

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Preparations are well underway for the Belham's Christmas shows with rehearsals and singing practice taking place almost daily! I can't wait to see the live performances over the next couple of weeks and I hope that many parents and carers will join us. All booking details are below.

It was lovely to attend the Friends of Belham's AGM last week and have the chance to say goodbye to Adam Scott who took over as Co-Chair of the FoB at quite a tricky time! I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the FoB team who do so much for our school and welcome the FoB's new Chair, Kathryn Church, to the role as well as the rest of the newly elected committee.

We consider it important that our Belhamites wear a school uniform, as it helps create a sense of school community, and we have always been happy with how accessible and practical our uniform is. Over the past year, we have seen many non-uniform items creep in, with trainers being the main culprit! School staff will be in touch if your child is not wearing the correct school uniform to find out whether there is a reason for this – for example, your child might have outgrown their school shoes. Our school uniform list can be found [here](#).

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Tickets for our Christmas performances are available to book via Eventbrite:

Reception – Year 2 – **'Are we nearly there yet?'**

Thursday 2nd Dec @ 9:30am & 2pm

Friday 3rd Dec @ 9:30am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/211648344897>

KS2 Performances – **'Bells Ring Out'**

Linen, Hessian, Tweed & Satin

Wednesday 8th Dec - 2pm

Thursday 9th Dec - 6.15pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/212407886707>

Cotton, Chiffon, Corduroy & Taffeta – **'Bells Ring Out'**

Wednesday 8th Dec – 6:15pm

Thursday 9th Dec - 2pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/212413443327>

Tickets limited to two (total) per child for their performances.

KEY DATES

Monday 29th November

This is the last week of morning and after school clubs

Y2 Swimming

Tuesday 30th November

Wednesday 1st December

Y6 Swimming

Thursday 2nd December

Reception – Year 2 Nativity (Ticket details below)

Friday 3rd December

Reception – Year 2 Nativity (Ticket details below)

Y4 Swimming

Saturday 4th December

Belham Festive Market! 1:30pm-3:30pm

Monday 6th December

Bookings for early birds and owls will open at 7:30pm

Tuesday 7th December

The Sketchbook Project (to make up for cancelled club)

Wednesday 8th December & Thursday 9th December

Year 3 -6 Christmas Performances (Ticket details below)

Thursday 9th December

Hands on Science (to make up for cancelled club)

Friday 10th December

Christmas Lunch (please see attached menu) and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 15th December

Reception and Year 1 Theatre trip to The Albany (packed lunch required)

Friday 17th December

Last day of term (finish at 1.15pm)

EARLY BIRDS AND OWLS SPRING TERM 2022

Early Birds and Owls bookings for Spring Term 2022 will be opening on **Monday 6th December at 7:30pm**.

Bookings are on a first come first serve basis so please make sure to log in to your SchoolsBuddy account at 7:30pm as places do go fast.

**Creative reflection time next week will be about:
National Tree Week**

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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MS ROBINSON!



We are so proud of our Y4 teacher Ms Robinson who is currently representing England at the European Curling Championships in Norway! They have won 7 out of 8 games and are now through to the semi-finals on Saturday!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are able to help with the Reception and Year 1 trip to The Albany Theatre on Wednesday 15th December please can you email Eloise in the office. Many thanks!

HOME LEARNING

All pupils have access to remote learning should they be required to self-isolate due to Covid-19. If your child is absent for any other reason, including sickness, home learning will **not** be provided. Please see the Home Learning section of our Covid-19 Information Hub for more details.

PARENT DROP IN SESSIONS

Ms Cohen will be holding virtual or in-person parent drop in sessions each Thursday from 2.30-3.30pm. If you would like to book a slot, please contact Catherine in the office info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk.

LAMDA AT THE BELHAM

We are delighted to announce that LAMDA classes will be available for pupils in Years 1-6 at The Belham Primary School from January. LAMDA is one of the UK's oldest and respected awarding bodies and its qualification is extremely beneficial to young children as it helps them develop confidence, overcome nerves and gain a range of life skills.

LAMDA classes at The Belham will be delivered by Armstrong Speech and Drama and will take place for 30 minutes at a set time on a weekly basis. Pupils will follow LAMDA's Speaking Verse and Prose syllabus and will get to explore a wide range of fun children's poetry throughout the year!

The cost is £10 per small group session and invoices will be sent at the start of each term. When you book, you will be committing to the whole term. If this sounds like something your child would like to do, then please email Armstrong Speech and Drama directly on - info@armstrongspeechanddrama.com

The classes will run either before or after school at these times: 8am-8.45am and 4.45pm-5.15pm.

Tuesday before school: Year 1 and 2
Tuesday after school: Year 3 and 4
Thursday before school: Year 5
Thursday after school: Year 6

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

Each week we will attach a PDF from National Online Safety. This week's guide is 'What parents and carers need to know about cryptocurrency'.

