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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

At the Belham, we believe that good behaviour is an essential key to a good education and Belham staff work hard to create a learning environment where everyone feels valued, secure and motivated to learn. We firmly believe that every member of our school community, including staff, parents and visitors, has a responsibility to promote and encourage socially acceptable behaviour. At school every day, we encourage children to embody the '[Belhamite Values](#)' by highlighting positive behaviours and celebrating these with our peers. The start of the academic year is always a good time to talk with children about our values and we appreciate parents doing this at home too.

CHRISTMAS SHOW DATES & TIMINGS

We will let you know as soon as bookings open, but in the meantime please save the dates!

Day	Time	Class
Thurs 1 st Dec	9.30am	<u>R/1/2 (ALL)</u>
Thurs 1 st Dec	2pm	<u>R/1/2 (ALL)</u>
Friday 2 nd Dec	9.30am	<u>R/1/2 (ALL)</u>
Weds 7 th Dec:	2pm	Cashmere Velvet Chiffon Tweed
Weds 7 th Dec:	6.15pm	Tartan Silk Hessian Corduroy
Thurs 8 th Dec:	2pm	Tartan Silk Hessian Corduroy
Thurs 8 th Dec:	6.15pm	Cashmere Velvet Chiffon Tweed

KEY DATES

OCTOBER is Black History Month

Wednesday 5th October

Flu Immunisations (**please complete online form by 2nd October**)

Parents' evenings – 3.40-6.20pm

Thursday 6th October

Parents' evenings – 3.40-7pm

Monday 10th October

CRAZE WEEK – THE FABRIC OF US

Monday 17th October - Friday 28 October

Half Term: October (TWO WEEKS)

Monday 14th November

NEW INFO Y5 (Hessian) Bikeability (all week)

Monday 21st November

NEW INFO Y5 (Chiffon) Bikeability (all week)

Thursday 1st December –

Christmas Show Rec/Y1/Y2 @ 9.30am & 2pm

Friday 2nd December

Christmas Show Rec/Y1/Y2 @ 9.30am

Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Show Y3/4/5/6 @2pm & 6:15pm

Thursday 8th December

Christmas Show Y3/4/5/6 @2pm & 6:15pm

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Friday 16th December

Last day of term (**finish at 1.15pm**)

EARLYBIRDS AND OWLS PAYMENTS

Just a reminder that payments for the first half of term are now overdue and must be paid.

The remaining balance should be paid in full by 4th November. If you are struggling to make these dates and payments please contact Claire in the office as soon as possible.

CRAZE WEEK: THE FABRIC OF US – A SPECIAL REQUEST

The week beginning the 10th October will be our CRAZE week - celebrating the Fabric of Us. We wanted to explore our local links to the Huguenots, who have inspired our class fabric names. We will also be looking more widely at fabrics from across the world, in a project that crosses History, Geography, Literacy and Art. Thank you to those of you who have already offered your support and expertise. We always welcome the chance to have visitors and our school community into the classrooms to enrich our experience.

We are asking that each child bring in a square of fabric 12cm x 12cm at the beginning of CRAZE Week. This piece of fabric should be linked to your child's heritage, tell a family story or hold a special memory. We understand that fabric can have a sentimental value so do not bring the original but something that links to this. For example, when asking staff to do the same, we have found that three members of staff have their own tartan! Ms Chan told a fascinating story about her family moving to Torquay, from China, to open a laundry and Miss Gorely found a piece of fabric that reminded her of Singapore, where her father was evacuated from in 1941. We would love you to share your own family stories with your children so they can come and speak and write about them during our Fabric of Us week. We will be stitching these squares together to form our own Belham patchwork quilt to be displayed in the school.

PE AND SWIMMING AUTUMN TERM

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

TCS MINI LONDON MARATHON

With the London Marathon around the corner, Sunday 2nd October 2022, The Belham is ready for a new challenge. We are taking part in the TCS Mini London Marathon for schools!! 😊

The TCS Mini London Marathon in schools is all about inspiring children and young people of all ages and abilities to be physically active. We all know that regular exercise has a positive impact on children's physical health and mental wellbeing and can help start a habit that stays with them for the rest of their lives. Everyone feels happier after they've been for a run!

Our challenge is for all of our children to run, jog, walk or wheel 2.6 miles by Friday the 7th

October. We are going to break this distance into smaller chunks and complete it over the course of next week. We are sure children are going to love it and cannot wait to share some photos with you!

IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

- Tuesday 4th October: Distance running club will be open to all Belhamites who want an extra run 8-8.40am. Children will need to come with an adult runner and let Ms Chartres know by Monday midday.
- Friday 7th October: All children to come to school wearing their PE Kit.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

23rd Sept 2022



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

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

Contact us

friendsofbelham@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

13 th Oct	FOB Reception drinks
23 rd Nov	FOB Meet & Mingle drinks & AGM
3 rd Dec	Christmas Fair

FUN RUN JOY!

Thank you to all the families who came out to support our annual Belham Fun Run last Sunday. The weather was kind, the costumes were fantastic, and everybody seemed to have a lot of FUN! We have posted more photos of the event taken by Elliot Smith, our parent photographer (thank you!) on the next page.



With thanks:

A big thank you to everyone who helped organise or volunteer at the event:

- To the organising team of Kathryn, Doug, Lucy, Chantelle, Miss Chartres, Louise & Abba.
- To Zoe who made the wonderful bunting start and finish signs.
- To the bakers and coffee makers: Eleanor, Lianne, Libby, Rachel and Marion.
- To the marshals: Elsa, Georgia, Catherine, Ginny, Amit, Rachel, Amy, Alice Greg and Michelle.
- To volunteers who helped set-up/register/organise/clear-up: James, Eleanor, Rose, Louise, Catherine, Natacha, Miss Doig and Ms Cohen.

