

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

After the Christmas events that have taken place at school over the past few weeks, we are finally winding down and getting ready for the holidays. Yesterday we had our annual Christmas lunch, with chefs Paul and Leo leading the catering team, and additional staff from Principals working hard with us to prepare and serve the food, and decorate the main hall. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved: every child and member of staff was able to enjoy a lovely Christmas lunch and celebrate the end of term in style.

Earlier this week, the results of the parent governor election were announced. Congratulations to Christabel Daugherty who will be joining the Governing Body and working closely with the school. Thank you to all of the other candidates who ran in the election too.

Thanks to your generosity after the Christmas performances, we raised a phenomenal amount of money for St-Martin-in-the-Fields and Crisis – over £1200! We also managed to raise £237 for Save the Children and look stylish in our Christmas jumpers at the same time.

Finally, from all of us at the Belham, have a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 7 January.



ART & SOUL FUNDRAISER PURCHASE

Thank you to all of you who were so generous in contributing to our Art & Soul bag fundraising. As promised, the money has been spent on Art equipment that will not just benefit The Belham but also other local schools. We have purchased a light box for exposing photographs. It is a process that only takes a few minutes but to amazing effect.

The Belham Art Council will make a short film explaining how to use the equipment. The light box can then not only be used by us to support our Art, Humanities and Science topics but can be lent to neighbouring schools so they can reap the benefits too. There are still some bags available to buy via SchoolsBuddy if you would like to contribute to this ongoing Art education community project. If you have any ideas for the project, please contact Kate Gorely via the office.

KEY DATES

Monday 6th January

Staff inset day (NO PUPILS)

Tuesday 7th January

First day of term!

Friday 10th January

TRIP Year 1 - Museum of London - Fire Fire! (Packed lunch required)

STEAM WEEK

Next term we will be having our annual STEAM Week (w/b 20st January). This year, there is a Design Technology focus on the theme of 'Bridges'. Year groups will be developing their own design briefs, creating bridges for a range of purposes, scales, and specifications. We are looking for architects, designers, and engineers to come in and help/introduce us to technical drawing and computer aided design. We are always looking for ways to work with our community so if you have a business a group of children could visit or are willing to help in any way, please get in touch with Kate Gorely via the office.

COMMUNICATION

Before the start of the new term you will receive a topic letter for your child detailing planned trips, events and reminders for the upcoming term as well as a topic map that will outline what will be taught over the term. Specific details (packed lunches and times) of trips will be loaded to your SchoolsBuddy diary by the start of the new term. As always, you can communicate with your class teacher via Class Dojo but we ask that you refrain from sending emails with logistical questions until you have had a chance to read the topic letters. We are very proud that our children have the opportunity to enrich their learning with educational visits (trips) something that, due to budget cuts, many other schools have reduced. However, in order to continue to offer such an exciting curriculum we do ask for your assistance. If you are able to support us with any of the planned trips or swimming lessons, please do contact the office (or in the case of swimming, complete the online rota). You can also help by making a voluntary contribution via SchoolsBuddy.

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AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICES SPRING TERM 2020

Clubs will start on **Monday 13th January 2020** and will end on **Friday 27th March 2020**

Clubs need to be paid in full by the end of **Friday 3rd January 2020**.

SPRING TERM 2020 MORNING CLUBS SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Football (Yr1&2)	Running Dance Netball	Hockey	Belham Bootcamp	Basketball & Football (Yr3&4)

SPRING TERM 2020 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Creative Kids Art & Design Y2/3	The Sketchbook Project Y3-5	Boxing Y3-5	Hockey Y3-5	Tag Rugby Y3-5
Taekwondo Y2-5	Gymnastics Y1-5	Coding Y1/2	Hands on Science Y1/2	.
Yoga Y3-5	Animation (not just Lego) Y1-5	The Making Project Y1/2	Robotics Y3-5	.
Minecraft Y1/2	Art & Craft Y1/2	Minecraft Y3-5	Miced Media Mini Artists Y2/3	.
Netball Y3-5	Football Y4/5	Football Y1-3	Streetdance Y3-5	.
Mandarin Y1-3	Cooking Y2/3	Art & Craft Y3-5	Movement, Drama & Dance Y1/2	.
Mixed Media Artists Y4/5	French Y2-4	Streetdance Y1/2	Yoga Y1/2	.
Musical Drama Y3-5	Animal Antics Y1-3	Cooking Y4/5	.	.
STEAM Y2-5	.	Coding Y3-5	.	.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

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Main Committee Members: Adam Scott, Eve Petcher, Hannah Cleaton-Roberts, Shaun Kirby

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FoB NEWS

HELLO!

We've had some extensive handovers and now we're up and running as a new committee. We are Adam Scott, Eve Petcher, (co Chairs), Hannah Cleaton-Roberts (Secretary) and Shaun Kirby (Treasurer). Our pictures are on the website here:

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

Do come and say hello in the playground, we're all happy to chat about suggestions for the FOB or any questions you might have.

THANK YOU!!

Our first job is to say some very important thanks....

First to our outgoing committee, Michelle, Pat and Rich, for the outstanding job they have done running the Friends of Belham for the last two years. They worked incredibly hard creating events that bring people together and raise money for the school, it has been a completely awesome achievement. **THANK YOU ALL!!!**

Also to all the parents and carers who have contributed to the FOB this year, whether in time or in money, **THANK YOU**. A huge amount of money has been raised for the school and we have had some amazing events, none of which happen without your contributions.

FoB NEWS

TELL US WHAT YOU WANT FROM FOB

All parents and carers at the school are members of Friends of Belham. As a new committee we'd like to know what you want from the FOB going forward. We have created a short anonymous online survey to gather feedback. It would be great if you could take a couple of minutes to fill it in, (it is just 4 questions!).

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/W6VDS DK>

SAVE THE DATE

Just a reminder of all the exciting things we've got coming up next year:

School Disco – Friday 7th Feb 2020

Quiz Night – Wednesday

12th February 2020

Bag for School - Tuesday 5th March

Golf Day – Friday 27th March 2020

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday 28th March 2020

Camping - Friday 19th, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June

And finally....

We just wanted to say **HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!** Have a great holiday everyone and see you in the New Year!

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