Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October

Term dates: Monday 1st November – Friday 17th December (last register 1:25pm)

Spring term 2022

(STAFF INSET DAY Tuesday 4th January)

Term starts: Wednesday 5th January - Friday 11th February

Half Term: Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February

Term dates: Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April

Summer term 2022

Term starts: Tuesday 19th April - Friday 27th May
(May Bank Holiday will be taken on Monday 2nd May)

Half Term: Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
(STAFF INSET DAY Monday 6th June)

Term dates: Tuesday 7th June – Friday 22nd July (last register 1:25pm)

Public Holidays

Christmas Day Holiday to be taken on – Monday 27th December 2021

Boxing Day Holiday to be taken on – Tuesday 28th December 2021

New Year Holiday to be taken on – Monday 3rd January 2022

Good Friday – Friday 15th April 2022

Easter Monday – Monday 18th April 2022

May Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May 2022

Spring Bank Holiday – Monday 30th May 2022

Summer Bank Holiday – Monday 29th August 2022

UPDATE FROM SOUTHWARK

We receive regular updates from the Local Authority who have asked us to share the link to the council's webpage: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/publichealth/for-the-public/coronavirus/resources-for-parents-and-carers>

They have also provided information about free food bags available during lockdown: Mercato Metropolitano will be providing FREE food bags for all families in Southwark and surrounding areas as part of their CoMMunity Meals program.

When: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 11am (November 9th - December 3rd) on a first come, first serve basis

Where: MM Grocery, Elephant & Castle (42 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6DR) Collection only

Who: Any family with children that may be struggling during lockdown are welcome, please come along and collect a food bag

DHET/TCSET CONSULTATION RESPONSE

You will be aware that the consultation period about our schools joining The Charter Trust closed yesterday. Our Trustees, Executive Headteacher, Sonia Case, and Cassie Buchanan, CEO of The Charter Schools Educational Trust, have prepared an FAQ document in response to your questions and those posed by The Belham community. This will be attached to the Belham Buzz today and placed on the school website.

Whilst we hope the FAQ document answers the queries you raised, there may be further questions that arise in the next weeks and months. We will forward any that have a direct impact upon your child's education to Sonia and the Succession Planning Group of the Board of Trustees.

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

25 November	Deadline for Christmas Tree orders
3 December	Quiz Night – online, see below for tickets

Quiz night – book now!

FoB's resident quizmaster Rich Knowles has kindly offered to host a Zoom Quiz on December 3rd. We'll all miss the faded grandeur of Peckham Liberal Club, but those days will return...

You may like to start pulling together a quiz team (up to 6 people), or just sign-up and we can help you find teammates. Teams will communicate with each other via Whatsapp calls while the quiz goes on on zoom.

Tickets are £3 each and are available from this page:
<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/451433>

If you are unable to attend the quiz, don't like quizzes, or are just relieved about how much money you won't be spending on cake and sweets at the Christmas Fair this year, please consider donating £3 to FoB via JustGiving instead:
www.justgiving.com/friendsofbelham

Bring your secondhand books to school

Do you have unwanted books at home? The school would love it if we could bring in good quality books that are no longer read at home. Books will be quarantined for a few days, and then distributed between the appropriate year groups. It would be really great to build up the selection of books at school and I'm sure we all have a few nice books spare.

Christmas trees! 🎄 Order by 25th Nov!

Although we cannot have our Belham Christmas Fair this year, we can still have Christmas trees!

These high-quality trees are great value, long-lasting, and the price includes a £10 donation to Friends of Belham. The trees are Nordmann Fir sourced from sustainable plantations in Denmark and Scotland.

Your tree will be available to pick-up from Belham Primary School (Bellenden Road gate) between 2pm and 4pm on Dec 5th.

Orders must be placed by Wednesday 25th November 2020 on the following link:
<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/448285>
Prices:

3-4ft (100-125cm) £27

4-5ft (125-150cm) £30

5-6ft (150-175cm) £34

6-7ft (175-200cm) £41

7-8ft (200-225cm) £50

Please note that tree stands are not included!

FoB AGM 2020

Thank you to everyone who attended our online AGM on Wednesday evening. The headlines were that although fundraising has been constrained by Covid-19, we've been able to meet all the requests for funds from the school through this year and still have some reserves. That is thanks to the hard work and generous giving of you all over recent years!

The committee were re-elected and we're delighted to have a new committee member join us: Kathryn Church. We're looking forward to taking FoB forward for another year and continuing our efforts to keep the school community connected through Covid times, offering something for everyone, and (we hope...) seeing the return of some of our best-loved events in 2021.

Fundraising report

Halloween craft contest

We loved your entries to the contest! Thanks to everyone's contributions, and some generous donations in addition to the entry cost, and a kind donor who supplied the prizes, the contest raised around £225.

Christmas Cards

A massive **THANK YOU!** to Julia Parfitt and the school for their hard work coordinating the Christmas cards, and to everyone who ordered and navigated the different process this year. You've raised a fantastic £550 for the school!

Putting funds to good use

Earlier this year FoB agreed to fund some coaching in Conflict Management. This took place at the start of this academic year at a cost of £1280.

Year 5 play leaders were given four afternoons of training looking at how to manage conflict, actively listen, ensure impartiality and use restorative justice. Midday supervisors received two afternoons of training looking at de-escalation and conflict resolution strategies.

The result should be calmer playtimes and a chance for all our children to absorb these approaches from their play leaders and supervisors.

FOB Uniform & Xmas Jumper Exchange

The FOB uniform exchange is now LIVE!!! Click on the links below to buy or sell second hand uniform and Christmas jumpers.

1. If you have items to sell, you go to the google form, enter what you have available, (type, size, condition etc) and an email address. This populates the google form with all the info, and a price is generated, depending on quality. Clothes must be a) clean, b) labels removed if possible, c) truthfully described in terms of quality ("excellent", "good" or "well worn").

http://bit.ly/FoB_2ndHandUniform_SubmitForm

2. If you want to buy, you click on the link below, review the form, "claim" the items you want by contacting the seller directly. Seller then updates the form to show the item is now sold.

http://bit.ly/FoB_2ndHandUniform_Stock

3. Buyer makes a donation to FOB via Justgiving based on the prices in the spreadsheet

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

4. Buyer collects from seller's home.
5. Seller updates quantities on the form once the item has been collected.