Also a big thank you to our corporate sponsors who between then donated £1050.

SYMPROVE



CIRCA5000



And then a big thank you to TSB Peckham branch who came to volunteer and help marshal the event:



Total raised: Sponsorship donations are still coming in, but it looks like **the event raised over £6700!!!** for the school, which is an amazing amount – well done team Belham! Final numbers to come later.

Still collecting sponsorship? If you still have sponsorship money on you that your child has collected, please pay that into the [Friends of Belham Just Giving page](#) as soon as possible. Or you can donate directly to one of the two campaigns: [library upgrade campaign](#) or [Arts Fund](#).

YR 3 BAKE SALE DELAYED TO NEXT WK!



Due to the rain, Year 3 have deferred their bake sale to next Friday 7th October, still in the main playground after school.

PECKHAM CONKER CHAMPS!

The Peckham Conker Championships is London's alternative conker competition where players compete for the 'Golden Nut' - a 23 carat gold conker & the ultimate conker prize. This year the Championships are taking place on **Saturday 8th October** - 3pm to 6pm - at the Brick Brewery Tap Room, Blenheim Grove, SE15. There are both junior (4 to 15) and senior (16+) competitions. Kids competition starts at 3pm (£2.50 entry) and adults from 3.30pm (£6.50 entry). Everything you need to play will be provided or you can bring your own battle conkers (adulterated or not!). Book here:

<https://peckhamconker.club/conker-competition>

FOB RECEPTION PARENTS DRINKS

FOB reception reps Zoe and Rose will be hosting some drinks at the Montpelier pub on **Thursday 13th October** from 7.30pm onwards. Drop by any time to say hi and meet other new Belham parents

UNIFORM SALE

We're planning on running a second hand uniform sale next half term. If you need any clothing items in the meantime, please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com. We can sell some items directly from our store. We have good quality second hand stock across all years, and some new pieces for the lower years.

LOCAL CHILDREN'S MUSICAL THEATRE THIS WEEKEND!



Theatre Peckham 30 Sept - 2 Oct [Book here!](#)

Based on the book by Michael Morpurgo, *Muddlepuddle Farm* brings the farmyard to life with catchy songs, puppetry, and slapstick humour.

Running time: 50min

Recommended for 3+ (but all ages welcome)

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Hard to believe but it's Christmas card time again! Who doesn't want to receive a hand drawn card from a Belhamite?! Over the next couple of weeks, **teachers will work with children to complete their personal Christmas card in school.** If your child needs more time to design a card at home, then please let the teacher know, and make sure it's on white or coloured A4 paper/card with NO GLITTER. Avoid using light coloured pencil drawings (follow these [artwork guidelines](#) for more info). Any done at home need to be returned to class teachers by **Friday 7th October** with the child's first name, surname and class name in pencil on the back.

Ordering information will be shared in early November. Please get in touch with friendsofbelham@gmail.com if any questions.

school incl. swimming (£45/day)

<https://www.alleyns.org.uk/alleyns-enterprises/holiday-camps>

Football Magic – Dates & price TBC Football for boys & girls (5 to 12 years old) at JAGS Sports Club <https://www.footballmagiccoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses/>

Gems Performing Arts – 17 - 21 October & 24 - 28 October. Dancing, acting & singing in your favourite musicals taught by West End performers (£150/pw) <https://gems-holiday-clubs.class4kids.co.uk/>

Gymnastics – 24 - 28 October. Gymnastic camp at Dulwich College P.E. Centre (£70/day) <http://www.charismagymnastics.co.uk/holiday-camps/>

Holiday Drop Off – 17 - 21 October & 24 - 28 October. A range of sports focused activities at Dulwich College incl swimming (£50/day or £240/pw) <https://holidaydropoff.com/our-camps>

JAGS Holiday Kids Club – 24 - 28 October. A range of activities at JAGS Sports Club including multi-sports, climbing, diving, swimming and trampolining (starting from £12 per session) <https://jagssportsclub.co.uk/jags-kids/#holiday-kids-club>

JL Tennis Academy – 24 - 27 October. Tennis club at Alley'n's School (from £40 for block of 4 days ,1 hour session) https://www.jltennis.academy/junior_tennis_camps.html

MAGNA at St John's & St Clements Primary School – 24 - 28 October. A range of activities at ST John's & ST Clement's Primary School (£32/day or £36/extended day, plus £5.00 for breakfast) <https://www.magnagroups.com/summer-camps>

Nimble Arts at Goodrich Primary School SE22 – 24 - 28 October. A range of activities and workshops at Goodrich Primary School (£54/day, £60.50 extended day) <https://www.nimblearts.co.uk/drop-off-club-se22>

North Dulwich Tennis Club Camps – 17 - 21 October & 24 - 28 October. Tennis club at North Dulwich Lawn Tennis Club (from £24.00/day or £105.00/pw for 2-hour sessions) <https://www.northdulwichtennis.co.uk/camps/>

Perform Dulwich – 24 - 26 October. 3 Day Autumn Holiday Course performing arts camp for 4-10s at St Stephen's Millennium Hall, College Road (£260, 25% sibling discount) https://www.perform.org.uk/portal/contact/courses/book-exp?xvar=vnu_id?xval=69

The South London Dance Academy – 24 - 28 October. Dance camp at Ivydale School (£35/day or £170/pw) <https://thesouthlondondanceacademy.com/october-camp-2022-1>

FUN RUN FUN!

