

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

At the Belham, we know it's nearly Christmas when the first Nativity performance takes place. It's been a busy few weeks here with all children and staff involved in the production of our Christmas plays. I was lucky enough to see Reception, Year 1 and Year 2's final performance this morning, which I've been told was their best one yet! A huge thank you to all those involved in the Nativity production including the wonderful Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 team, Miss Katie, who choreographed the dance, Nancy Wayman, and of course, the children themselves.

Sadly, at the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to two of our Early Years team. Maddy Tee has secured an assistant headship role and will be moving to her new school in January. Maddy joined us as a relatively new teacher and her promotion is well-deserved. We wish her the very best of luck in the next step of her career. Our Reception teaching assistant, Verity Ure-Jones will be embarking on a new journey, literally, and going travelling from January. I would like to acknowledge and thank both Maddy and Verity for the contribution that they have made to the Belham

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Whilst we have always collected for food banks such as Albrighton and Pecan, we are aware that there are families within our own Belham community who may be struggling. The cost of living crisis is hitting very hard and we want to support all those we can. Therefore, this year we will be opening our food bank collection to parents and carers before it's delivered to the Albrighton Centre. We invite all our families who would benefit from this to visit our Main Hall on **Friday 9th December from 9am-10am**.

If you are unable to make this time and would like us to put aside some items for you, please contact Eloise or Ally in confidence.

CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL

Supported by Friends of Belham, we will be collecting non-perishable general and festive food items on Wednesday 7th December. Please drop these into the office or give to nominated FoB volunteer on this day.

KEY DATES

Saturday 3rd December

FESTIVE FAIR * FESTIVE FAIR * FESTIVE FAIR

Sunday 4th December

Bookings for Early Birds and Owls for Spring term will open at 8pm (details below)

Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Show Y3/4/5/6

TRIP Y2 'Scroogalicious' at Theatre Peckham (arrival back at school between 3.30 -3.45pm. The office will notify you to confirm the time to come and pick the children up.)

TRIP Y1 - Gunnersbury Park Museum (packed lunch required)

Thursday 8th December

Christmas Show Y3/4/5/6

Monday 12th December

Last day of morning and after school clubs

Y2 - Travel Through the Ages workshop (at school)

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Lunch and Jumper D
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Thursday 15th December

ART & CRAFT (MAKE UP CLUB)

Friday 16 December

Last day of term (**finish at 1:15pm**)

EARLY BIRDS AND OWLS SPRING TERM 2023

For Spring term 2023, bookings will open at **8.00pm on Sunday 4th December**. Text reminders will be sent out on the Friday and Saturday before bookings open. Please make sure to log in to your SchoolsBuddy account at **8pm** to secure bookings

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS 2023

We have some space in the following clubs – Boxing Y4-6, Multi-Sports Y2-3, Taekwondo Y2-3 and Animation Y4-6. Please contact the office if you are interested in booking.

Y2 REQUEST FOR TERRACOTA POTS!

Year Two are in need of 60 terracotta plant pots for an upcoming art project. Dimensions could be 14cm x 14cm plus. If you are able to make a plant pot donation, please contact the office. Thank you very much!

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



2nd December 2022

Meet the Friends of Belham (FoB) Committee & Class Reps

Contact

SAVE THE DATE

3 rd Dec	FoB Festive Fair
7 th Dec	Deadline to order Art Calendars
12 th Dec	FoB meeting with Xmas drinks after
4 th Feb	FoB Burns Night Ceilidh



BELHAM ART CALENDAR 2023 (*New*) – Order by 7th December

FoB are printing "organiser" style calendars. Showcasing the artistic talents of Belham pupils, each calendar month will feature a selection of artworks from past Belham Art Exhibitions. But they won't just be beautiful on your wall, they'll also help keep life organised. School dates will be pre-printed within a large daily grid that has space to write in.

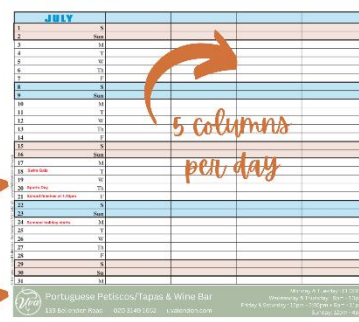
The calendar is A3, double-sided colour printed with a top-wire wall hanging. Some (possibly all) months will have a discrete advertising banner at the bottom. All net proceeds from the calendar sales and advertising will support the Belham Arts Fund, which is providing free theatre trips for Belhamites this Christmas.

The calendar is selling for **£6.99**. We're aiming to get calendars delivered before the end of term, and in time for the New Year. So, the **deadline for orders is this Wednesday, 7 December**. If you would like to see a proof copy before you buy, come along to the FoB stall at the Winter Fair tomorrow, Sat 3rd December – alternatively, go to the school office the following week to see one there.

Beautiful artworks!



School dates



Small ads

The calendar is on sale here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/810618>

BELHAM WINTER FAIR – ****This Weekend****

Great news! The Winter Fair will go ahead despite the current challenges with the school playground. The winter fair team has been working hard to ensure that all the experiences can still be enjoyed by everyone, with festivities taking place on the terrace and in the indoor communal spaces. Come along and enjoy the games, crafts, stalls, cakes, hot food, drinks – and of course, Santa's Grotto too.

See you there, tomorrow, **Sat 3rd Dec 12-3pm**. Entry is free. Please use the Maxted Road gate.

With the main playground closed, and space limited:

- No dogs are allowed
- Come on foot; no bikes or scooters can be left
- Please only bring prams if absolutely necessary



Santa's Grotto

Santa and his elves will be at the fair, meeting children in small groups of 10. Entry is free, though all donations to support the cost of the presents given are welcome. The 10-minute slots to see Santa are ticketed so do book in. Tickets between 12-3pm are available here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/803526>

Early entry for children with SEN

Children with SEN who would prefer to visit the fair in a calmer atmosphere can come in from 11.30am, before the main gates open at 12pm. If they want to see Santa early they should come upstairs to the grotto at 11.40 or 11.50 (no ticket needed).

Christmas Tree Collection

Please come to the Reception Playground to collect your tree from 11.30am. It would really help if you could come early to collect your tree. Thank you!

Donations for the Stalls

We're still accepting donations of **teddies**, **Jolly Jars** and **Christmas Jumpers** (adult and child). And we very much need a good selection of **festive bakes** to sell too. If you feel you can donate, please drop off tomorrow, the morning of the fair, via the Maxted Road gate between 9.30am-11.30am.

Winter Fair Volunteers

If you have volunteered to help with the running of the fair tomorrow, a big big thank you. We can't make the fair happen without you. We kindly ask that you arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled time-slot so the transition between volunteers on each stall is smooth. If you need a reminder of what you're doing and when, you can find it here:

<https://signup.zone/LTN6gQEE7dN4XEKhb>

Present donations for SDCAS

At the fair, we will be collecting donated presents to give to the Bellenden Big Tree's collection to the **Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers**.

Please bring unwrapped donations either on the day of the fair or at Friday drop off: small toys, books, new hats, socks, gloves, scarves, pants, gift vouchers – for all ages. The Bellenden Big Tree will take place at 4pm after the fair on the corner of Bellenden Road and Choumert Road!

FOB MEETING & DRINKS 12TH DEC

Final FOB meeting this year will be at school on Mon 12th Dec at 6.30pm at school (join [here](#) remotely). Followed by Xmas drinks at Montpelier at 8pm!