

## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Despite having a very different Summer term to usual and all of us operating under a 'new normal', work is still being done behind the scenes to prepare the school for the new academic year. We haven't been able to organise our usual 'meet the new teacher' day but we're hoping that children will still be able to 'meet' their new teacher via a recorded message or video link. I am pleased to announce who will be teaching your children in 2019-20.

### Reception

Lace – Lauren Hogg

Poplin – Emma Chan

### Year 1

Felt – Freyja Costelloe

Wool – Maddy Tee

### Year 2

Cotton – Kirsty Doig

Linen – Danae Gardner (School Direct – Vicky Tee)

### Year 3

Silk – Brendan O'Brien

Velvet – Arabella Lopez

### Year 4

Corduroy – Naomi Robinson

Tweed – Kate Gorely

### Year 5

Satin – Ellie Cheele

Taffeta – Katie Mander

### Year 6

Calico – James Hartley

Denim – Bridget Banton

You will notice that there are new names amongst our teaching staff. The Belham had an overwhelming number of applications for vacant class teacher positions and we are lucky enough to be welcoming Kirsty Doig, Naomi Robinson, Bridget Banton, James Hartley and Brendan O'Brien. Vicky Tee is joining us as our School Direct student. I'm sure that the Belham community is equally as excited as me to welcome our new teachers to the team. Christina Saullo will be working with our pupils for the first half of the Autumn term but will then be on maternity leave – congratulations, Christina! Sadly, Anna Cagney, who

joined the Belham as a School Direct student, and Emily Downing, who has been with us for the past two years, are both relocating and returning to their home towns. Gennie Joy, who has taught all of your children Music each week, has been offered an exciting new job opportunity and Rebecca, our recorder teacher, will be relocating too. We are very sad to see Anna, Emily, Gennie and Rebecca leave and I would like to acknowledge and thank them for the contribution that each of them has made to the Belham community. We wish all of our departing teachers the best of luck for the future.

## BLACK LIVES MATTER

### Book Fresh

Over the last few weeks and months, several parents have kindly contacted us and asked if they can help with resources that promote diversity, both in authorship, character and setting. Since opening, we have always regularly reviewed our selection as they get tattered and worn. Some are 5 years old now! It is clear that whilst we have many books that are representative of our local community, we could do with more. Friends of Belham do a wonderful job in regularly supporting us in providing books but we believe you can never have enough!

Below is a link to a list of some of our favourite books; we already have these but would love to have more copies. If you are one of the parents who has asked about supporting us in this way, please find the link below.

<https://amzn.eu/e8VrP4y>

Ms Sprakes

## SCIENCE @ HOME – ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK

Each week, Ms Chan will be setting an exciting activity that you can do at home. Please see attached flyer for this week's activity!

## SECOND CHALLENGE FROM A NEW DIRECTION – POSTCARDS PROJECT

I am sending out the second challenge for the postcard project with the Belham Buzz this week. They have asked Belhamites to share their experiences of lockdown. We are really honoured to be asked so it would be great to see as many of you as possible in the final online exhibition.

*'The best way to learn about the past is to hear from people who lived at different times throughout history. We can learn about people and their experiences from letters, diaries and artwork.*

*Your stories and experiences of living during the lockdown are really important and the people of the future will want to find out all about them.'*

Ms Gorely

## ONLINE ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT

Exciting news for fans of musicals or at least, fans of one musical in particular: Hamilton the film has crossed the ocean and in the words of Angelica, I just can't wait! Watch this for an interesting take on the story of America's founding fathers that really highlights the immigrant roots of its inhabitants. Hamilton is being shown on Disney+ 15 months earlier than its planned cinema release.

Watch the first entirely digitally created theatre experience 'Anansi the Spider Re-spun' (ages 3-8) which is being streamed for free [here](#). Be quick though – it's only on until tomorrow!

## ATTENDANCE AT THE BELHAM

I'm pleased to share that we have had a very high level of attendance in our Reception and Year 1 year groups – especially impressive when compared with the national figures (approx. 35% for the week beginning 25 June).

8 June – 77.5%

15 June – 80%

22 June – 83%

A big thank you to staff and parents. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

## SEPTEMBER OPENING AND CLUBS

Yesterday guidance was issued by the Department for Education outlining how we will be able to open the school to all pupils in September. Today the Senior Leadership Team had a very productive meeting where we started exploring what this will look like. We will be sharing the plans with you towards the end of next week once they have been confirmed.

## BLACK LIVES MATTER – YOUR POSTERS



# THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

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Meet the FOB Committee and Class Reps on the Belham website  
<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/friends-of-belham.html>

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

## BELHAM WINDOW TREASURE HUNT SATURDAY 11 JULY

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to put their windows in the **BELHAM WINDOW TREASURE HUNT**. Wander the streets around the neighbourhood... find the letters to make the hidden words, and count the images, and share a photo of you with your results!

- Watch out in next week's Buzz and on the Whatsapp groups for:
  - o Instructions
  - o A map
  - o A sheet to help you to record your answers on if you want to
  
- If you have volunteered a window, we will allocate you a letter or an image next week that you can colour in and put in your window by **10 am on Saturday 11 July...**
  
- The window hunt takes place between 10 and 4. Anyone can participate, you don't need to have volunteered a window to join in.

## SCHOOL LIBRARY SPACES

Great news! Friends of Belham has agreed to provide funds to help the school create "library spaces" in the classrooms and corridors. We all love this emphasis on books and were really happy to help with this.

## AUTUMN EVENTS

We are so sad at the FOB not to be able to put on any of our lovely social or fundraising events at the moment, but we are aware that time and/or money are in short supply for many people.

We are collating ideas for events in the autumn that might be able to run if there are still some lockdown restrictions in place. Watch this space for news! And feel free to email [friendsofbelham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com) if you have any brilliant ideas for things we could do.

## EASY FUNDRAISING

Since FOB aren't fundraising at the moment we would be really grateful if you could make the trouble to use Easy Fundraising for any online shopping.

Just click the link below to register and remember to do your online shopping through the app and proportion of your spending will get **automatically donated to FOB**.

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