PE & SWIMMING AUTUMN TERM 2021

| Mon | Tues | Wed | Thurs | Fri |
|---------|-------|----------|---------|---------|
| Y1 PE | RE PE | Y2 DANCE | Y1 PE | Y4 SWIM |
| Y2 SWIM | Y5 PE | Y3 PE | Y1 YOGA | Y6 PE |
| Y3 YOGA | | Y4 PE | Y3 PE | |
| | | Y6 SWIM | Y5 PE | |
| | | | Y6 PE | |

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



We can't wait to see you at the Festive Market at school on Sat 4th December. Entry is free and there'll be free craft activities for kids, mulled cider/apple juice, and your bakes on sale. We'll have a **grotto** where children can get a gift from Father or Mrs Christmas (ticket required). Please pre-book to ensure your space:

www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham

We have a lovely range of local and Belham-family stallholders coming, plus an FoB stall selling some exclusive Belham fundraising gifts. We have handmade beeswax candles and wraps on sale in support of the Belham Beehives, and one-off laser-cut Belham decorations in support of the Makers Room Upgrade. Stocks are limited!

Festive bake sale - not just Christmas cakes!

The Great British Bake Off has just finished, but the Belham Bake sale is next weekend! We would love it if you could bring along your cakes, biscuits, or any other delicious sweet or savoury treat to be sold at the Festive Market in support of the school. Bakes can be as simple or elaborate as you wish, and we'd love to see food from any culture, country, or celebration. **Share your world through food!**

We do ask that all bakes are nut-free. Gluten-free and vegan food is welcome. Please bring them to school on the day: 11-1.30 on Sat 4 Dec.

We need your help!

If you'll be attending the Market, **please sign up to help out** before or during the event - we rely on volunteers to make it happen!

<https://forms.gle/Q7G8iiFiFDWmTZXB6>

If you can lend us **battery-powered exterior fairy lights** then we'd be very grateful. The FoB Drop Box will be in the school reception all next week. Please label anything you lend with your name and contact details. Or email us to make arrangements at Friendsofbelham@gmail.com Thank you!

Albrighton Community Fridge

We will have a collection box at the fair for food donations for the Albrighton Community Fridge (see attached poster for further information). They support many local individuals and families with food parcels. At this time of year, they should be grateful for festive treats, as well as their standard requests (tins, soap, loo roll, rice, pasta, root vegetables etc).

SAVE THE DATE

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| Tuesday 30 th November | FOB Meeting at school |
| Saturday 4 th December | Christmas tree pickup and Festive Market |
| 13 January | Terrarium workshop |

FRIENDS DRINKS AND AGM

Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM! It was lovely to be able to chat with other parents and teachers as well. It was also lovely to hear from the school about the ways in which the funds raised by FOB are really helping out in practice.

As an outcome of the drinks and AGM we are delighted to welcome our NEW COMMITTEE!!! A HUGE thank you to the brave souls who stepped forward, as follows:

Kathryn Church (Chair)
Chantelle Edwards (Deputy Chair)
Doug Renwick (Treasurer)
Lucy Beedham
Rachel Noar

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Welcome and thank you to the fabulous new FoB Committee!

They are (front, l to r): Chantelle, Kathryn, Lucy, Rachel & Doug

We'll all be working together for a while to hand over to them.

Big thanks from the outgoing members: Adam, Hannah & Shaun

SECRETARY ROLE

With FIVE people on the committee there will be plenty to share the work around. However, if you meant to put your hand up last week but somehow couldn't make it or couldn't pluck up the courage, it's not too late. For some unspeakable reason none of the elected committee can seem to appreciate the immeasurable appeal **of the secretary** role. So if in your heart of hearts what you've always been wanting to do is WRITE THIS NEWSLETTER, don't worry, there is still an opportunity! Get in touch.

FOB MEETING TUESDAY 30th JAN

Apologies for the short notice but we are holding a Friends of Belham meeting next Tuesday, 19:30, at school. All are welcome. We'll be handing the baton to the new committee members, and making plans for next term. If you have ideas to contribute but can't attend the meeting, you can contact us any time: friendsofbelham@gmail.com or speak to a class rep or committee member.

VELODROME CYCLING SESSIONS

It was great to see about 60 cyclists from every year in the school at Herne Hill Velodrome on Sunday, from those just learning to seasoned Year Sixes! Thanks to everyone who attended. We'll hope to run another session next term.



TERRARIUM WORKSHOP 13 JAN

Come and make your own self-watering terrarium! You will make your own Bottle Terrarium to take home, and every ticket purchased will help pay for a workshop for Belham pupils, where they will create terrariums for the classrooms.

The workshop is being run by local company Jar and Fern, who are kindly offering a great discount to their normal prices. Full details and tickets: www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham

PLASTIC FREE PECKHAM

This local parent led group is crowdfunding for a new project to work with small businesses to reduce their impact on the local environment, cutting down local air pollution, waste on our high streets and carbon emissions through collaborative projects.

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/sustainable-peckham>