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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

What a difference a week makes – at least with the weather! This time last Friday, I was driving home after a rare red weather warning had been issued; today the sun is out and some may argue (optimistically) that it almost feels like spring is on the way. We are entering a season where the temperature can be unpredictable so I would like to ask parents to make sure that children are still wearing a warm coat to school.

Sadly, we have had to say a couple of 'goodbyes' to staff this term. Firstly to Ally Sprakes, who has started her maternity leave. Ally will be back with us later this year but in her absence, Nancy Wayman will be joining the core leadership team as acting-Assistant Headteacher. Our second 'goodbye' is to Louis Simeonidis, the Belham's premises manager, who has accepted an exciting new job in the Civil Service. We wish Louis the best of luck in his new role and thank him for all of his hard work over the last few years.

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 3RD MARCH

It's World Book Day on **Thursday 3rd March!** To celebrate in class, we will be designing hats to wear to our class Mad Hatter's Tea Parties on Thursday afternoon! We won't be dressing up this year but we want your hats to be SPECTACULAR!

There will also be lots of World Book Day related posts on our social media pages so please do check them out throughout the week and enjoy them at home. We can't wait to hear about your reading experiences and discuss your mad hats - roll on Thursday!

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Belham has revised the school term and holiday dates to accommodate the additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Friday 3rd June 2022, which falls during the summer half term break. To account for the additional bank holiday, the Belham will be closed on **Monday 6th June** after the half term break. The staff INSET day will take place on Tuesday 7th June and children will return to school on **Wednesday 8th June**.

KEY DATES

Monday 28th February

Y2 swimming

Wednesday 2nd March

Y3 swimming

Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day

Friday 4th March

Y4 swimming

FOB bake sale (main playground 3:30pm)

Thursday 17th March

Y2 trip – Science Museum (packed lunch required)

Tuesday 22nd March

Y4 trip – Unicorn Theatre - *Gulliver's Travels*

Friday 25th March

Y2 trip - TCSET music event – Salvation Army Denmark Hill

Tuesday 29th March

Y2 trip – Unicorn Theatre - *Marvin's Binoculars*

Friday 1st April

Last day of spring term

Tuesday 19th April

Children return to school

TEXTING LATE AT NIGHT

It has come to our attention that a number of our children are texting other children in the school very late into the evening. We would like to ask parents to take your child's phone from them earlier in the evening to avoid messages being sent too late. Your support is greatly appreciated.

LATE ARRIVALS

We are still seeing a high number of children arriving late to school. Please be mindful of time keeping and make sure your child is dropped off before the gates close at 8:50am. If you arrive after that time, your child will be marked as late on the register.

Creative Reflection Time next week will be about:

Mardis Gras

EXCESS FURNITURE

We have some excess furniture that we are struggling to find a new home for, if anyone is interested please email the office. Details and pics below!

12 large Formica-topped, steel leg tables (L 120cm X W 60cm X H 83cm)

28 stools of a corresponding size, plastic topped, metal legs.



SWIMMING AND PE SPRING TERM 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y2 SWIM	R PE	Y3 SWIM	Y1 PE	Y4 SWIM
Y6 PE	Y5 PE	Y2 PE	Y1 YOGA	Y6 PE
Y3 YOGA			Y5 PE	Y3 PE
Y4 PE				

Lessons end on the week of 21/03/22 (inclusive of that week).

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week's guide is '*What parents and carers need to know about NFTs*'. Please see attachment.

HOMEWORK GUIDE

We have updated our Homework Guide, which can be viewed [here](#).

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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Meet the FOB Committee & Class Reps

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

Contact us

friendsofbelham@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

1 March	FOB meeting
4 March	Bake Sale
18 March	School Disco!
28 March	Peckham History Walking Tour
3 April	Easter Egg Hunt
14 May	School Summer Fair
1-3 July	FOB Camping weekend

QUIZ THANKS

Thanks to all who attended last night's quiz. It was fantastic to see so many Belham parents out together, NOT being social and NOT having a party 😊 Special thanks to the volunteers who helped set up, serve food and clear up. And big shout out to Rich Knowles for prepping such a fun set of questions! We will update soon on funds raised!

BAKE SALE NEXT WEEK 4TH MARCH



Our slightly delayed bake sale will now be taking place next Friday 4th March after school in the two school playgrounds/entrances. The sale will help raise funds to support a much-needed refurb of the Reception playground.

Reception reps and parents are taking the lead on baking for this sale! Cakes and bakes should be nut free, please drop off on Friday morning on the table by the office. We are still looking for reception volunteers to help with the cake sales, please contact lucybeedham@gmail.com if you are able to offer any time between 2.30 and 4.15pm.

NEXT FOB MEETING The next FOB meeting will be held at school at 7.30pm next Tuesday 1st March.



THE RETURN OF THE SCHOOL DISCO!

Save the date for the return of the Belham School Disco – Friday 18th March at the Liberal Club. More details to follow.

BELHAM WALKING TOUR 28TH MARCH

FOB will host a historical walking tour of Peckham on Monday 28th March, at 7pm, starting at school.

Diane Burstein, a Blue Badge guide with over 25 years of experience, will be uncovering the story of our local area. She will highlight the multicultural history, artistic connections, architecture, regeneration, and notable former residents. From Rye Lane, once known as the 'Golden Mile' and home to department stores that rivalled those of Oxford Street, through Peckham Square with its award-winning library and of course Bellenden Road, where you can learn the story behind its unique street furniture.

The tour will finish at 9pm at the Montpelier pub on Choumert Rd where we have reserved an area to rest your feet and have a catch up (unfortunately, price of drinks not included!).

Tickets on sale here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/>

YEAR 6 YEARBOOKS & HOODIES

Year 6 parents and carers!!

Final Hoody and Yearbook orders must be in by Monday the 7th of March at the latest!

<http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/633980>

EASTER CLUBS We will circulate a list of Easter clubs from next week. If you know of any that weren't in our previous list, let us know (friendsofbelham@gmail.com)