



HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Like the rest of the school community, I'm looking forward to the Christmas Fair tomorrow and to finally starting my Christmas shopping! I know that preparations have been underway for a while, and over the past week or so, I've spotted various Friends of Belham members moving fair-related donations and equipment around the school. I'm sure that Saturday's event will be as much of a success as it has been in previous years. I believe that the fair also marks the official handing over of the FoB reins to Eve Petcher, Adam Scott, Shaun Kirby and Hannah Cleaton-Roberts. A huge thank you to Michelle, Pat and Rich for leading the Friends of Belham so successfully over the last couple of years.

BELLENDEN BIG TREE

The Bellenden Big Tree lights will be lit on Sunday 8 December at 4pm! Belhamites from Reception and Year 1 are creating plastic free decorations for the tree - join us for Melange hot chocolate (bring a cup!), Christmas activities at the Begging Bowl and general Christmas cheer! Please bring gifts for the Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers (see attached poster for things they need!) See you there!

RECEPTION/YEAR 1 NATIVITY

Please make sure that you have your 3 tickets by Monday morning. There are quite a few tickets left for Thursday afternoon's performance. These extra tickets will be available from Monday at 12pm for anyone who would like some extras. Entrance for the show will be through the main playground; the gate will open at 9.15am. Buggies will need to be parked outside/at the back of the hall.

CURRENT AFFAIRS PROJECT

We are launching a new Key Stage 2 Termly Current Affairs Project. Entries must be handwritten and no larger than A4-please see the attachment with the Buzz for more details. Entries to be handed in to the office by 8 December.

READING PASSPORTS

The deadline for ordering Reading Passport books has been extended till next Friday. Please purchase now on SchoolsBuddy!

KEY DATES

Monday 2 December

Book Fair – morning only in the Main Hall

Tuesday 3 December

Book Fair – morning only in the Main Hall

Year 5 to visit National Portrait Gallery : packed lunch needed

Wednesday 4 December

Book Fair – morning only in the Main Hall

Tweed Class to visit British Museum : packed lunch needed

Thursday 5 December

9.30am, Reception/Y1 Christmas performance

2.00pm : Reception/Y1 Christmas performance

Friday 6 December

9.30am : Reception/Y1 Christmas performance

BALLET BLACK : TICKET OFFER

We are very excited to offer a massively discounted tickets to Year 2-5s plus accompanying adults to see Mixed Bill by the dance company Ballet Black on Sunday March 29 at 14:30 (at the Barbican). Tickets will be available on SchoolsBuddy until Tuesday 3 December at midday. Please note that we are simply brokering tickets and are not offering supervision for children so all children must be supervised by an adult. Tickets normally cost £30 but we have secured them at the remarkable price of £12 each (for adults or children). Please note that the show is not recommended for children under 7 years of age.

"For her latest programme, Artistic Director Cassa Pancho brings us original work: The Royal Ballet's Olivier Award-winning choreographer Will Tuckett blends classical ballet, poetry and music to explore ideas of home and belonging while Mthuzuzeli November contemplates the purpose of life in The Waiting Game. Expect sensational solos, seductive duos and fiercely dynamic pieces performed seamlessly by the group. Ballet Black is transforming the dance landscape by giving a platform to artists of black and Asian descent as well as to new and established choreographic voices whose unexpected stories and themes come from the heart to resonate with modern audiences."

Please look on your SchoolsBuddy account for the event and to book your place.

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

WATER ART

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FOB SPENDING

Before school sports clubs and Christmas Tree

We are delighted to be able to announce that the school is now able to offer two more before school sports clubs as a result of funding from the Friends of Belham.

Currently the before school sessions are heavily oversubscribed and rely on parents and staff volunteering their time. The funding for these two additional clubs will relieve this pressure and will allow more children to take part in sporting activities.

Children will not be charged for these clubs, and hope you agree that we think this is a great use of the funds you have raised.

We are also pleased to announce that this year the Friends of Belham has purchased a HUGE Christmas tree that will sit in the main hall at the school.

Thank you once again for all your support of FOB!

FOB EVENTS

Christmas wreath workshop – Monday 9th December

We only have 9 tickets left for the Christmas wreath workshop which will be held at the school on the evening 7pm -9:30pm hosted by LABOOS. Get them while you can!

LABOOS are giving their time and expertise for free. This means all proceeds will cover the material needed to create the wreath and all other funds will go straight to the school.

The workshop, including a wreath to take home is £35.

