

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Usually around this time of year, our pupils have already been on at least one trip with their class. For this half term, we have decided that as part of our health and safety risk assessment, we won't be planning any visits where public transport is involved. However, we will review this regularly and hopefully, we will be able to resume trips later in the year. Instead of external visits, your children's teachers are looking at other ways to further enhance the curriculum, and we will continue to book workshops and find other ways to make learning exciting and relevant. In order to support these types of activities which enhance your child's learning, we ask parents to donate a voluntary contribution each year. More details about the voluntary contribution, including how to pay and the types of activities and resources it will be used for, will be sent to parents next week.

WET WEATHER

Where possible, during breaks and lunchtimes, we want to get the children outside to have some exercise and fresh air (something that is more important than ever given Covid-19). Please can we remind you to make sure your child brings a rain jacket with them to school? We will go out in light rain. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing/shoes with them on the day. Unfortunately we cannot currently accept any forgotten items at the school office.

SOUTHWARK FOODBANK – HARVEST APPEAL

Please see the attachment for information on Southwark's Funds for Food 2020 Harvest Appeal and how we can collaborate to meet the needs of those in the local community who are experiencing food crisis.

LOST PROPERTY

Thank you to our parents who sorted through the lost property box (safely wearing masks and gloves) and reunited lost items with their owners. A gentle reminder to parents to ensure that all items of clothing have a named label on them. It's inevitable that some bits and pieces will be misplaced but it's more likely that they'll find their way back to your child if they are named.

KEY DATES

Monday 28th September

Yr 3 - PE
Yr 5 - PE
Yr 4 – Yoga
Yr 6 - PE

Tuesday 29th September

Yr 2 - PE
Yr 4 - PE

Wednesday 30th September

Reception – Dance Lesson
Yr1 – Dance Lesson
Yr6 – PE

Thursday 1st October

Yr2 – PE
Yr3 - PE
Yr5 – Yoga

Friday 2nd October

Yr5 - PE

Please bring PE kit at the beginning of the week and take home on Friday.

DANCE FOR 7-10 YEAR OLDS

Creative Contemporary (7-10 years)

- Tuesdays, 16.00-17.00 (starting Tues 29th Sept)
- £8 per session
- [PUSH Studios, 21 Blackwater St, East Dulwich, London SE22 8RS](https://www.pushstudios.com/)

The aim of the classes are for children to:

- ✦ Develop a confident movement vocabulary
- ✦ Understand how they like to move as an individual
- ✦ Expand their imagination using different stimuli for starting dances
- ✦ Build up social skills working with others in pairs or small groups (no contact)
- ✦ Explore the space and make it their own

Children need to wear comfortable clothes to move in and have bare feet. No previous dance experience is necessary.

For further information please contact katie@danceeducates.co.uk or visit www.danceeducates.co.uk/classes

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

CLASS REPS

We are delighted to be able to welcome some more new reps: a big **THANK YOU** to Ana Amorim (Year 1 Wool) and Jane Kinninmont (Year 2 Linen).

We would still love to recruit extra class reps, particularly for reception. The more class reps we have, richer our activities and decisions will be and the lighter the (really already not that burdensome) load for any individual. We'd still love a bit more male representation.

MEETUPS FOR RECEPTION FAMILIES

Before summer there is normally a Reception meetup for parents and carers plus we had hoped to arrange a picnic in the park this September. Your FOB secretary is remembering being a new Belham parent and bravely taking herself down the pub to some welcome drinks in order to meet some of the other new parents.

Unfortunately all that has not been possible. However we would like to see what interest there is for some Zoom get togethers where a small group could meet each other and chat, no face masks required! We definitely want to create an environment where people can start to demystify the fog of unfamiliar faces and give identities to the names on the whatsapp groups.

If you have a child in reception and would like to meet some other families via Zoom then please fill in this form: <https://forms.gle/a9rX95uznRvoYR2b8>. Once we have an idea of what people can or can't do, we'll be in touch.

Important dates

6 October 2020	EGM and FoB meeting
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How we communicate

The Friends Friendly - we send this newsletter out every week attached to the school's Belham Buzz. It is essential weekly reading for news on forthcoming events! We *don't* send emails out to the whole school.

WhatsApp groups - every year group has a WhatsApp group of parents and carers, including the new Reception intake. We don't administer these, but we use them to send out updates and reminders in case you miss the newsletter! If you want to join then please ask another parent in your year if they can add you or email us at friendsofbelham@gmail.com and we'll help you get added to the group.

Facebook - we have a Friends of Belham Facebook page, private to parents/carers only. Search for the private Facebook page Friends of Belham (FoB) and once we get confirmation from the school that you are a parent / carer at the school, your member request will be accepted.

Upcoming EGM and committee meeting

Our next FOB meeting is on 6 October. This will be an Extraordinary General Meeting as we need to ask the members to appoint an independent examiner of the accounts. We will also discuss how to fundraise in the current climate. This will be a Zoom call and if you are interested at all in having your say or seeing what goes on in the FOB please join us. We'll put dial-in details in the newsletter on Oct 2nd.

Company match funding

FOB is registered with Benevity <https://benevity.com/>. If your employer does company matched funding you may be able to get them match any donations or fundraising you do for FOB. We have parents here who have done this and it's a great way of raising money, and making individual donations go further.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Since fundraising is hard work at the moment we need people to take the trouble to use Easy Fundraising for any online shopping. It REALLY IS EASY and it's FREE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL!!!!

Just click the link below to register and remember to do your online shopping through the app and proportion of your spending will get **automatically donated to FOB**. Just a little effort on everyone's part here could mean a whole lot more money coming into the school, as some websites give up to 2% on purchases.

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