

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

World Book Day proved to be a great success today – it was lovely to see so many children come to school dressed as their favourite literary character. During the afternoon, children took part in lots of reading related activities, including a readathon. If you would like to access some of the resources used for World Book Day and do your own activities at home, click on the following links for some fab resources: [here](#) and [here](#). Check out our Instagram page for photos from today.

THE BELHAM'S READING GARDEN!

As some of you may have heard on the grapevine...we'll soon be opening our BRAND NEW school library – THE BELHAM'S READING GARDEN!

We've partnered with the superb, Acorn Book Club, to bring our Belhamites an exciting, welcoming, and comfortable space where they'll be able to visit with their class to hear stories read aloud, explore the new book stock discovering familiar and new tales, and spend time reading for pleasure quietly.

We are so excited to reveal it to you all very soon. Please look out for the launch date (coming soon) and do reach out via the school office if you or someone you know might like to be involved in our opening ceremony or the running of the library in the future.



KEY DATES

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March

Proposed strike days (info to follow)

Friday 17th March

RED NOSE DAY

22nd & 23rd March 2023

Parents Consultations

Monday 12th – Friday 16th June

Y6 Residential

Monday 19th June – Friday 23rd June

Y5 Residential

Monday 26th June

INSET DAY

Please find a link [here](#) to our full school events calendar.

Please find a link [here](#) to our PE & SWIM timetable.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations will be on 22nd and 23rd March and will be available to **book on SchoolsBuddy from 12pm on Tuesday 7th March**. All meetings will be in person at the school. Please make sure to log in to your SchoolsBuddy account to book your slot.

SPRING SHOWCASE

An opportunity for parents to come and see what their child has been learning in music. All welcome!

MARCH 2023	9.15	10.30	1.30
Tues 28 th	Yr 1	Yr 3	-
Weds 29 th	Yr 4	-	Yr 6
Thurs 30 th	Yr 5	Recep	Yr 2

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



3rd March 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

10 th March	School Disco
14 th March	FoB Meeting with reps
23 rd March	Quiz Night
1 st April (2-4pm)	Egg Hunt, Lettsom Gardens
14 th /15 th July	Camping Weekend

QUIZ NIGHT & RAFFLE

Thursday 23rd March

The annual Friends of Belham Quiz and Curry is back – and the link to buy tickets is now live. In teams of six, pit your wits against fellow parents, carers and teachers. Our quizmaster will ask anything from film trivia to historical facts, from politics to 80s classics.

We'll be serving up delicious South Indian Curry from our famous local restaurant, **Ganapati**. You can choose between:

- Chicken curry, medium spiced (free range & halal) served with vegetable pilau rice, half paratha, poppadoms, raita, lentil vada and pickle.
- Vegan dal curry with aubergine, potato, carrot, green bean (mustard seeds) served with thoran stir fry veg with fresh coconut, half a paratha, poppadoms, lentil vada, and pickle.

TEAMS OF SIX: Once you have purchased your tickets, send team names & participants to friendsofbelham@gmail.com. Anyone without a full team can be matched with others.

TIMING: Doors open at 7.30pm, Quiz starts at 8pm.

TICKETS & PRICES:

Book here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/868037>

- Quiz only (no food): £10 (free for school staff but ticket still required)
- Quiz + Vegan curry + sides: £23 (£16 for staff)
- Quiz + Chicken curry + sides: £25 (£18 for staff)



VOLUNTEERS: If you would like to attend as a volunteer to help serve food, please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com. A complimentary meal will be given.

RAFFLE: Thanks to the generous parent donations already received, we're pleased to confirm, the raffle can go ahead. More information on prizes will follow soon, so watch this space for what you could win. In the meantime, do get in touch if you are in a position to pledge a prize. We're still in need of more. Email friendsofbelham@gmail.com for further donations.

EASTER EGG COLLECTION

Saturday 1st April



Friends of Belham's Easter Egg Hunt is returning to Lettsom Gardens! The Hunt will be on Saturday 1 April from 2pm-4pm.

Children who prefer a quieter environment are encouraged to come for early opening from 1.30pm. Last entry is at 3.30pm. Non-Belham siblings and friends are welcome.

Please bring your own pencils to fill out the egg hunt forms. The prizes will be a bag of delicious Fairtrade chocolate eggs from Gather. There will also be hot beverages and cakes on sale for the adults. If your child has an allergy, please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com and we will source another tasty treat for them! Unlike in previous years, there will be free admission for this event but spaces should be reserved in advance here <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/867584>. Happy hunting!

BOOK COLLECTION

A huge thank you to everyone who donated books - all gratefully received! Books were given away at pick up on Monday and Friday this past week to be enjoyed in new homes. Books were also offered to the school to be housed in the new library. Any remaining books will be donated to a local community project.

UNIFORM SALE

Our second-hand uniform sale is back 24th March in the main playground. Come along and have a look! We really need volunteers to help with uniform sales, so please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com if you are free and willing that afternoon.

BELHAM SCHOOL DISCO

Almost sold out – Tickets only available Y2-Y6

Friday March 10th at Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove

To book tickets

visit: <https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/861905>.

Tickets include entry to the disco, a soft drink, a packet of crisps and a temporary tattoo! Tickets are non-priced - pay what you want or come for free.

Disco sessions are split based on year groups:

4pm - 4.50pm: Reception & Yr 1 SOLD OUT

5.05pm - 5.55pm: Yrs 2 & 3

6.10pm - 7pm: Yrs 4, 5 & 6

Please note:

- Children require a dedicated parent/guardian in attendance throughout their session.
- Space at the Liberal Club is limited, so we need to keep an eye on numbers. Please make sure to book a ticket for anyone attending a session (including siblings and accompanying adults).
- The venue is not step free so we recommend avoiding bringing buggies if possible.

YR 6 LEAVERS BOOK AND HOODIES

Don't forget to order yours at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/840184> Deadline is 31st March 2023. If you need financial assistance, please contact Belham Office with your order.

CALL FOR YR 6 PHOTOS & ART DOODLES

We are gathering group and mostly school event photos of Year 6 pupils from reception to final year for a commemorative yearbook. Think School shows, sports days, trips, assemblies, egg hunts, fun runs, fairs, any FOB events, all welcome. Plus your pics of their artwork and all those funny doodles your son and daughter bring back from school, to help illustrate the book. Please drop any images you have into Google drive link here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1497M_yo3U8WgkdHpEIWqg4clOoB6t5r4

Do you have design/layout skills?

Finally, we need parents with any design/layout skills to help layout the pics, art and text for the yearbook to create something truly memorable.

Please contact lianne@fashion-conscience.com

SIGN UP FOR EASYFUNDRAISING!

Another shout out for EasyFundarising because – well it's just so easy...

Raise money for the school while you shop online in over 7000 retailers. You don't have to have to shop differently. The fundraising automatically happens as you click and buy. All you have to do is sign up here – it takes just 2 minutes, and it will make a BIG BIG difference to our fundraising efforts for the school:

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