Only 9 spaces left. To book a place, go to the link below

www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/323463

FoB NEWS

Belham Christmas Fair 2019 – Saturday 30th November 12 – 3pm

Sponsored by KFH

Stalls include, Great Belham Festive Raffle & Hampers, Holiday Auction, Face Painting, Lucky Dip, Kids Crafts, Pompoms, Toys & Uniform, Festive Photo Booth, Lollipop Tree, Guess the Number, FoB bottles and The Imoporium by Imogen Parson, **NOT** forgetting Santa's Grotto!

Along with all the ABOVE amazing stalls we will have lots of yummy food and drink. So please don't eat before you come!

These include **Meat Chilli, Veg Chilli, Nacho's & Cheese, Cakes, Popcorn, Mulled Wine, Hot chocolate & Beer.**

Hopefully that's enough to get your mouth watering!

Below is a bit more info on the other stalls to TEMPT you!

Great Belham Festive Raffle

We have over 100 fabulous prizes including:

- Bottles of champagne, whisky, mulled wine, chocolate liquor & prosecco
- Forest Voucher
- Blue Mountain, Carrot Cake
- Sweaty Betty voucher
- Term of classes at Mountview
- X5 CRANK classes worth £17 each
- FORM, goody bag
- Hop Burns & Black, 2L filable bottle of craft beer
- EOS Dance, Free term of dance lessons free terms
- Level Six Studios, 6 classes worth £60
- Complimentary drinks/meals at Terroirs, 200 Cocktail, The Gowlett, Meat Liquor, Voodoo Rays, The Montpelier, Made of Dough, Coal Rooms & Begging Bowl

Plus many, many more prizes...

Festive Hampers

We have 6 fantastic hampers that you can bid on at the Christmas fair. These will make fantastic Christmas presents for someone or yourself! Each hamper has a retail value of approx £100 and well above.

There are no minimum bids, all you do is write your bid amount and put in the jar in front of the hamper. The highest bid wins the hamper.

- Hamper 1: Festive Food and Drink
- Hamper 2: Festive Food and Drink
- Hamper 3: Pamper Hamper
- Hamper 4: Pamper Hamper
- Hamper 5: The Imoporium Hamper, www.theimoporium.co.uk
- Hamper 6: The Imoporium Kids Hamper, www.theimoporium.co.uk

Please have a look at the attached document to get more information on what's in each hamper.

Holiday Auction

As part of our Christmas Fair prizes are auctioning weekend breaks or week long holidays to raise money for the school. It's a great fundraiser and an even greater way to grab a bargain holiday!!!

We have been lucky enough to have 5 fabulous holidays to offer.

- A week or long weekend in Barcelona
- A weekend in Budapest
- 1 or 2 weeks in Tenerife
- A weekend in Whitstable
- A week in Provence, France

The owners of these beautiful homes have been incredibly generous and have given them for free for the auction, which means all money raised (apart from cleaning fee) will be going straight to the school!

The auction will start from a minimum amount & cleaning costs.

Please have a look at the attached document to get more information on the holidays.

All you have to do is write your bid amount and put in the jar in front of the print out of the holiday at the fair, the highest bid will win the holiday!

***Remember when bidding for the holiday write down the total amount you are bidding for the holiday & then add cleaning fees.**

***The lucky winners need to pay 25% of bid amount within**

Cake Stall

Last year we had some truly yummy cakes & we would love to sample these again & more!

Could you please bring your baked good either at morning drop off on Friday or on the morning of the fair before the fair starts if possible so that we can have a fantastic display prior to the fair starting. We will be setting up the fair from 9am till 12 noon.

Festive Photo Booth

Up load your photos to FoB Facebook page to win "Best Belham Christmas Selfie" prize! Log on to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/355496675010142/>

FoB Christmas Trees

If you have ordered a tree don't forget to pick it up at the fair after 12 – 3pm.

Bring friends, family and loads of cash to spend!

See you there.

SAVE THE DATE

School Disco – Friday 7th Feb 2020

Quiz Night – Wednesday 12th February 2020

Bag for School - Tuesday 5th March

Camping - Friday 19th, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June

Golf Day - 27th March 2020

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

If you're doing your Christmas shopping on the internet go through the #easyfundraising to raise a donation for us. If you haven't joined in yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us for FREE when you buy things you'd be getting anyway. Every donation mounts up for us and can make a difference, so please take a moment to get involved!

Sign-up using our unique link:

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