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## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

It is the start of a new school year and I would like to wish all of our new Belhamites, returning pupils, and parents a warm welcome back. It was such a lovely feeling to be at the gates this morning as children and parents returned after the summer holidays. There was a definite sense of excitement to be back!

This is the first year in a while where we have not had restrictions in place to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 so I can say with confidence that we will continue to open our doors to the wider Belham community and that parents will have the opportunity to come into school to celebrate all of the wonderful learning taking place.

Over the coming weeks, there will be communication from the school to let parents know what events are happening over the coming term and to remind parents about some of our policies and procedures. For now, I am pleased to share what individual year groups will be learning during the autumn term: curriculum maps can be accessed via the [website](#).

Whilst the beginning of the school year is always busy, please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any general questions. Again, welcome back! I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

## BELHAM BOOK CORNERS

This year, we are working to transform our classroom book corners into the MOST inviting and enjoyable places to enjoy a book or two but we need your help!

Do you have any of the following at home and no longer need/want it?

- Cushions – any size
- Beanbags - small
- Baskets – small or medium sized
- Sturdy boxes – medium
- Rugs – small or medium sized

Then please consider donating them to the Belham's book corners – we would be ever so grateful!

If you are making a donation of items, please deliver them to the school office in a bag with the label 'Book Corner Donations'.

## KEY DATES

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Morning & after school clubs begin

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Meet the teacher (all parents are welcome to attend after school, timings tbc)

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Individual & sibling school photos

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Flu immunisations

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28 October

Half Term: October (TWO WEEKS)

## PE AND SWIMMING AUTUMN TERM

Swimming will begin for Year 2 on Wednesday mornings from **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September** and **finish on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Children will need a swimming costume (not shorts below the knee) and a towel. Goggles and a swimming hat are advised.**

### Monday

Reception PE  
Y5 PE

### Tuesday

Y4 PE  
Y6 PE (TWEED)

### Wednesday

Y1 DANCE  
Y2 SWIM (AM)  
Y2 PE (PM)  
Y3 Dance  
Y6 PE (CORDUROY)

### Thursday

Y5 PE  
Y6 PE

### Friday

Y1 PE  
Y3 PE  
Y4 PE

# THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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Meet the FOB Committee & Class Reps

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

Contact us

[friendsofbelham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

15 Sept	Next FOB meeting
25 Sept	Belham Fun Run

## WELCOME TO NEW PARENTS!

We wanted to say a warm welcome to all new parents and carers joining the Belham this year. Friends of Belham (FoB) is a charity run by school parents that aims to bring the school community together, and to raise funds that support the school and enhance the education of our children.

All parents and guardians are automatically members of FoB, as are teachers and non-teaching staff. Our meetings are open to all, so feel to come along to **our first meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September, at 6.30pm at school.**

## What does FoB do?

Most of the time you will see us organising various events throughout the year, which include summer and Christmas fairs, a quiz night, a Fun Run, bake sales, uniform sales, an Easter Egg hunt, and evening talks, among others!

**Last academic year (21-22) we raised £28,500 in funds for the school** which supported a wide range of projects and activities, including:

- a complete upgrade of the Makers' Room (£11,000)
- a refurbishment of the Copleston and Reception playgrounds (£3,000)
- the Arts Fund (£5,300) which pays for theatre trips, school performances and musical instruments
- the beehives (£1,500)
- extra sports clubs before school (£1,500)

We have a weekly newsletter here with the Buzz, and also communicate on the year Whatsapp groups. While we don't run these groups, please do contact us if you would like to be added to one. (See list of reps on right.)

## Who is FoB?

We have a committee of **elected volunteer trustees** who help to coordinate the event planning and liaise with the school on fundraising goals. The 2021-22 committee are

Kathryn Church – Chair



Chantelle Edwards – Deputy Chair



Doug Renwick – Treasurer



Lucy Beedham – Committee Member



We also have **FoB class reps** who help to plan and run events, communicate with year groups, and help make decisions. Here is the current list of class reps for 22-23, please reach out to them about anything (see our webpage for everyone's photo!):

R	Felt	Rose McDonnell
	Wool	Zoe Craig
Yr 1	Demin	Eleanor Brown
		James Farnworth
	Calico	Elsa Raffel
Yr 2	Lace	Amit Khutti
	Poplin	<b>AI Roots</b>
		<b>Currently vacant!</b>
Yr 3	Cashmere	Abba Newbery
		Alex Mastihi
	Tartan	Beth Coates
Yr 4	Velvet	Lizzy Page
		Joy Green
	Silk	Jane Kinninmont
Yr 5	Chiffon	<b>Currently vacant!</b>
	Hessian	Louise Murray
Yr 6	Corduroy	Greg Thomas
	Tweed	Lianne Ludlow

We also have some thematic reps:

## FOB thematic reps:

Sustainability advisor	Laura Ford
SEND advisor	Libby Sarsfield
SEND advisor	Shereen Davis
Gardening rep	Rachel Cook

Some posts are still vacant, and we would love for more people to get involved (2 reps per class is ideal). So please email [friendsofbelham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com) if you would be interested to join as a thematic or class rep!

## FUN RUN 2022

We're gearing up for the annual Belham Fun Run on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022, in Peckham Rye Park. The first run will be at 11.30, and there will be 2 runs, one for younger children (and their parents!) and one for older children (and their parents!). Fancy dress is optional but definitely encouraged!

We will circulate sponsorship forms for children and more information in the next week. We are also still finalising corporate sponsorship for the event, so if you know of any companies who could sponsor us, please let us know ASAP ([friendsofbelham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com)).



## FOB CROCKERY LOANS

FOB owns some items of kitchenware that can be loaned out to parents. We have:



- c.200 plastic cups

- 48 plastic plates
- 48 glass tumblers
- 3 plastic jugs
- 6 x extra large flasks for hot drinks

## UNIFORM LABELS



FoB and school staff had to sort through literally tonnes of lost uniform last year. Some was labelled and returned to parents. But lots was not labelled: while we were able to sell some at second-hand sales, and some went to charity, we still ended up having to throw a lot out into textile bins and fear it has ended up in landfill. Please please label all items of clothing! (Scrawled pen marks don't work!!)

FoB reps have tried and tested these labels which stick well, and which also help raise funds for school:

- 1) [Stikins](#) – enter Belham school code 36250 at checkout to earn 15% commission for FOB.
- 2) [Mynametag.com](#) – enter Belham school code 105032 at checkout to earn 24% commission.

## OTHER WAYS TO RAISE MONEY FOR FOB

**EasyFundraising** – Sign up here for a percentage of your online shopping to go to FOB: [https://bit.ly/FoB\\_EasyFundraising](https://bit.ly/FoB_EasyFundraising)

**AmazonSmile** – choose FOB as your charity on Amazon and we will receive a tiny percentage of your spending – it all adds up.

**Company matched funding** - FoB is registered with Benevity <https://benevity.com/>. If your employer does company matched funding you may be able to get them match any donations or fundraising you do for FoB. We have parents here who have done this and it's a great way of raising money, and making individual donations go further.

**Koru Kids** – for £50 to FOB and £50 to the family, use the code SC1BELHAM in the "how did you hear about us?" section.

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