

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

With only three weeks left of this academic year, we are beginning to think about how to make next year even better at The Belham. We know there are areas we need to work on and so appreciate your responses. We are also able to let you know who will be teaching each of the classes next year. We welcome two members of staff to the team, Mr Morgan and Mr Atkinson. We are also delighted that Ms Hudson has agreed to stay on teaching Calico! In the Summer we will be saying goodbye to Chris Wright as he moves on to another school. We wish him all the best.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all or have filled out our questionnaire. This will close on Monday 3rd July so please make sure your voice, both the positive and developmental points are shared! We hope to share some of the results with you next week.

<https://airtable.com/shrHd081DJeaC9knQ>

TEACHERS FOR NEXT YEAR

The moment you've all been waiting for! Ms Lopez will be going on maternity leave in October and in some wonderful luck of timing Mrs Hollingsworth will be returning to take over from her.

Cotton – Miss Hogg	Linen – Miss Khatun
Wool – Miss Ariyibi	Felt – Ms Gorely
Calico – Ms Hudson	Denim – Miss Robinson
Satin – Miss Lopez	Taffeta – Mr Hartley
Tartan – Miss Tee	Cashmere – Ms Doig
Silk – Mr Atkinson	Velvet – Miss Hill
Chiffon – Mr Morgan	Hessian - Ms Gardner

KEY DATES

Wednesday 5th June

STRIKE DAY (please see info below)

Friday 7th July

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Year 2 Poplin Class British Museum- Packed Lunched Required

Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th July

Yr 6 Production of 'The Wizard of Oz'

Tuesday 11th July

Year 2 Lace Class British Museum - Packed Lunched Required

Thursday 13th July

**TBC - Year 1 Battersea Zoo - Packed Lunched Required
Cobnor 2024 Meeting – 6pm @ The Belham**

Thursday 20th July

Sports Day – NO OWLS

OWLS INFORMATION

On the 9th of July at 8pm booking for Owls will open. In recent months due to staffing, utility and cost of living increases it has become increasingly difficult for us to run our wraparound care within the current budget.

We have looked at other schools within the Trust and we are the cheapest and offer the most substantial meal. We are also aware of the impact rising costs are having on families so the Earlybirds and Owls fees will remain **the same** at **£5.50** and **£13** for next year.

In order to run within budget we have needed to look at the menu offer for Owls and this will need to revert to a 'light meal' as advertised. This will include one option each day such as a jacket potato with cheese/tuna or beans on toast. We hope you are able to see that we are taking what we see as the best action without impacting on already stretched family budgets.

Please note that if your balance isn't cleared on Schools Buddy, you will not be able to book.

STRIKE DAYS 5TH & 7TH JULY

You will be aware that further National Union of Education strikes have been called on the 5th and 7th of July. The majority of our teachers are in the NEU. Previously we have had to close to all but a few children. Whilst exact staffing is never able to be confirmed until the morning of the strikes, we feel that on this occasion we will be able to open in a limited capacity. ***Please do let the office know if your child will not be attending***

Wednesday 5th

Reception, Poplin and Year 5 closed.

Year 1 – Both classes afternoon only. 1pm – 3.15pm.

Year 2 – Lace class in all day (LUNCH PROVIDED)

Year 3 – Both classes morning only. 9am – 12.00pm

Year 4 - Velvet morning only. 9am – 12.00pm

Silk afternoon only - 1pm – 3.30pm.

Year 6 – Both classes afternoon only. 1pm – 3.30pm

TRANSITION DAY FOR SOME

Friday 7th

Year 1, Lace, Years 3 and 4 closed.

Reception – Felt morning only. 9am – 12.00pm

Wool afternoon only - 1pm – 3.15pm.

Year 2 - Poplin class in all day – TRIP

Year 5 – Chiffon morning only. 9am – 12.00pm

Hessian afternoon only - 1pm – 3.30pm.

Year 6 – Both in classes all day. (LUNCH PROVIDED)

BOOK SALE

ONJALI Q. RAUF



Year 5 & 6

Calling all Year 5 and Year 6 Belhamites!

Next Thursday (6th July) after school, we will be holding a special book sale just for you, in our Reading Garden. There, you'll be able to purchase a signed copy of one of Onjali's beautiful books!

On sale there will be:

Boy at the Back of the Class - £7.99

Star Outside My Window - £7.99

Lion Above the Door - £7.99

The Night Bus Hero - £7.99

Hope on the Horizon - £9.99

In case you'd like to find out more about the books, here's the link to her website:

<https://onjaligrauf.com/>

We will be accepting cash payments only.

