

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

The beginning of the academic year always brings with it change and this year is no different! Even though the building work in the school is complete, we are still looking to develop parts of it and the first area we will be working on is 'The Lane'. Parents from the Air Quality Group are leading this exciting project that will see a dull strip of concrete transformed into a green, nature-friendly sanctuary that will protect our children from the pollution of the main road and provide a natural habitat for some of our London based wildlife. Changes will be taking place fairly soon with the planting of 75 trees and bushes, kindly donated by Tree Trust. We will be recruiting parent volunteers to help plant the trees very soon.

Black History Month takes place in October and we are looking to mark this with a series of events. If you have any ideas for activities that the children can take part in, visits or even suggested visitors to the school, please contact me directly. If you want to find out more about the events happening in Southwark to mark Black History Month, some specifically for children, go to [Southwark's Black History Month page](#) on their website and click the brochure for more information.

PICK UP TIME

We would ask that at the end of the school day, parents avoid going on the black or green parts of the playground as it is sometimes difficult for teachers to release their children safely. If you have younger children, please ensure that they are supervised at all times. This also applies to collection after clubs.

When collecting your child from Owls please would you ensure that you have shut the main school gate behind you so that the site is secure.

READING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for parents or carers who would be willing to give an hour of their time to assist with one to one reading. We will provide training. If you are able to commit to an hour a week on either Mondays 09:15-10:15 or Fridays 14:00-15:00 then please contact the office to let us know.

KEY DATES

Thursday 4 October

Year 2 parents and children breakfast event

Friday 5 October

Year 3 visit to the Museum of London – packed lunch required

Reception 'Keeping Healthy' workshop at school

Wednesday 10 October

Coffee morning after drop off followed by 'Emotional Wellbeing' workshop

ANNUAL TRIP CONSENT FORM

All parents should have received an Annual Trip Consent form yesterday via our online trips and clubs booking system, Evolve. If you have not received this form, please check your junk or spam folders for the email. If you cannot see the email there, please contact the office and we will be able to issue you with a paper form. We would be very grateful if you could respond by Wednesday 3 October.

'MY EVOLVE'

All our before and after school activity clubs are managed using an online system called Evolve. To register for my.evolve, which allows you to manage your club and practice bookings and view what clubs, practices and trips your child is registered for, please go to <http://www.myevolve.online/activate> and enter your email address (the one we have on our school records). You will then be sent a code to activate your account.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

If you are a whizz with meccano, a chess fanatic or a keen cook, we are looking for parents who might be interested in running a chess, cookery or meccano engineering club after school club next term. We are open to any other suggestions too – please email the office if you might be able to help. Equally if you would be able to help or run a sports practice before school we would love to hear from you.

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

KATE BUSH

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

Friends of
Belham



Main Committee Members: Patrick Murray, Michelle Hardy, Richard Knowles, Chloe Cubitt

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FoB NEWS

Welcome Drinks!

Thank you to everyone who has able to come along to the welcome drinks on 26 September. It was great to see so many people there. FoB welcomes any parent/carer who would like to become a class representative for their child/ren's class – if this is you, please email the FoB email address above in advance of the November AGM (see more details below), where committee members are formally appointed.

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held on 7 November from 8pm at the school building (enter via office-side gate) The FoB committee will present our activities and monies raised over the previous year and what purchases or contributions we have made on behalf of the school. Committee members and class representatives are formally appointed at the AGM so if you're interested in this, or would just like to learn more about FoB and what we have done over the past year, please come along.

Parents' Evening

At this term's parents' evening (17 and 18 October), representatives from FoB will also be in attendance so if you'd like to informally chat through FoB activities before/after your teacher appointment, you are most welcome to do so.

School Disco

Get those glad rags on, because it's..... school disco time! This term's disco-fest will be held on 9 November at The Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove, SE15 5DE, about a 5-minute walk from the school. Sessions are as follows:

Reception: 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Years 1 and 2: 4:45pm – 5:30pm

Years 3 and 4: 5:45pm – 6:30pm

Non-school siblings are welcome, school siblings can strut their stuff alongside their older/younger brothers/sisters, all can come. Entry is £3 on the door per cha-cha-cha-ing child and there are refreshments to buy during the session. Parents can use the Liberal Club cash only bar but must remain within their children throughout.

FoB NEWS

Velodrome

Thanks to everyone who came along to the recent velodrome session. We completely lucked out with sunny weather and hope everyone had a fantastic time. We will be back shortly with details of another velodrome session so watch this space!

Cake Sale

That termly ritual of the cake sale is back, this time after-school on 19 October! We would be grateful for nut-free donations from parents/carers, to be brought into the office area of the school on the morning of the cake sale. Please name any Tupperware boxes so we can return these to you. The cake sale itself will be held from 3.25pm in the main playground. Please bring your loose change and those children attending Owls will also be brought out by Owls staff to join in the cake-scoffing fun – so please do give your children change for that day. Cake sale profits this time will be going towards maintenance and upkeep costs of the garden on Copleston Road used by the children during school.

And....Year 4 Cake Sale Helpers Needed!

We are looking for children from Year 4 to help out at the cake sale on 19 October. Volunteer Year 4-ers have permission from the school to come out to the main playground at 3pm and they'll need to stay until around 4pm - with their parent/carer throughout. If your Year 4-er is interested, please email Ginnie on

ginb27@hotmail.com

Quiz Night

The quiz night, one of the biggest FoB events of the year, is set for 15 November at The Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove, SE15 5DE. This is strictly for adults only! Tickets are £8 each and watch this space for more info. The Liberal Club has a cash only bar and FoB will be organising food for the evening.