

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Only a few days left before pupils, staff and parents are introduced to our new School Council representatives. Results will be announced in Monday and Tuesday's assemblies and the first official School Council meeting will be held after half term. When we were talking about why the Belham should have a School Council, one of the reasons we touched upon was that Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) says that children and young people should have a say in decisions that affect their lives. A School Council can provide a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions which impact upon them. For the School Council to run most effectively and for the children's opinions to reach a wider audience, I would like to invite a school governor, parent, a Friends of Belham rep, and another member of staff to attend meetings. Please email me directly if you are interested.

HARVEST COLLECTION

Between 4 –11 October we will be collecting donations for the Southwark Foodbank. Donation boxes will be placed in the playground and office. They particularly need:

FRUIT JUICE (UHT/LONG-LIFE ONLY)

TINNED MEAT (PORK & NON-PORK)

RICE PUDDING

TINNED FRUIT

MILK (UHT/CARTON)

TOILETRIES (REGULAR SIZED SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES)

NAPPIES (SIZE 6 ONLY)

SAVE THE DATE : 18 JANUARY 2020

Belham families have been offered free family tickets to see Dulwich Hamlet Football Club vs. Chippenham on 18 January 2020. The ticket request form will come out soon so please watch this space!

SIBLING PHOTOS : WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER

All siblings currently at the Belham will be photographed together during the school day. If you have a sibling not yet at the Belham, and would like to have them photographed with your Belhamite(s), please queue from 3.25pm outside the Year 1 classroom doors in the main playground. Photos will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

KEY DATES

Monday 7 October

Year 4 cinema trip – no packed lunch needed

Tuesday 8 October

Year 2 Festival of Sport. No packed lunch needed

Wednesday 9 October

Sibling photos at the Belham! Please see below for details

CRAZE WEEK : REMEMBRANCE

Following the success of last year's Plastic Pollution week, this year our CRAZE week will allow the whole school to focus on Remembrance. We want to remember all those who lost their lives in both World Wars as well as those who have suffered in other conflicts. We will be looking at women in war, children, soldiers and the effect of war on our communities. We want to commemorate all those who fought together.

We realise that our generation of war-time children are getting older now and it is especially important that these stories are told first hand. If any of you, grandparents or great-grandparents have a story of conflict, we would love you to come in and share them with the children. It might be memories of rationing, the Blitz – or life following this, evacuation, a story of a soldier or experience in the Services. If you are able to give us some time, in the week leading up to Remembrance, it would be of huge benefit to the children and their understanding. Please contact Kate Gorely or Katie Moore via the office.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property box is starting to fill up again after the summer break. Please could parents ensure that all items of uniform and PE kit are labelled, and if your child brings home an item of clothing that is not theirs, we would be very grateful if it is handed in to the office or put in the lost property box in the main playground.

CURRENT AFFAIRS PROJECT

This term we are launching a new Key Stage Two Termly Current Affairs Project. Entries must be handwritten and no larger than A4- please see the attachment with this week's Buzz for more details. Entries should be handed in to the office by 8 December.

Main Committee Members: Patrick Murray, Michelle Hardy, Richard Knowles

Contact Email: friendsofbelham@gmail.com

FoB NEWS

Herne Hill Velodrome

We've arranged a Belham session at the Herne Hill Velodrome on Sunday 3rd November for 30 children on the inner track from 3pm to 4pm. This is for children from reception onwards who can ride without stabilizers, and who can start and stop on their own. Siblings up to the age of 10 are welcome to ride. The velodrome has Frog bikes available for hire if required. Tickets are £3.60 per child, and are on sale now at:

<http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/308118>

Parent Year Reps

We only need four more class reps!

Each class within the school will have ideally two class representatives.

We are looking for:

Year 2: 1 from Silk

Year 3: 1 from Corduroy

Year 4: 1 from Taffeta

Year 5: 1 from Denim

If you would like to become a class representative/ know more about it, please contact:

michellehardy1975@gmail.com or
patrickjamesmurray@gmail.com

FoB Committee

Michelle, Pat & Rich will be stepping down from the FoB main committee in November.

We have been in the positions for two years as main committee members. As with the previous committee, it feels like a two year rota is healthy to keep ideas fresh & give other people a chance to run the FoB.

As our school is so new, the previous committee and this one have worked hard to get a strong foundation and ways of working, along with a fantastic, dedicated strong wider committee. We now have in place a yearly calendar that the next committee can use as a starting point for their new planning/events.

FoB NEWS

The positions that will be open are:

- Chair/Vice Chair or two Co Chairs
- Treasurer
- Secretary

As the AGM is in November, we will continue to plan all the Autumn terms activities and set the dates for the big FoB events for the rest of the year.

Please let us know if you are interested in any of the roles and we would be more than happy to chat though them.

You can also attend FoB meetings (once a month) & shadow us for this term to see how everything works.

Please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com if you are interested & would like to know more.

SAVE THE DATE!

Autumn Cake Sale – Friday 18th October

Annual General Meeting / Parent Social Wednesday 6th November

FoB camping

Following the success of the last 2 years camping weekend, we have booked Friday 19th, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June for camping.

As in previous years, it will be at the South London Scout Centre, Grange Lane, SE21 7LH.

Further information will be given closer to the time.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th November

It's NEVER too early to start talking about Christmas! This year it will be on Saturday 30th November. Please put the date in your diary.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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Join The FoB Facebook Group

Page will provide updates and information on upcoming FoB events, together with providing a central parent/carer online forum for Belham related discussions.

Please do join and use to grow our group community!

To join go to the link below and request to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/355496675010142/>

Other Ways To Raise Money

Koru Kids

Earn £100 for our school - with a Koru Kids after school nanny. They have lots of nannies in our area - if you get a nanny using the code SC1BELHAM they will donate £100 to the school.

Find out more at: <https://www.korukids.co.uk/refer-school>

Earn £100 For The Belham Primary School

Refer a friend to Koru Kids. Use code SC1BELHAM

Your friend hires a Koru Kids nanny.

Koru Kids donates £100 to your child's school.*

See terms and details at: www.korukids.co.uk/refer-school

Easyfundraising

If you're doing any summer shopping, please use #easyfundraising and raise **FREE DONATIONS** for Friends of Belham School - London on everything from days out to summer clothes, gardening and home improvement, food and drinks and more! Groupon, ASOS, Next, M&S, Waitrose, GO Outdoors and over 3,700 other shops and sites will all donate and it really makes a difference to us so please take a look!

Sign-up using our unique link

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/

Company Match Funding

Last year we raised £1400 for FoB funds though match funding.

An increasing number of large companies operate a match funding scheme whereby they "match" charity fundraising undertaken by their employees.

These organisations set aside millions of pounds to fund such schemes and are more than happy to support their staff in raising money for charities of their choice.

What is match funding?

Match giving, or match funding, is a simple way to maximise the fundraising efforts of individual volunteers. It is an informal, but corporate, arrangement between a company and an employee.

Usually, a company pledges to match a sum of money relating to the amount the employee has either raised (volunteered to help at an event) or donated to a charity.

[If you think the company that you work for is happy to fund match please get in touch with us as it would be a huge boost to the money we can raise for the school.](#)

Please email Friends Belham friendsofbelham@gmail.com