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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

In preparation for Black History Month (BHM), last week staff, parents and governors were invited for an 'ideas meeting' to discuss ways in which the school community has come together in the past to celebrate BHM at the Belham, and how we can build on it for the future. Firstly, a huge thank you to those who were able to attend. The conversations were invaluable and we have a bank of collective ideas now! Following this productive conversation, and in line with our vision to be a school with community at heart, we have decided to root our BHM celebrations this year right here in the richness of our Peckham Community. Our "Peckham Voices" project aims to connect learning happening already across our curriculum, across year groups, with the lived experience of the Black community in Peckham. We have a few great speakers lined up, but for this celebration to really come to life beyond the school gates, we are looking for contributors or contributions or ideas of others to connect with from you, our Belham community. We would like to invite members of the school/local community who identify as Black to talk with our pupils about their lives, their careers and their experiences. At the end the Belham community will come together for a celebratory event. If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact me directly. I look forward to hearing from you!

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Our first Parents' Evenings of the year will take place on **Wednesday 5th October 3.40-6.20pm and Thursday 6th October 3.40pm-7pm**. Parents' Evening will be a chance for you to meet your child's teacher and talk about how they are getting on generally. All meetings this year will be in person. If you have siblings who attend the school, try to avoid booking appointments that are back-to-back: leave at least a ten minute gap between sibling appointments.

Bookings will **open** on SchoolsBuddy on **Monday 26th September at 9.00am** and **close** on **Friday 30th September**. Timed appointments, lasting ten minutes, can be booked within certain slots. Please remember your appointment is for ten minutes only. If you wish to discuss sensitive concerns, a separate appointment can be arranged with the class teacher.

Please let the school office know if you have any accessibility requirements or if you are unable to attend either evening. We will do our best to make appointments accessible to all of our parents.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 28th September

TRIP – Y6 Museum of London (packed lunch required)

Wednesday 5th October

Flu Immunisations (**please complete online form by 2nd October**)

NEW INFO Parents' evenings – 3.40-6.20pm (*please book on SchoolsBuddy*)

Thursday 6th October

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Monday 10th October

NEW INFO CRAZE WEEK – THE FABRIC OF US

Monday 17th October - Friday 28th October

Half Term: October (TWO WEEKS)

Wednesday 30th Nov and Thursday 1st Dec

NEW INFO Christmas Show Rec/Y1/Y2

Wednesday 7 Dec and Thursday 8 Dec –

NEW INFO Christmas Show Y3/4/5/6

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December

Last day of term (finish at 1:15pm)

PE AND SWIMMING AUTUMN TERM

Monday

Reception PE

Y5 PE

Tuesday

Y4 PE

Y6 PE (TWEED)

Wednesday

Y1 DANCE

Y2 SWIM (AM)

Y2 PE (PM)

Y3 Dance

Y6 PE (CORDUROY)

Thursday

Y5 PE

Y6 PE

Friday

Y1 PE

Y3 PE

Y4 PE

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Please see details below of the secondary schools that the Belham fed into last year, with Charter East taking the largest pull.

Charter East Dulwich - 22
Kingsdale - 6
Harris Girls East Dulwich – 5
Harris Boys East Dulwich - 5

Other schools were -
Charter North
The St Thomas the Apostle College
Harris Boys Peckham
Prendergast School
Deptford Green School
Forest Hill School
Thames Christian School
The City of London Academy
St Dunstan's

CRAZE WEEK – THE FABRIC OF US

This year, CRAZE Week (week beginning 10th October) will be about everything textiles. We will be celebrating our fabric class names, exploring fabrics from around the world, including the history and geography of those regions and using our creative skills for storytelling and textile art.

If you have knowledge, skills, or experience in anything to do with fabrics- be it design, an interest in silks, a collection of cloths or an interesting story related to a fabric we would love you to share it with us. We will be looking for some machinists too (more details to follow).

If you can offer anything to help bring our CRAZE Week alive we would love you to contribute. Please contact Kate Gorely, Danae Gardner or Naomi Robinson via the office.

