

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Christmas performance preparation has started in earnest now with children practising their lines and learning new songs during singing assembly. I can't quite believe that the first Christmas performance takes place in less than two weeks time – before we know it, we will have reached the end of the term!

The parent-led Air Quality group have done a fantastic job in putting pressure on the council to make the roads around our school safer, but there is more that we can do as a school community to ensure the safety of our children. Currently, there are no zigzag lines on Bellenden Road that you would usually find outside of a school; next to the bus stop, there is only a single yellow line. This is of great concern to us as staff and parents have seen cars pull in and drop off children either in the bus stop or on the yellow lines. The pavements are very crowded in the morning and it may only be a matter of time before someone gets hurt. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could drop children off further away from the school gates. We also share the pavement with local residents, so please remember to make way for them in the morning too.

INTER HOUSE FOOTBALL

Next week will be our first inter house football tournament. Each year group will have a house team and teams will play in a league format. We will then award an overall trophy to the house with the most year league wins. Children have had the opportunity to put their names forward to be part of their house's team—this has been happening at lunch times over the last few weeks.

Mon & Tue – Yr 1 & 2

Wed & Thur-- Yr 3 & 4

Fri –Yr 5

Later this year we will have more inter house competitions in other sports.

SPRING TERM CLUBS

All confirmation of club allocations have now been sent out. We do have a few spaces left in some of the clubs and an email will be sent on Monday to let you know where there is still availability - spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis once the email goes out. Requests for payment will be sent out on Thursday 28 November via Schools Buddy. **If you have been allocated a place that you no longer need please email the office as soon as possible as many of the clubs have waiting lists!**

KEY DATES

Monday 25 November

Calico Cycle Confident course – **ALL WEEK**

Cotton trip to Westminster Abbey – packed lunch needed

Wednesday 27 November

Silk visit to National Portrait Gallery. Packed lunch needed

Thursday 28 November

Linen trip to the Royal Mews – packed lunch needed

Friday 29 November

Y3 to British Museum – packed lunch needed

READING PASSPORTS ; ON SCHOOLSBUDDY

A reminder that reading passports are available to purchase now on Schools Buddy! They have been a great success this term, with many children reading several of the titles.

The new books will be delivered before the end of term and could be a great Christmas present for our Belhamites!

BEFORE SCHOOL SPORTS PRACTICES

Booking will open for our free before schools sports sessions on Tuesday 26 November at 8pm and will close at midnight on Thursday 28 November. The short window is so that we can assign clubs by Monday ready to open up the bookings for Early Birds and Owls. As always, spaces are oversubscribed so please ensure that you only select clubs that your child will actually attend. All before school sports practices start at 08:00 am and children will need to arrive in their sporting kit.

ICE SKATING OFFER

One of our parents is involved with an Ice Skating rink at London City Island, just outside the new English National Ballet, near Canning town station. They have very kindly given us a discount code to pass on to any Belham parents who would like to buy tickets. For full details please visit: www.londoncityisland.com/icerink using your exclusive 10% discount code CITYISLAND10

CURRENT AFFAIRS PROJECT

We are launching a new Key Stage 2 Termly Current Affairs Project. Entries must be handwritten and no larger than A4-please see the attachment with the Buzz for more details. Entries to be handed in to the office by 8 December.

Creative reflection time next week will be about
PEDRO REYES – WEAPON INSTRUMENTS

FoB NEWS

FOB EVENTS

Christmas wreath workshop – Monday 9th December

We are delighted to announce that a Christmas wreath workshop which will be held at the school on the evening 7pm -9:30pm hosted by LABOOS.

Create your very own moss based, sustainable, natural style Christmas wreath. Working with fresh, fragrant, British ingredients and a selection of festive trimmings.

LABOOS are giving their time and expertise for free. This means all proceeds will cover the material needed to create the wreath and all other funds will go straight to the school.

The workshop, including a wreath to take home is £35.

Only 15 spaces available. To book a place go to the link below

www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/323463



FoB NEWS

We are thrilled to announce our second FoB Golf Day! – Save the date for Friday 27th March 2020

Come and play golf, have a lovely lunch and lots of money for the school.

Whether you are a scratch golfer or a hacker and whacker (like most of us) we would love you to join us and play a round at our beautiful local course over-looking London.

You'll start the day with coffee and bacons rolls, play 18 holes and then enjoy a leisurely lunch with wine.

Teams of three.

*This event is not just for parents/careers of children that go to the school. Teams of family and friends welcome

*If people can't get a team of 3 they can come in alone or in pairs and we will make up teams.

