

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

And so we come to the end of the first half of Autumn term and I can't believe how quickly the past few weeks have flown by. There have been noticeable changes that we have had to make in school, from the structure of the day to changes in organisational systems and routines. I would like to thank all parents and carers for your support and understanding at this time. Most importantly, children still enter the school each morning with a big smile on their faces and continue to have an action-packed school day, full of the 'glitter' to which they have become accustomed! The term leading up to Christmas will look a little different to usual, but again, we will adapt and try to ensure that we're able to engage with the school community in the same way that we always have.

Yesterday, Year 6 returned from their two weeks of self-isolation just in time for the end of our Black History CRAZE Week. It was lovely to see all of the children and they were certainly pleased to be back! This afternoon, classes will be lining the streets to watch Reception's carnival, led by the 'mother' of the Notting Hill Carnival, Claudia Jones (well, a very lifelike representation of her!). Thank you to Kate Gorely, Katie Moore and Emma Chan who led the organisation of our Black History Month events, and to all of the staff who made sure that children's learning was relevant and fun.

Engaging with Sustainability

Mr Turnham has been talking about Engaging with Sustainability in D&T Practice!



KEY DATES

Monday 2nd November

INSET DAY (School is closed for pupils)

Tuesday 3rd November

Pupils return to school

Yr 2 - PE

Yr 4 - PE

Yr 6 - PE

Wednesday 4th November

Reception - Dance Lesson

Yr 1 - Dance Lesson

Yr 6 - PE

Thursday 5th November

Yr 2 - PE

Yr 3 - PE

Yr 5 - Yoga

Friday 6th November

Yr 4 - PE

Yr 5 - PE

PRIMARY TO SECONDARY TRANSFER 2021/22

We have now had all of our secondary school virtual meetings—thank you to everyone who attended or submitted questions. The PowerPoint for both Year 6 and Year 5 parents can be found on ClassDojo in the class story. Please can we remind you that you must complete the form through the borough that you live in - you can however apply to any state London school.

We have had a few parents asking about the independent exams and whether we could facilitate this at the Belham. The SLT have looked into this and spoken to Ms Cohen. We have decided we are not able to facilitate this, this year.

Please can we also remind you that the deadline for Southwark online applications is the **31st October**. Southwark have asked us to strongly advise families to submit their child's secondary application by **Friday 23 October 2020** (a week prior to the national closing date and the last day before the half term holiday).

The earlier you submit your child's secondary application the better. This is because it not only gives Southwark Council's school admissions team the opportunity to contact families should there be any issues with the application, but it also means families are able to contact a member of their team within good time during an extremely busy period.

SCIENCE RESOURCES



SCIENCE IN ACTION!!

As the Science Lead, I am trying to ensure that we have all the Science resources we need to deliver an exciting curriculum that develops a curiosity about the world. We buy many resources, however, there are many household items that I think we can reuse for our Science resources.

These are the resources that I am looking to reuse:

- Cress Seeds
- Jam jars with lids
- Small plastic bottles
- Buttons

Many thanks,
Ms. Chan ☺

STEAM



Please share photos of 'Science in Action' at home. It may be a photo of you *changing materials* in cooking or *changes over time* whilst watching chocolate melt in your hand. Please share your photos and I will print the photos for a display in school. I will also share my favourite photos in the 'Science in Action' article in the Belham Buzz each week. My photo is Bernie going a slide!



STEAM TEAM

Which family will be at the top of our leader board?
Launching in NOVEMBER 2020!

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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

Don't forget:

This week's Friends' Friendly is a bit of a Halloween Monster so here's a quick summary of things for you or your children to do over half term in case you're reading this on the hop...

- Book in to the **Velodrome** (Year 3 or Year 6)!
- Enter the **Halloween craft competition!**
- Join in the **Halloween Zoom discos!**
- Draw your **Christmas cards!**

Scroll on down for all the details...

Want to be more involved in FoB?

We'd love to have one or two people join the committee. See below for more info...

Important dates

31 October	Halloween! Zoom discos and craft competition
4 November	Deadline to return Christmas Card artwork
7/8 November	Years 3 and 6 Velodrome event (see below)
18 November	Save the date for the AGM
3 December	Quiz Night – online, details to follow

Herne Hill Velodrome – Y3 and Y6

Sunday 8th November from 11.30

Book now for the Belham sessions at the Herne Hill Velodrome just after half term! We can only have two year groups at the velodrome at a time, so this session is only for Year 3 and Year 6. Other year groups watch this space for more dates... Due to

restrictions only one parent can accompany their child and no siblings can attend. If this would prevent your child from attending please contact evepetcher@hotmail.com to discuss options.