LAMDA AT THE BELHAM

There are still spaces remaining in the Y5 and Y6 group on a Friday morning. If you would like your child to be involved in the lessons, please contact Armstrong Speech and Drama directly on - info@armstrongspeechanddrama.com for more information.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who has generously donated to our voluntary contributions so far this year. We appreciate every penny, particularly in these challenging times. Every donation goes towards making all the carefully planned visits and events happen: we really couldn't do it without your support and generosity! A HUGE heartfelt thank you from us all.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

23rd Sept 2022



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

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

Contact us

friendsofbelham@gmail.com



The Annual Belham Fun Run is **THIS SUNDAY** 25th September 2022, in Peckham Rye Park at 12pm. Please arrive at 11.30 to register and take part in our fun warm up with dance teacher Miss Katie! Children and adults can choose between:

- 3km run (2 loops of the circuit)
- 1.5km run (1 loop of the circuit)

Entry is free! Please [register here](#). Parents and carers are welcome to run with their child. We will have marshals around the course, so parents can choose to let older children run alone.

If you are not running, please consider signing up to **volunteer** as a marshal or to help set-up/tidy-up. We need about 30 volunteers to make sure the event is safe for children – [click here](#).



There will be prizes for **fancy dress** (individual and family!) as well as for the fastest runners (medals in YR-Y3 for the 1.5km, and in Y4-Y6 for the 3km, boys and girls) (but note children can choose do either distance irrespective of year group).

Help raise money via sponsorship!

Last year our Fun Run raised over £5000 from the children's excellent fundraising and supportive corporate sponsors. All funds raised this year will split between the recently-launched [library upgrade campaign](#) and the [Arts Fund](#) (theatre trips, musical instruments, performances, etc).

Paper forms for children to start raising **sponsorship** for the event are downloadable [here](#). Or your sponsors can donate via the FoB [Arts Campaign](#) or [library campaign](#). Your child can also create **their own Just Giving page** and link to those campaigns, and/or use this link to the event itself with this URL:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-page/creation/?cid=2697392&eid=7846746&utm_source=website_cid2697392_eid7846746&utm_medium=eventlinking&utm_campaign=eventlinkingurl

Location

The Run will be in the southern Half of the park, starting near the Dog-free picnic area, see map.



Thanks to our sponsors:

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And thanks to the Peckham branch of TSB Bank who are providing volunteers during the event!

YEAR 3 BAKE SALE!



Year 3 classes are going to kick off the FOB Bake sales this year, selling some scrumptious treats after school on **Friday 30th September**, in the main playground. Come along any time from 3.10-3.45pm. **Please bring cash** to make serving quicker!

LOCAL CHILDREN'S MUSICAL THEATRE NEXT WEEKEND!



Theatre Peckham 30 Sept - 2 Oct [Book here!](#)

A new farmyard musical about the joy of unlikely friendships. Pintsize, the most daring piglet on Mudpuddle Farm, loves nothing more than playing with his best friend Diana the sheep. When a fence is built between them, Pintsize decides he will work out how to fly over it. Can his determination and ingenuity defy the laws of physics?

Based on the book by Michael

Morpurgo, *Muddlepuddle Farm* brings the farmyard to life with catchy songs, puppetry, and slapstick humour.

Running time: 50min

Recommended for 3+ (but all ages welcome)

RECEPTION WHATSAPP GROUP

If any new parents with Reception children would like to join the Reception WhatsApp group, please use this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BaxbCi92sgUEVnCnsGOgLd>

SAVE THE DATE

25 th Sept	Belham Fun Run
30 th Sept	Year 3 Bake Sale
23 rd Nov	FOB Meet & Mingle drinks & AGM
3 rd Dec	Christmas Fair

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hard to believe but it's Christmas card time again! Who doesn't want to receive a hand drawn card from a Belhamite?!

Over the next couple of weeks, **teachers will work with children to complete their personal Christmas card in school**. If your child needs more time to design a card at home, then please let the teacher know, and make sure it's on white or coloured A4 paper/card with NO GLITTER. Avoid using light coloured pencil drawings (follow these [artwork guidelines](#) for more info). Any done at home need to be returned to class teachers by **Friday 7th October** with the child's first name, surname and class name in pencil on the back.

Ordering information will be shared in early November. Please get in touch with friendsofbelham@gmail.com if any questions.

FOB CROCKERY LOANS

FOB owns some items of kitchenware that can be loaned out to parents. We have:



- c.200 plastic cups
- 48 plastic plates
- 48 glass tumblers
- 3 plastic jugs
- 6 x extra large flasks for hot drinks

Parents can borrow them when not being used by FOB. We suggest a £10 optional donation to FoB!

Please contact friendsofbelham@gmail.com if you would like to use them.