

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

This week, there has been more news and advice issued about Coronavirus and yesterday the school sent out correspondence to parents containing the most up-to-date advice for those who have travelled to Category 1 or 2 areas during the holidays. We will continue to follow advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England and keep parents informed of any changes. At school, the premises team are continuing to ensure that cleaning processes are thorough, and that soap and anti-bacterial hand sanitiser are readily available for staff and pupils to use. In class, teachers have spoken to children about the importance of maintaining good hygiene habits and have reminded them to wash their hands thoroughly with soap at key points of the day. It would also be great if parents could reinforce this message at home as this will reduce the spread of general cold-like illnesses that are so common at this time of year.

As mentioned below, World Book Day is nearly upon us and I'm looking forward to it as it provides me with a great (and the only) excuse to wear my giraffe costume to school. There will be lots of book-related activities taking place next Friday and a special assembly giving children the chance to show off their wonderful costumes!

SNACKS – AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Children may have a small piece of fruit after a sports practice (in a natural wrapper). They should not have granola or other bars whilst on school property. Children should not need a snack before their after school club.

WORLD BOOK DAY!

A reminder that World Book Day is coming up on Friday the 6th of March. Please dress up as a favourite character from a book. Teachers will be dressing up too!

KEY DATES

Wednesday 4th March

Yr4 Alleyn's Art Workshop
Taffeta 9am-12pm
Satin 12:15pm-3:15pm
Yr2 Swimming
Yr5 Swimming

Thursday 5th March

Yr3 Trip to Buddhist Centre (packed lunch needed)

Friday 6th March

World Book Day. Children can dress up as a character from their favourite book!

**Monday July 13th

SPORTS DAY (time TBC)

***Year 2 Swimming Gala dates to follow

SUMMER TERM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are planning to open the selection for our after school clubs on Friday 6th March and close them on Wednesday 11th March. Please see attached proposed timetable.

The Earlybirds and Owls bookings will be opening after clubs have been confirmed. Date and time to be confirmed.

BELHAM BOOK SWAP

Alice in Taffeta Class has come up with an excellent idea for us to enjoy and talk about books.

On World Book Day, everyone will be invited to bring a book in a book that you are happy to lend someone in your class. After you have finished the book, you will return it to its original owner. Then you can tell them what you think of the book.

We hope you enjoy your book!

Alice and Freya

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LITTLE TURTLE TURNS THE TIDE - READING

Exciting news! Local illustrator Nico Williams is joining Gather on Bellenden Road to read from her beautiful children's book Little Turtle Turns the Tide - about the fight against plastic and how everyone can make a difference. We'll also be creating a mural masterpiece (on recycled paper, of course), inspired by the book.

It's [on 10th March](#), and it's free. If your small one is aged between **5-7 years**, book them into either the [3.30pm](#) or [4.45pm](#) slot at -

www.gather-childrensbookreading.eventbrite.co.uk

And be quick: we've only got space for 15 in each time slot so we're expecting this to sell out quickly!

Many thanks
Laura Ford

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BAG2SCHOOL - THURS 5th MARCH

Next week is BAGS2SCHOOL! A great way to teach your children how to recycle clothes so that they can go to people that are in need of them. FoB will receive 40p per kilo of items donated.

You should have received a bag in your child's book bag in the week before half term, so that you can have a clear out over half term

Please bring your bags to school **ON** the morning of THURSDAY 5th March at drop off to the main playground.

We accept the following 'good quality' items for REUSE: Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing. Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around). Handbags, bags. Hats, scarves, and ties, belts. Lingerie and socks. Jewellery. Soft toys. Household linen. Curtains. Towels. Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers).

We **do not accept**: Duvets and blankets. Pillows and cushions. Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats). Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing. School uniforms with and without logo. Corporate clothing and workwear. Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material.

DIARY DATES

Here are the upcoming FOB activities, hope to see you at some of them...

Bag2School	Thurs 5 March
Cake Sale	Friday 13 March
Golf Day	Friday 27 March
Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday 28 March
Fun Run	Sunday 3 May
Family Camping	Fri 19 – Sun 21 June

CAKE SALE – FRIDAY 13 MARCH

Get your aprons on and your rolling pins ready Because it's the CAKE SALE on Friday 13 March! Since it coincides with Sport Relief all funds raised will be going to sport relief. Bake some cakes, bread, biscuits, with or without your children, and then prepare to buy them back again for a good cause. They can have a sporty theme, or not, it's up to you. Please keep your baking nut free. If your baking is dairy or gluten free please can you label it so that we can inform the hungry hoards.

Please drop off your cakes on the morning of Friday 13th, labelling the box with your child's full name and class. If you don't have time to bake, come and buy some cakes after school.

For this cake sale, Year 4 are bravely helping out behind the tables. Please buy cakes from 3.25. Bring plenty of cash....

FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY - FRI 27th MAR

Putt your troubles aside for one day, forget about your kids' bogeys, and join the Friends of Belham Golf Day on a beautiful course just a few miles from school. Golfing talent is not required!

You'll start the day with coffee a light breakfast, play 18 holes with fun and games along the way, and then enjoy a leisurely lunch.

Tickets are on sale now at a reduced price this year of £75 per player. Please see link below for full details and tickets. Any questions please email pauljmunro@yahoo.co.uk

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/335823>

EASTER EGG HUNT – SAT 28th MARCH

The Easter Bunny has confirmed that he will be visiting Lettsom Gardens on 28th March for the annual Easter Egg hunt, from 10.30 – 12.30 am. Watch this space for more details!

SURVEY

Thanks so much to everyone who took part in the survey. We had really useful and interesting feedback which we are taking into account as a new committee. Key points we wanted to highlight are:

Massive thanks to the previous FOB committees for running so many fantastic events and raising so much money.

A real desire to see the raised funds spent for the school. We are liaising with the school who have received all the ideas submitted by you and are pulling together a list of spending proposals.

A greater emphasis on inclusive, inexpensive events. We are taking this into account in our event planning and pricing.

We are always open to feedback and ideas. If you would like to contribute, please do come along to a meeting or email us at friendsofbelham@gmail.com

NEXT FOB MEETING

Our next meeting is on 2 March and if you would like to come along and have your say or get involved please contact hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com

OTHER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Koru Kids: Koru Kids will donate £100 to the school if you use the code SC1BELHAM when signing up an after school nanny. **Please tell us** if you use the code and sign up a nanny.

They have lots of nannies in our area and a number of parents are already using them.

Company Match Funding: if you think your company would be prepared match any donations you make to the school please get in touch with hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com - we already have some successful match funding arrangements in place.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Remember how easy EASY FUNDRAISING is to use. Just click the link below to register and remember to do your online shopping through the app and a proportion of your spending will get automatically donated to FOB. It is **FREE MONEY** for the school and it takes about, oh, a minute to register and then maybe an extra two seconds when you want to shop.

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

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