

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

As part of the Belham's continuing strive for school improvement, we are looking at developing our website so that more information about our school is shared and more support is given to parents and pupils about the learning that takes place here. Before any major changes are made, I would like to ask the Belham community for their views: would you like to see any changes made to our website and if so, what would you like to see added or changed? All feedback is equally important and will be considered carefully. Please email me directly with your suggestions.

The eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed that in recent weeks, we have not shared the CRT (Creative Reflection Time) focus for the week is. This is because we are going to have an in-school relaunch of CRT with new and interesting topics. Creative Reflection Time is a great chance for children to learn about something cultural, whether that be a piece of music or an interesting sculpture or a piece of contemporary art. It ensures that *all* of our pupils have the chance to experience and talk about it. In the past, parents have shared their CRT ideas with us; if you would like to send a PowerPoint presentation with your CRT idea on there, please email me directly.

UNIFORM

In the past two weeks, we have seen a rise in non-uniform items being worn to school. Please see below a link to our uniform expectations. We would appreciate it if all parents could take time to revisit these and ensure your children are wearing the correct clothing and footwear along with all long hair being tied back each day. Please also ensure that all items of clothing have your child's name in. There have been lots of lovely new coats for Christmas which are not named!

<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/our-uniform.html>

SUMMER TERM CLUBS

If there are any parents who would like to support or run a before or after school practice or club in the summer term, please contact the office via email and let us know. All ideas welcome!

KEY DATES

Monday 27 January

Year 5 Road Safety Workshop AM

Wednesday 29 January

Year 5 Swimming catch-up sessions AM

Year 2 Swimming PM

ABSENCE PROCEDURES

We would like to remind parents of our absence procedures. If a child is absent:

- Parents can email the school office the day before, providing the reason for absence.
- Parents can call from 8.30am onwards on the day of absence providing the reason, and by 9:30am at the very latest, explaining why the child is absent.
- If the school has not heard from parents the school will begin telephoning parents, on the first day of absence from 9:30am.
- If there is no response from the first listed contact, office staff will ring all listed numbers related to that child.
- If all attempts to contact family and/or friends to establish the whereabouts of the pupil are unsuccessful the school will, where practical, send two members of school staff to visit the child's home and/or advise the local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH Team) and possibly ask the local police to make a welfare visit.
- If a child's attendance falls below 95% the school will email parents to inform you of your child's attendance percentage.
- If a child's attendance falls below 90%, the school will liaise with parents to discuss the situation (and how best the school can support you).
- Attendance falling between 90% and 85% will be noted, termly, by the Southwark Early Help Team may be referred to the Educational Welfare Team
- If attendance moves below 85%, for a term, the school will refer the matter to the Local Authority Educational Welfare team for advice and/or input
- At any time, the school may ask parents to provide a doctor's certificate/letter to show reasons for a child's absence.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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Meet the committee and class reps on the Belham website

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

Contact us

friendsofbelham@gmail.com

FoB NEWS

SCHOOL DISCO - FRIDAY 7th FEB

Get those glad rags on, because it's..... school disco time!

Peckham Liberal Club, 24 Elm Grove, SE15 5DE

Entry is £3 on the door per child

Sessions are as follows:

Reception and Year 1: 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Years 2 and 3: 4:45pm – 5:30pm

Years 4 and 5: 5:45pm – 6:30pm

Non-school siblings are welcome, school siblings can strut their stuff alongside their older/younger brothers/sisters, all can come.

Refreshments for children are available – drinks are free and crisps are 50p a packet during the session.

Parents can use the Liberal Club cash only bar but must remain within their children throughout.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED PLEASE!!!

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered, you are WONDERFUL. We still need volunteers as follows:

Year 2&3 slot 4.45 – 5.30 – one more needed

Year 4&5 slot 5.45 – 6.30 – one more needed

Clear-up 6.30 – 7.15 – the more the merrier

Please contact Hannah on

hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com or 07958053168 if you can help.

In exciting new news we have plans to RECYCLE THE CRISP PACKETS via Teracycle.

FoB NEWS

QUIZ NIGHT - WEDS 12TH FEB

Pit your wits against fellow Belhamite parents/carers/teacher/governors in the 2020 Belham Primary School Quiz!

Peckham Liberal Club, 24 Elm Grove

Doors open at 7:30pm with quiz starting at 8pm

TICKETS: £8 quiz entry, £20 for quiz & curry (**food only available by pre-order**). Numbers are limited and tickets are selling fast so please don't delay!

DRINKS: Please bring cash on the night for drinks from the club bar.

TEAMS: Group into teams of up to 6 and email the quizmaster Rich (details at link below). Or just buy a ticket, come on the evening and you will be welcomed into a team!

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/338410>

FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY - FRI 27th MAR

Come and play golf, have a lovely lunch and raise funds 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 overlooking London.

You'll start the day with coffee a light breakfast, play 18 holes with fun and games along the way, and then enjoy a leisurely lunch.

Tickets are on sale now at a reduced price this year of £75 per player.

Please see link below for full details and tickets. Any questions please email pauljmunro@yahoo.co.uk

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/335823>

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DIARY DATES

Here are the upcoming FOB activities, hope to see you at some of them...

School Disco	Friday 7 February
Quiz Night	Weds 12 February
Bag2School	Thurs 5 March
Golf Day	Friday 27 March
Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday 28 March
Fun Run	Sunday 3 May
Family Camping	Fri 19 – Sun 21 June

BAG2SCHOOL - THURS 5th MARCH

A great way to teach your children how to recycle clothes so that they can go to people that are in need of them. FoB will receive 40p per kilo of items donated.

The office will distribute the bags into each child's schoolbag the week before half term, so that you can have a clear out over half term.

Please bring your bags to school **ON** the morning of the 5th March at drop off to the main playground.

We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE: Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing. Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around). Handbags, bags. Hats, scarves, and ties, belts. Lingerie and socks. Jewellery. Soft toys. Household linen. Curtains. Towels. Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers).

We do not accept: Duvets and blankets. Pillows and cushions. Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats). Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing. School uniforms with and without logo. Corporate clothing and workwear. Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

SURVEY

Thanks so much to everyone who took part in the survey, we will be reporting back in a few weeks' time.

OTHER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Koru Kids will donate £100 to the school if you use the code the code SC1BELHAM when signing up an after school nanny. They have lots of nannies in our area and a number of parents are already using them.

Company Match Funding: if you think your company would be prepared match any donations you make to the school please get in touch with hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com - we already have some successful match funding arrangements in place.

EASY FUNDRAISING - CASE STUDY

Bravely, on your behalf, your dauntless FOB secretary has ventured on a mission to see just how easy Easy Fundraising really is...

Step 1: I clicked on the link below, on my phone:

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

Step 2: I entered my email and set a password.

Step 3: As prompted, I downloaded the free easy fundraising app.

And that's it. Now if I want to go internet shopping, I click on the Easy Fundraising app and click on, let's say, John Lewis and lo and behold! If I buy something from John Lewis through the Easy Fundraising app, Easy Fundraising gives a whopping 2.5% straight to FOB. Amazon give 0.5%. It costs you nothing. It is **FREE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL**. It really is EASY. Why not click the link on the link now?

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