

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

A warm welcome back to all of the Belham community! This term marks an important new start in the next chapter of the Belham as from 1 April, our school officially joined The Charter Schools Educational Trust. We are very excited to be part of a bigger group of schools and to explore how our pupils will benefit from an even greater pool of expertise.

Monday saw all of our Belhamites return after the Easter break. It's hard to believe that we are in the Summer term already, especially with the chilly weather! Thankfully, the country is on track to follow the roadmap set by the government back in February which means that we can tentatively plan for some of our usual events to take place after half term, some of which have been included in the 'Key Dates' section of the Belham Buzz. We are very much looking forward to inviting parents and the wider community back into the school.

PLANT POTS NEEDED!

If anyone has any spare (preferably large) plant pots, Reception and Year 1 would greatly appreciate them to grow their sunflowers and peas! Many thanks in advance!

BELHAM BEES!

We are really excited to announce that thanks to funding from FOB and a private sponsor www.veritasinvestment.co.uk we have been able to commission the www.goodbeecolondon.com to set up two bee colonies on the roof of our school! Next week our resident ethical beekeeper, Jean, will meet with each year group to show them what the hives look like and to explain what will be happening. In the next two weeks the bees will arrive just in time to get to work. We will be setting up a livestream to the hives so that we can see the bees in action and children will receive regular sessions with our beekeeper. Different year groups will be involved with different parts of the honey production process which will form part of their DT, Science, Art or English units of work. Students will also be involved in deciding what we do with the honey we produce. The location of the hives has been fully risk assessed to ensure that students (and staff) are under no additional risk of being stung. We are **buzzing** with excitement about this exciting new project and will keep you updated on it via our Instagram page and the Belham Buzz.

KEY DATES

Monday 26th April

After school clubs start

Friday 11th June

Art exhibition

Friday 25th June

FOB Family camping trip!

Thurs 8th- Friday 9th July

Year 6 Production

Saturday 10th July

Summer Fair

Monday 12th – Saturday 17th July

Year 6 Residential Trip

Tuesday 20th July

Sports Day 2021

Thursday 22nd July

Summer Concert

ZOOM Q&As

On **Thursday 6th May 4:30pm** we will have a short Q&A session about **secondary school applications for Autumn 2021** (this is open to Year 4 & 5 parents).

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82851170835?pwd=VzhmV k9aczVaZ1pzRHkwaWIKd1lpUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 5117 0835

Passcode: Belham

On **Wednesday 12th May 5:30pm** we will have a short Q&A session about the **Year 6 residential trip**.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86426675697?pwd=WlItUG ZSSjExMTd1ZENZQWd2YzIDUT09>

Meeting ID: 864 2667 5697

Passcode: Belham

For both of them we will record the sessions and make them available to parents who cannot attend. If parents know that they cannot attend, questions can be submitted in advance by using the below form:

Secondary Application Questions -

<https://forms.gle/in4jqYSo77DfEY3Y7>

Year 6 School Journey Questions -

<https://forms.gle/Zd8BQmUjwsTEFxRX9>

Head of School: Ms Liz Cohen | Email: ecohen18.210@lgflmail.org | Tel: 020 8353 4290

ADVANCED WARNING –DIARY DATES!

We are really excited that, government guidance permitting, we will be able to start running some of our normal glittering events in the Summer term. We know that after the last year of restrictions, many of you will be making plans to start socialising so we wanted to let you know of the dates we have planned with ample time so as to avoid clashes.

First up we have The Art Exhibition which we are planning to hold on the evening of Friday 25th June. We will be providing more details about this soon but keep the date clear in your diary as it will be on for one evening only!

We are delighted that we have been able to work with Theatre Peckham to host our Year 6 Production on the evenings of the 8th and 9th July. Tickets will be going on sale in the next few months so save the date.

Our Year 6 children will be attending a week long residential trip to Cobnor Activity Centre during the week of July 12th. Thanks to the generosity of our FOB team, we are able to offer sleeping bags, backpacks and extra outdoor clothing to any families who do not already have the required equipment meaning that no one is financially disadvantaged by this trip.

We are especially pleased that we will be able to run our whole school Sports Day on the 20th July at Alleyn's field. This year we have a full school so the event will stretch over more of the day so that we can fit in the whole school carousel of activities, the upper school competitive races and the much anticipated parent race (get your training gear out!).

To round off the term we will be hosting our Summer Concert on July 22nd at 6pm. Details of this will be made available in due course, but please mark the date in your calendar.

SECONDARY TRANSFER

We know there has been lots of speculation given the geographical location of our school and surrounding secondary schools. We have a number of children on wait lists and will have a clearer picture by late July. However we know a significant number of our children (20%) got a place at Charter East. We plan to publish final percentages and details of all the other schools later in the term.