Venue - Dulwich and Sydenham Hill Golf Course
(www.dulwichgolf.co.uk)

Date - Friday 27th March 2020

Entry fees - £75 per player- £225 a team of three

The day's schedule:

- 7.30am - registration opens, coffee and bacon sandwiches
- 8am - tee start
- 1:30pm – Lunch

If there are any questions / enquires from potential players/ team captains - please email paulmunro@yahoo.co.uk

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

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Christmas Cards

Thanks to everyone that bought their children's Christmas cards via the Christmas Card Project we made a fantastic **£569.00** for the school!

Special thanks to Julia Parfitt for organising the whole thing.

Holiday Auction

As part of our Christmas Fair prizes we are auctioning weekend breaks or week long holidays to raise money for the school. It's a great fundraiser and an even greater way to grab a bargain holiday!!!

We have been lucky enough to have 5 fabulous holidays to offer.

- A week, or long weekend in Barcelona
- A weekend in Budapest
- 1 or 2 weeks in Tenerife
- A weekend in Whitstable
- A week in Provence, France

The owners of these beautiful homes have been incredibly generous and have given them for free for the auction. Which means all money raised (apart from cleaning fee) will be going straight to the school!

The homes are all family owned; people who have a successful bid will be provided with lots of info about family friendly restaurants and activities, and proper local tips.

The auction will start from a minimum amount & cleaning costs. Please have a look at the attached document to get more information on the holidays.

All you have to do is write your bid amount and put it in the jar in front of the print out of the holiday at the fair. The highest bid will win the holiday!

If you would like to bid on one of the holidays but can't make the fair send an email to michellehardy1975@gmail.com with name of the holiday and your bid amount.

Festive Hampers

We have 4 fantastic hampers that you can bid on at the Christmas fair. These will make fantastic Christmas presents for someone or yourself!

Each hamper has a retail value of approx £100 and above. There are no minimum bids, all you do is write your bid amount and put in the jar in front of the hamper. The highest bid wins the hamper.

- Festive Food and Drink Hamper

- The Imoporium Hamper
www.theimoporium.co.uk
- The Imoporium Kids
Hamper, www.theimoporium.co.uk
- Pamper Hamper

If you would like to bid on one of the hampers but can't make the fair send an email to michellehardy1975@gmail.com with name of the hamper and your bid amount.

**Belham Christmas Fair 2019 – Saturday
30th November 12 – 3pm**

Volunteer Requests!

Stall shifts

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered already for shifts at the fair. We only have a few left to fill.

Shift 3: 2pm-3pm – 8 people needed

Please send an email to Michelle on michellehardy1975@gmail.com if you can help in any way.

FoB Donation Requests!

Fairy light donations

We will be decorating the hall for the fair and are looking for fairy lights that we can borrow.

If you have any, please put them into the FoB box in reception with a label on the lights so we can return them.

Pom Pom Stall

We are doing our first ever pompom stall this year. Not only can you buy them premade but the children can also make them to take home.

We urgently need any spare wool that you might have. Please put it into the FoB box in reception.

Kids Lucky Dip

We have had a fantastic donation of jars (some filled, some empty) in preparation for the Xmas Fair on 30th November but we are in need of a lot more! We are looking primarily for filled jars & stuff to fill the jars with.

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Too many Halloween sweets? Small toys that you simply don't need? Party bag fillers you haven't used, would all be absolutely amazing.

If you could drop these in the FoB box in!

Please make sure any sweets/snacks are nut free

Raffle & Hampers

We have lots of amazing vouchers from local shops but we are in desperate need for other donations to fill hampers and to raffle.

Do you have any gifts that you have never used?

Bottles of drink you have never drunk?

Unused beauty products?

Festive food?

We are looking for donations of anything that would make a fabulous raffle prizes.

Please leave in the FoB box in reception or email Kath at kathmacleod184@gmail.com for more info.

FoB have a MASSIVE box (clearly FoB) that is now located just inside the door to the school reception/office.

Please put all your Jars & raffle items in there.

Many thanks in advance!

Other Ways To Raise Money

Easyfundraising

If you're doing your Christmas shopping on the internet go through the #easyfundraising to raise a donation for us. If you haven't joined in yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us for FREE when you buy things you'd be getting anyway. Every donation mounts up for us and can make a difference, so please take a moment to get involved!

Sign-up using our unique link:

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

SAVE THE DATE!

FoB Quiz Night – Wednesday 12th February 2020

Venue - Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove

FoB camping

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

Venue: South London Scout Centre, Grange Lane, SE21 7LH.

FoB Golf Day – Friday 27 March

Venue: Dulwich and Sydenham Golf Course