

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

It has been a long time in the planning but the event that I am looking forward to the most this term is the 'Bring and Share' food event planned for Friday 3rd February. What a wonderful way for the Belham's community to share and celebrate each other's cultures, and as I said in this week's assembly about Chinese New Year, food is usually at the heart of any celebration or festival and successfully brings people together. I hope to see many of you there!

The Belham has shared its plans now for the NEU strike day now and after careful consideration, we have decided that we must close the school for all pupils. Links to the letter sent out earlier this week can be found on the website's '[Key Letters and News](#)' page. Thank you for your continued support.

BRING AND SHARE - COMMUNITY EVENT

We are hosting a food-centred 'Bring and Share' in the playground at pick up time on Friday 3rd February.

This is an opportunity to enjoy each other's company in the grounds of our school, and to get a taste of who makes up our school community. There will be stalls of the children's work for you to peruse, and a variety of bites to spark conversation. In order to make this work, we need your help.

We are asking for you- parents, carers, community members- to contribute a tray of taster sized food samples from a culture, country or place that is meaningful to your identity. The more the merrier and the more diverse the variety, the better! We want to build a flavour of who we are as a community. We need a minimum of three participants per year group for this to work-- please sign up to contribute here.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1v4Cy-TcDTVLNV_ktmSUKfoiE49VxsMIS9nL0nr18wU/edit?usp=sharing We look forward to seeing you there!

KEY DATES

Tuesday 31st January

Period Workshop @ Dulwich Hamlet 6pm

Wednesday 1st February

NEU Strike Day – SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 2nd February

TRIP Y2 Wildlife Centre

Period Workshop @ Charles Dickens 4pm

Friday 3rd February

Bring & Share community celebration event, 3.25pm main playground

Thursday 9th February

TRIP Y1 Science Museum (packed lunch required)

Monday 13th Feb-Friday 17th Feb

*****HALF TERM*****

Please find a link [here](#) to our full school events calendar.

Please find a link [here](#) to our PE & SWIM timetable.

Monday 20th February

All children return to school

TRIP Y5 Royal Observatory Greenwich (packed lunch required)

Monday 27th February

Morning and after school clubs resume

AIR UP WATER BOTTLES

We are asking that you do not send your child to school with one of these water bottles. A growing number of children are bringing them in and it is causing a lot of unnecessary drama and distraction in the classrooms. Whilst we talk often to the children about looking after school property and respecting other children's property, we cannot be responsible for items of high value brought into school and should not be spending learning time on dealing with issues around these items.

A named water bottle with a sports type cap is inexpensive and more suitable for children in school. <https://www.sainsburys.co.uk/gol-ui/product/sainsburys-home-grey-sports-bottle> May we take this opportunity to remind you that naming everything that your child brings into school is a very good idea.

RESCHEDULED AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Due to the planned NEU strike days, we are rescheduling some of our afterschool clubs. Please see the changes in date below:

- Clubs on Weds 1st Feb (rescheduled to Weds 22nd Feb)
- Clubs on Thurs 2nd March (rescheduled to Thurs 23rd Feb) ***Please note Going for Gold will not run*.**
- Clubs on Weds 15th March & Thurs 16th March (rescheduled Weds 19th and Thurs 20th April) ***Please note Going for Gold will not run.***

R.E.M

Massive excitement in the music department yesterday when four of our ukulele players received a parcel of goodies from R.E.M. in recognition of their BRILLIANT rendition of Near Wild Heaven! Mr Duff had recorded the track and sent it to the R.E.M. manager when the group did such a wonderful job of learning it in their ukulele lessons. Big thanks to Mr Duff for the inspiration and the great teaching and a Brilliant Belhamite round of applause to the four wonderful players/singers who have really made us proud. Listen

here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LGU66RMsc0YXJOnRhu_7k3O03QYSNMUI/view?usp=share_link



WE ARE BELHAM

Bring and share -

A community-centred celebration showcasing the culture, heart and taste of home from our Belham



community.



**Friday 3rd February 2023,
3.25PM in the playground**

Meet, mingle, munch!

Want to contribute?

If you would like to contribute a tray of taster food from your home or culture, please sign up on the Google Doc on your child's class Dojo Class Story page.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



27th January 2023

Meet the Friends of Belham (FoB) Committee & Class Reps

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

Contact

friendsofbelham@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

4 th Feb	FoB Burns' Night Ceilidh
10 th March	School Disco
23 rd March	Quiz Night
1 st April (2-4pm)	Egg Hunt, Lettsom Gardens

BURNS' NIGHT CEILIDH 4th FEB

TICKET UPDATE – DON'T MISS OUT

A week to go until we celebrate Burns' Night with FoB's first ever Ceilidh: a barn dance type event with a Scottish flavour.

Tickets for the first session, 6-7.30pm, have sold out. A limited number of tickets are available for the second session, 8-9.30pm. Hurry, and book yours before all tickets go. Older kids welcome for the second set (Year 4 and up as a general guide).



SAT 4TH OF FEB

Belham Ceilidh

Amott Rd Baptist Church, SE15 4HU

6 - 7:30 ADULTS AND YOUNGER KIDS
8 - 9:30 ADULTS AND OLDER KIDS (Y4+)

Age brackets just a guide - we defer to parental discretion!

No dancing experience necessary!

Pay what you can afford

Light refreshments included

Paying bar (card only)

BYO cup

-Tickets -



Ceilidh tickets are non-priced: pay what you can or come for free. And don't worry if you don't know your Dashing White Sergeant from your Eightsome Reel. There'll be a band and a caller guiding everyone through the dance moves. So, get your dancing shoes on, and give it a go.

Book your tickets here:

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/821607>

CEILIDH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare an hour to scan some tickets or sell some treats during the Ceilidh (first/second set)? Or maybe you'd like to help make some haggis rolls on the sat morning? If so, please do volunteer to help make events like this possible. No ticket needed, just follow the link and choose your slot: <https://signup.zone/k59vGhgccyaieMWZs>

SAVE THE DATE: SCHOOL DISCO

The Belham School Disco will be returning to The Peckham Liberal Club on Friday 10th March.

More details and a link to book tickets will be sent out after half term.

In order for the disco to go ahead, we will need some adult volunteers - if you are able to help during the afternoon, please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com.

UNIFORM SALE

We will hold another uniform sale before the Easter holidays. Please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com if you need items before this. Let us know what you'd like, and we'll check our stock. £3 for bottoms and jumpers. £1 for T-shirts.