

## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Welcome to our bumper Christmas edition of the Belham Buzz this week, where you can find out about events being held at school and activities being organised for the local community. Look out in the Friends' Friendly for details of even more Christmas activities taking place over the next few weeks.

Unbelievably there are only three weeks left of term and it feels as though we are already sprinting towards the Christmas break. I'm sure that everyone is looking forward to spending time with their loved ones and relaxing. When children are on their holidays, there is often a little more screen time than usual in the home. In a rapidly changing online world, new apps and sites pop up all the time. TikTok has been popular for a while now and a lot of the content on there is suitable for children. However, parents should be vigilant and carefully monitor what is being watched. TikTok enables new crazes to spread like wildfire, some of which are highly inappropriate for children. Attached is a TikTok guide from the brilliant [National Online Safety](#) website. Please do take the time to read it.

## SCHOOL FOOD MATTERS



We have started working with the charity School Food Matters on their Healthy Zones project. This aims to create sustained changes to school food environments so that healthy food is prioritised throughout the school day. We will be starting with our breakfast club to make the food offer even better! Look out for our improved breakfast club menu which will include beans on toast, a greater selection of fruit and yoghurt, and more!

## CLUBS AND EARLY BIRDS & OWLS SPRING TERM

We are pleased to say we will be continuing to offer our after school clubs as well as early birds and owls next term. We are just finalising our clubs timetable and will have information coming out to you all on Monday with full details of when allocations and bookings will be opening. Watch this space!

## KEY DATES

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Yr 3 - PE

Yr 5 - PE

Yr 4 – Yoga

### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Yr 2 - PE

Yr 4 – PE

Yr6 - PE

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Reception – Dance Lesson

Yr1 – Dance Lesson

Yr6 – PE

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Yr2 – PE

Yr3 - PE

Yr5 – Yoga

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Yr4- PE

Yr5 – PE

There are **no clubs w/c 7<sup>th</sup> December**. The final **day of clubs will be Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**.

## KEY STAGE 2 GARDEN TRIPS

We have had quite a lot of parents asking about whether or not Year 3 will be visiting the school garden this term. Garden visits are optional for Key Stage 2: we hugely value outdoor learning so try to get there when we can. However the Key Stage 2 curriculum does not always lend itself to the garden so teachers plan visits accordingly. Currently, we also have the added issue of increased staffing pressures caused by operating in Year group bubbles, so it's not as easy to facilitate as it was before.

We will look to create opportunities for where possible later on in the Spring and Summer terms and as things (hopefully) begin to become a bit more normal.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Creative reflection time next week will be about:**

**A celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities**

# THE BELHAM BUZZ



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**Christmas may look very different this year but all our usual festivities will still take place!**

## CHRISTMAS SHOWS

We will be streaming our Christmas shows on the following dates. They will be available during the hours listed below. After this time they will be removed.

We ask that only those who are sent the link access the show – so please, no sharing with others!

**'A Miracle in Town' (Reception & Year 1) – Monday**

**14<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> - 6pm -8pm**

**'It's Virtually Christmas' (Year 2 -6) – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> &**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> - 6pm -8pm**

## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR LOCAL CARE HOMES

Please see below for information on a project being led for the Friends of The Belham by Lizzie Page.

Some classes will be creating these in class; however, to get the whole school involved, there will be drop-off points within school to hand in any cards made at home. Here's to cheering up those who may not be able to see their loved ones this Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY AND MEAL

On **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** we will be having our school Christmas dinner.

On this day we will also be supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Appeal.

This year it is likely that we will have children at The Belham who do not own a Christmas jumper.

With this in mind, if you have any spare or 'grown out of' jumpers at home that you would be willing to donate, please visit the office where we will have a donation point.

## CHRISTMAS PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

We will finish for the Christmas Break **after lunch on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.** Please take note of timings and pick-up locations.

Reception – Maxted Road – 1pm

Year 1 – Maxted Road – 1.15pm

Year 2 & 4 – Bellenden Road 1.15pm

Year 5 – Maxted Road – 1.30pm

Year 3 & 6 - Bellenden Road 1.30pm

## CHRISTMAS BOXES

Over the last 6 months we have been blown away by your generosity and how our community has banded together, from parents donating food boxes to the Friends of Belham supporting families over the Easter break.

We were thrilled that we were able to provide supermarket vouchers to many families over the recent half term holiday, funded by Southwark Council.

As of yet, we are unsure what the provision for vouchers will be over the Christmas break. Several of you have asked how you can continue to support other families at The Belham. We would like to create some Christmas boxes for families this Christmas. These will include some staples, treats, and activities to keep some of the younger members busy over the break. Each box will cost £15 (per child).

If you would like to donate towards these please go to <https://thebelhamprimaryschool.square.site/>

Alternatively, if you would like to donate a non-perishable food item or small age-appropriate gift (unwrapped) to go into these please drop off at the office before **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.**

Any funds or items left over will be given to Southwark Foodbank during the last week of term.

If you have any questions or if your family would benefit from one of these boxes, please contact Ally Sprakes on Class Dojo. All requests and recipients will be treated in confidence.



**PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY EVENTS RUN BY EXTERNAL PROVIDERS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICES AND CLUBS) ARE NOT ENDORSED BY THE SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE**

# 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](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com)

## Important dates

27 November (today) - midnight	Deadline for buying Quiz tickets! (see below)
3 December, 8pm	Quiz Night – online
5 December, 2–4pm	Collect your Christmas Trees!
10 December	Christmas Community Cards submission deadline (see below)

## Christmas Trees

Booking for Christmas trees is now closed but don't forget to collect your trees from the main playground on Saturday 5th between 2 and 4 pm. We don't want poor old FOB volunteers standing around in the dark with some uncollected trees at the end of the slot...

## Quiz night – last few tickets!

Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket for the Zoom Quiz on Thurs Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8pm.

We've almost sold out our original 90 tickets but we've found 12 more tickets down the back of the digital sofa, so that's enough for two more teams of 6 to join up.

Or do sign up as an individual/couple and we can help you find a team. The deadline for sign up is **midnight tonight!**

Tickets are £3 each and are available from this page:  
<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/451433>

Please send your team and team name to [friendsofbelham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com)  
We'll send a message very soon to all ticket buyers with full instructions for the Quiz.

## Belham Christmas Community Cards

Recently there's been a great poster in the window of local businesses, including The Begging Bowl: *'Peckham gave us neighbours. But you make it a community!'*

We thought it would be amazing if the Belham community could pull together after what's been a tough year for many by reaching out to those in our neighbourhood who might not receive many - or any - festive thoughts this year by giving them a Christmas card. This is open to children & adults!

You could use your FoB fundraising cards which should be going home in book bags today. If you'd like to design your own card [then here are some crafty ideas](#). If you know of a local facility that might appreciate some festive cards then please get in touch with Y2 rep Lizzy: [e.r.carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:e.r.carpenter@gmail.com)

Cards should be given to your form teacher by Friday 10 December, or posted in boxes by the gates at drop-off, details TBC. We will then distribute within the local community - for example to local care homes etc.

We would like the cards to be as inclusive as possible, so below are some examples of wording you might like to use:

*Dear Local Resident or Dear Local Friend,*

*Warm wishes; Wishing you a peaceful holiday and New Year; Wishing you a peaceful and safe New Year; Happy holidays; Merriest wishes; Wishing you peace and joy;*

*From a local friend (you can add your name if you're personally happy to but can remain anonymous if you prefer) at The Belham School*

Thank you to the Belham community!

## Three completely free ways you can help the school!

### 1. Send in your second-hand books

Do you have unwanted books at home? The school would love it if we could bring in good quality books that are no longer read at home. Books will be quarantined for a few days, and then distributed between the appropriate year groups. It would be great to build up the selection of books at school and I'm sure we all have a few nice books spare.

### 2. Donate unwanted musical instruments

Do you have an outgrown violin at home? An unwanted tuba lying around? Please [contact the school office](#) if you are able to donate musical instruments. Obviously they would need to assess whether they were actually suitable for the children to learn on. But I'm sure we would all like to see as much musical opportunity at the Belham as possible.

### 3. Online shopping? Support FoB

We love our local shops and feel very lucky to have such a brilliant range on our doorstep. We encourage you to support them at this tricky time.

If you are shopping online, there's two easy ways to raise funds for FoB:

#### EasyFundraising

This will generate donations for FoB at many online retailers. Create an account in support of FoB here: [https://bit.ly/FoB\\_EasyFundraising](https://bit.ly/FoB_EasyFundraising)

Start your shopping via the EasyFundraising site, use their 'donation reminder' widget in your browser, or use their mobile app. It will take you to retailer sites and apply the donation automatically. Loads of retailers are signed up, with varying levels of donation: John Lewis, Waterstones, Ethical Superstore, Majestic Wine, M&S, Argos, and Boden to name a few...

#### AmazonSmile

Friends of Belham is now also registered with AmazonSmile. 0.5% of the purchase price will go direct to FoB.

On a computer you must shop via [smile.amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) for this to work.

You can shop on the standard Amazon mobile apps but must set Friends of Belham as the beneficiary for AmazonSmile in the app settings.

## FOB Uniform & Xmas Jumper Exchange

The FOB uniform exchange is now LIVE!!! Click on the links below to buy or sell second hand uniform and Christmas jumpers.

1. If you have clothes to sell, fill in the form below to populate the main stock spreadsheet. Clothes must be a) clean, b) name-tags removed if possible, c) truthfully described in terms of quality ("excellent", "good" or "well worn").

[http://bit.ly/FoB\\_2ndHandUniform\\_SubmitForm](http://bit.ly/FoB_2ndHandUniform_SubmitForm)

2. If you want to buy clothes, review the form, "claim" the items you want by contacting the seller directly. Seller then updates the form to show the item is now sold.

[http://bit.ly/FoB\\_2ndHandUniform\\_Stock](http://bit.ly/FoB_2ndHandUniform_Stock)

3. Buyer makes a donation to FOB via Justgiving based on the prices in the spreadsheet

<https://www.justgiving.com/friendsofbelham>

4. Buyer collects from seller's home.
5. Seller updates quantities on the form once the item has been collected.

## Koru Kids offer code

Koru Kids is a London based childcare service which specialises in after-school nannies and helping families to find nanny shares.

They are offering £50 to FoB and £50 to Belham families when they match with a nanny through their service. Use the code SC1BELHAM in the "how did you hear about us?" section (this is really important otherwise it won't be logged).

<https://www.korukids.co.uk>