SPORTS DAY

On Thursday the 20th July, we will be holding our annual BELHAM SPORTS DAY at Alleyn's Field for all of our Belhamites. We think that this year's will be the BEST yet for our whole school community. Please see further information attached to this Buzz.

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

We are so excited for Year 6's production of the Wizard of Oz. The performances will be happening:

- 10th July - Evening
- 11th July – Matinee and Evening

Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-wizard-of-oz-tickets-668789275727>

Merchandise will be available in the weeks after the production.



SCAFFOLDING

After an incredibly long wait – the work is due to start on the first Monday of the Summer holidays. This will ensure that the work is completed before the return to school in September.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

A casualty of recent times, staffing and illness has been outdoor learning for our youngest children. We would really like to bring this back as a priority in September. If you have a child in Reception or Year 1 and would be able to volunteer please do let the office know.

LETTINGS

We are looking for organizations to let our rooms and playground next year. Available evenings and weekends. Perhaps you know of someone requiring a hall for an exercise class or a space to hold a meeting? Please do let the office know.

DOGS ON THE PLAYGROUND

Please note that dogs are no longer allowed onto the playground. We look forward to meeting them at the gate (only!)

LETSOMM GARDENS



COBNOR MEETING

Next year, Velvet and Silk will be heading to Cobnor Activities Centre from **13th-17th May 2024**. There will be an initial meeting for parents on **13th July 2023 at 6pm** in the Main hall. Please do come along to hear about this wonderful opportunity for your child.

The children who attended this year had a wonderful time.

DEFIBRILLATOR

We are now the proud owners of a funded Defibrillator which will be housed on the Maxted Road side of the school. This will be connected to 'the circuit' to ensure the correct help can reach all those in our local community. Over the next week we hope to install the new equipment. Next year we also hope to run parent-only and parent & child first aid courses so all many people as possible know how to help those in an emergency.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY INDUCTION

We are aware that many of the Year 6 children will be attending induction activities at their Secondary schools in the coming weeks. Please let the school office know in advance if you child is not going to be in school, and as with all absences, please send through evidence in the form of an invite for the event. If it is a half day event, your child should be at the Belham for the rest of the day.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



30th June 2023

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

14 th - 16 th July	Camping Weekend
23 rd September 12-4pm	Fun Run

CAMPING WEEKEND 14-16th July

Only 2 weeks to go until the Belham Camping weekend :-)

As ever, it's a popular event and we have a very long wait list. Please can you let us know by email ASAP if you DO NOT want any of the places that you have booked so that we can provide you with a refund and offer them to other Belham families.

Email: friendsofbelham@gmail.com

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS

Here is a list of Summer Clubs that we are currently aware of, please send others if you know of them and we will add/update (friendsofbelham@gmail.com):

Alleyn's Holiday camps –

<https://www.alleyns.org.uk/alleyns-enterprises/holiday-camps> - Indoor and outdoor activities at Alleyn's school (from £50.00 per day)

Gymnastics –

<http://www.charismagymnastics.co.uk/holiday-camps/> - Gymnastic camp at Dulwich College P.E. Centre (from £25.00 per session)

Holiday Drop Off – <https://holidaydropoff.com/our-camps>

- A range of sports focused activities at Dulwich College (from £50 per day)

Football Magic –

<https://www.footballmagiccoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses/> - Football for boys & girls (5 to 12 years old) at JAGS Sports Club Astro Pitch (from £22.50 per session)

Holiday Kids Club at JAGs –

<https://jagssportsclub.co.uk/jags-kids/#holiday-kids-club> – A range of activities at JAGS Sports Club (from £12.00 per session, dependent on activity)

MAGNA – <https://www.magnagroups.com/summer-camps-2020>

- A range of activities at ST John's & ST Clement's Primary School (from £32.00 per day)

Nimble Arts – <https://www.nimblearts.co.uk/drop-off-club-se22>

- A range of activities and workshops at Goodrich Primary School (from £58.00 per day)

Perform - <https://www.perform.org.uk/classes-courses/holiday-courses/holiday-drama-courses>

- Performing Arts camp at a number of venues in Dulwich (three-day holiday courses from £260.00)

SMCC Juniors

<https://www.smccjuniors.co.uk/holiday-camps> - Indoor sports hall, Dulwich venue TBC (from £47.00 per day)

The South London Dance Academy –

<https://thesouthlondondanceacademy.com/summer-camp-2023-1> 31st July - 11th August 9am-3.15pm - Dance camp at Ivydale School (£35/day or £170/week).

SIGN UP FOR EASYFUNDRAISING!

If you haven't already signed up for [EasyFundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com), then please do. It only takes 2 minutes, and it will make a big difference to our fundraising efforts. You'll raise money for the school while you shop online in over 7000 retailers. To sign up, click here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/>