Bikes are provided but please bring your own helmet and gloves (any gloves will do). If your child does not have a helmet, please get in touch with FoB (at least 24hours before) and we can help sort one out.

Year 3 – 11.30 – 12.30 (inner track - parent / carer to be on inner track with children).

For all children but for those less competent on a bike, they will need parent / carer support. Tickets are £5.50 per child

Year 6 – 12 – 1pm (outer track - parent / carer to wait by the stands).

Children must be competent on a bike.

Tickets are £7.50 per child

Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis – please go to the following link: <https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/440393>

Halloween craft competition!!!

If you can make **BLOOD CURDLING BISCUITS** or **FRIGHTENING FACE PAINTS**,

if you can carve a **Petrifying**

PUMPKIN, make a **CHILLING**

costume, or decorate a **WITCHY WINDOW**,

then please share your creations for us all to enjoy! Enter the Halloween Craft competition:

- £1 per entry via Ticket Tailor – you can enter as many times as you like:
<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/439318>
- Make your spooky creation.
- Take a photo!!
- Email your photo to friendsofbelham@gmail.com by the end of **SUNDAY 1 November**, stating your NAME and YEAR GROUP.

By emailing in your photo you are providing consent for it to be visible on the internet as all entries will be published in a gallery link from the Friends Friendly.

PRIZES!!! We will be awarding Review Bookshop tokens for the best entry in each year group and if we have enough entries, maybe some category winners too. A shortlist will be provided to school and some of the winners will be judged by a handful of Year 6s and/ or the teachers! Shortlists will be biased towards entries created by children rather than parents....

Halloween Zoom Discos, October 31st

Get your spooky glad rags on!!! All children are invited to **Zoom Discos** on the afternoon of Halloween, Sat October 31st.

Each year group will have their own 40 minute (max) online disco. Dress up if you like and show us your monstrous moves!

Full details will be shared through each year's WhatsApp group. Pop the following times in your diary for Oct 31st:

Reception disco...3:00-3:40pm
Year 1 disco3.20-4:00pm
Year 2 disco3:40-4.20pm
Year 3 disco4:00-4:40pm
Year 4 disco4:20-5:00pm
Year 5 disco4:40-5:20pm
Year 6 disco5:00-5:40pm

Christmas Card Project

Get high-quality cards featuring your child's artwork, and help raise funds for the school too - it's a great half-term activity!

You should all have received a white envelope with a flyer and barcode in it. Encourage your child to make beautiful art on a piece of thick A4 paper or card and stick the barcode on the back. Place your order on the website provided, and return the artwork in the envelope in book bags by Weds 4th Nov. They do not accept artwork with glitter! Full guidelines here: http://bit.ly/Artwork_guidelines

We will send reminders on WhatsApp groups but if you have any questions please contact Julia on juliaparfitt@googlemail.com

AGM, Constitution update, and new committee members

We are holding our AGM online at 8pm on Weds 18 Nov. Dial-in details will be provided nearer the time.

Committee members have to be re-elected at each AGM. The current committee of four are planning to stand for re-election - we have all been post for one year and would like to do another year as previous committees have done.

We would really like to have one or two extra people join the committee at this AGM who think they could be involved for a couple of years. This could be as an 'ordinary committee member', or you may have an idea of a role that you would enjoy. You could have a back-seat role, seeing how things work, and then in a year's time you might like to become a co-chair, treasurer or secretary. Please drop us a line if you'd like to discuss: friendsofbelham@gmail.com

At the AGM we present a report on our activities and accounts for the year. We are also proposing to update the constitution. Parentkind - the body that supports PTAs - has updated their model constitution and we think it would be good to keep in step with this. The changes are very minor. We are also proposing to change how an independent examiner of the accounts is appointed, so that they can be appointed by the committee rather than requiring a vote of all FoB members at an AGM or EGM. All changes to the constitution need to be agreed by members at an AGM. You can see the old and new constitutions and a breakdown of the changes here: http://bit.ly/Constitution_Update_2020

FOB Uniform Exchange

After half term we are going to launch our second hand school uniform initiative. We will make a google form available to log your unwanted uniform on a spreadsheet. People will be able to contact the sellers directly to arrange collection of unwanted uniform, for a small donation to FoB. Over half term, please have a look at what school uniform you have now and get ready to list it on the google form. We will need to know: type of item, size, condition (Excellent, Good or Well worn!). Uniform should be clean, labels removed if possible, and truthfully catalogued!

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