St Thomas the Apostle 4%
Charter North 8%
Charter East 20%
Predergast- Hilly fields College 4%
Kingsdale 6%
Harris Girls East Dulwich 10%
Harris Boys East Dulwich 8%
Harris (other) 4%
Other state school including out of area 18%
Independent Sector 6%

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

International Jazz Day

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

24 th April	Gardening day
25 th April	Y3/Y6 Velodrome
27 th April	FOB Meeting
2 May	Y2/Y5 Velodrome
25 th – 27 th June	Family Camping trip!

FoB Meeting: Tues 27th April, 8pm

We will be holding a FoB meeting on Tuesday, by Zoom. We'll be organising upcoming events such as the camping trip and a possible summer fair. All are welcome if you would like to get involved:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82044921736?pwd=ZDdYNm01NGQ4WXExTTY3Rmk0SjQ5dz09>

Belham Bees



We are delighted to announce that FOB have agreed to support the school in their initiative to work with the [Good Bee Company](#) to put two beehives on the roof of the school.

An external sponsor is paying for one hive and FOB have agreed to fund the other at £1500 a year for the next two years, plus £200 to put cameras in so that we can watch the bees.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for the school to get closer to understanding the important role of pollinators. The teachers will be planning units around Bees for this term plus the beekeeper will be running workshops next week to talk about the installation of the hives.

We understand that the frames arrive next week and the bees will arrive a week or so later. From around September, we believe that it will be possible to "harvest" our very own Belham honey!

Copleston garden

Friends of Belham are arranging a work party this Saturday 24th April to finish off the Growing Garden at Copleston Road. The garden will have a bed for each class in the school to use for growing plants.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered already. We're limiting numbers to stay Covid-secure, so if you would like to get involved please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com

Tasks on the day will involve digging, weeding, shifting, lifting, pruning, some painting and some jet washing. Grown ups only please!

Belham Easter Egg Hunt

The Belham Easter Egg trail around our local streets and park was a great success on Easter Saturday, despite the cold weather! We had 115 children claim their egg treasure, and we were able to donate one left over box of eggs to the Albrighton Centre. FOB raised £116.94 from the event, so thank you for all your participation!

Track cycling at Herne Hill Velodrome!

There are a few tickets still available on Schools buddy for the Belham Velodrome Sessions!

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofBelham/504386>

Sunday 25th April – Year 3 and Year 6
1130-1230 inner track (Y3) NOW SOLD OUT
1230-1330 outer track (Y6) £7.50 per child

Sunday 2nd May – Year 2 and Year 5
1130-1230 inner track (Y2) £5.50 per child
1230-1330 outer track (Y5) £7.50 per child

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 evepetcher@hotmail.com (at least 24hours before) and we can help sort one out.

For more details please go to the Schools buddy page.

FOB Uniform Exchange

To list uniform:

http://bit.ly/FoB_2ndHandUniform_SubmitForm

To buy uniform - search for items you might need on the stock list here. Contact the seller directly and arrange to collect your items. The seller updates the stock list once items have been collected.

http://bit.ly/FoB_2ndHandUniform_Stock

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

Other useful links

Koru Kids – for £50 to FOB and £50 to the family, use the code SC1BELHAM in the "how did you hear about us?" section.

<https://www.korukids.co.uk>

EasyFundraising – Last year we raised **£86** through Easy Fundraising, but it could be so much more. Sign up here for a percentage of your online shopping to go to FOB:

https://bit.ly/FoB_EasyFundraising

AmazonSmile – choose FOB as your charity on Amazon and we will receive a tiny percentage of your spending – it all adds up.

Send us your recipes

If you have a "go to" family recipe that your children love, please email it to friendsofbelham@gmail.com
Here's a template

http://bit.ly/FoB_Recipe_template

FRIENDS OF BELHAM RECIPES

#11: POPEYE PASTA

From Kathryn Church

Introduction

This is a really easy, tasty and healthy pasta dish if your kids can overcome fears of green food! The recipe comes from an Annabel Karmel toddler cookbook (thanks Annabel) but works well for older kids and adults too. It's a weekly staple at ours!

Difficulty rating: Easy

Good for...

Children to eat 

Children to make 

Vegetarians 

Serves 2 kids, 2 adults

10 min prep time, while pasta is cooking

Requires hand held or other food blender.

Ingredients

200-250g of fresh spinach (washed) (can also use frozen, about half as much weight)

Large knob of butter (about 15-20g)

2 tablespoons of milk (any)

2 tablespoons of cream cheese

A load of grated hard cheese (parmesan works best)

Pasta for 3-4 (c.300g) – works best with fusilli or other shapes that can soak up the sauce nicely – we often cook with a spinach fusilli to go all out green.

Method

Cook the pasta as usual. Once it's on, heat the butter in a large frying pan, on medium heat. Add the spinach leaves (about a half at a time to make space) and sauté in the butter. Add the milk and the cream cheese – cook together on a medium/low heat for another few mins until the cream cheese is melted in. Add the grated parmesan and stir in. Remove from the heat and blitz the mixture with the hand blender (or other blender). Remove the pasta when done and stir in the sauce. Serve with more parmesan or other cheese.