

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Welcome to the last edition of the Belham Buzz before we break up for the Easter holidays next Thursday. When we return, it will be as part of The Charter Schools Educational Trust to begin the next chapter of our school story. Sadly, we will be saying farewell to our Executive Headteacher, Sonia Case, who is retiring at the end of this term. Sonia is moving on from the school that she created and her central role at the Dulwich Hamlet Educational Trust to take up new community responsibilities and interests. So many of you, particularly those with children higher up the school, will be aware of the pivotal role that Sonia played in establishing an outward-facing, inclusive school and Sonia's passion for creativity and 'glitter' will be part of her legacy. Sonia will be missed and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. We will be celebrating Sonia's time at the school virtually next week with children and staff from both the Belham and the Hamlet, and in-person at the end of the summer term.

COMIC RELIEF 2021 – THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to the entire school community who came together to laugh, cheer and support the Taskmaster for Comic Relief. Together, we raised a school record breaking **£2,678** - a figure smashing our target by 412%! We even got a shout out from the official Comic Relief twitter page. We know lots and lots of children in school enjoyed a good laugh (especially at the teachers' expense!) and we hope the adults at home did too.

CHALLENGE 28 – HUGE THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to the FOB for raising **£3,170** with Challenge 28! It was such a brilliant idea to get everyone moving and raise funds at the same time! Well done to everyone who took part!

FSM VOUCHERS – EASTER HOLIDAYS

During the Easter holiday, every child in Southwark regardless of their financial situation is entitled to free school meals via the Covid Winter Grant Scheme *extension* funding. Please contact the office by Monday if you would like FSM vouchers over half term.

Creative reflection time after half term will be about:

World Autism Awareness Day (2 April)
Holi festival (29 March)

KEY DATES

Monday 29th March

Virtual parents' meetings 9am-6pm

Tuesday 30th March

Virtual parents' meetings 9am-6pm

Thursday 1st April

LAST DAY OF TERM

Easter Break 2021

Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April

EASTER EGG PUN COMPETITION

Over the Easter break can you design your own Easter Egg Pun? Entries can be as eggciting as you like and can be about anything from current eggfairs to famous celeegbrities. Just make sure that your yolkes aren't eggfensive in any way. Have a cracking time! Photos of your entries should be emailed to Mr Turnham turnham1.210@lgflmail.org by Thursday 16th April. Here are some ideas to get you going!



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

Farewell to Sonia Case

Our Executive Head, Sonia Case, will be retiring next week. Sonia was a driving force in the establishment of the Belham and her amazing and inspiring leadership has underpinned the whole essence of this school. So here's a massive **THANK YOU** and **FAREWELL** to Sonia from the FOB!

Important dates

3 April	Easter Egg Hunt
25 th April	Y3/Y6 Velodrome
27 th April	FOB Meeting
2 May	Y2/Y5 Velodrome
25 th – 27 th June	Family Camping trip!

Easter Egg Hunt

The FOB annual Easter Egg trail hunt will be on Saturday 3rd April! You can access the trail map to spot the hidden eggs, as well as a quiz for older children, at this link on the FOB website: <http://friendsofbelham.squarespace.com/easter>.

Chocolate egg collection will be at 2-4pm at 4 Alpha Street (the end of the trail). Egg prize packets cost £3.50, payable by contactless payment on collection only.

Track cycling at Herne Hill Velodrome! (No really, this time it might happen...)

Third time lucky to get set for Belham Sessions at the Velodrome! We have secured some new dates as follows:

Sunday 25th April – Year 3 and Year 6

1130-1230 inner track (Y3)

1230-1330 outer track (Y6)

Sunday 2nd May – Year 2 and Year 5

1130-1230 inner track (Y2)

1230-1330 outer track (Y5)

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.

Sunday 25th April 2021

Y3: 11.30 – 12.30 (inner track)

Parent / carer to be on inner track with children.

For all children but for those less competent on a bike, they will need parent / carer support.

Tickets are £5.50 per child

Y6: 12.30 – 1.30 (Main Track)

Parent / carer to wait by the stands. Children must be competent on a bike. Tickets £7.50 per child.

Sunday 2nd May 2021

Y2 11.30 – 12.30 (inner track)

Parent / carer to be on inner track with children.

For all children but for those less competent on a bike, they will need parent / carer support.

Tickets are £5.50 per child

Y5 12.30 – 1.30 (Main Track)

(outer track - parent / carer to wait by the stands). Children must be competent on a bike.

Tickets are £7.50 per child.

Tickets will be on sale via SchoolsBuddy next week, more info to follow via the WhatsApp groups.

Other year groups watch this space for more dates...

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

When you have identified what you need, you can **make a donation** to the school based on the guide price in the stock list on the JustGiving page below.

<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 – sign up here:

https://bit.ly/FoB_EasyFundraising

AmazonSmile – choose FOB as your charity here:

Send us your Recipes

Are you bored with cooking the same old thing? Do you have a much loved family recipe you would like to share? Please **SEND US YOUR RECIPES!!!** We would love to feature a recipe of the week in the Friends' Friendly. If you have a "go to" family recipe that your children love, please email it to friendsofbelham@gmail.com

Here's a template in case it's useful. http://bit.ly/FoB_Recipe_template

FRIENDS OF BELHAM RECIPES

#10: SHORTBREAD

By Hannah Cleaton-Roberts

Introduction

It's not healthy, it's really not. But it is delicious and super super easy to make.

Difficulty rating: Easy

Good for...

Children to eat 

Children to make 

Vegetarians 

Ingredients

125 butter
200g plain flour
55g sugar plus extra (caster) for dusting

Method

Preheat the oven to 150 C.
Beat the butter until it's soft and then beat in the flour and sugar with a wooden spoon, until it looks like breadcrumbs.

Tip the whole lot out onto a large piece of greaseproof paper / baking parchment. Flatten it into a shape about 3/4cm thick. Fold the edges of the greaseproof paper over on top of the mixture like an envelope, using the fold of the greaseproof paper to form the "edges" of the mixture. Then press it down with your fingers or give it a gentle bash with a rolling pin to flatten it. It won't hold together completely, it might be a bit crumbly and crumbly. Leaving it on the greaseproof paper, but tearing off any surplus paper, put onto a baking sheet and bake for about 40 minutes. When it comes out it will still be soft so you can cut it into any shapes you like and dust with more sugar, and then leave to cool and crunch up.

Store in an airtight container.