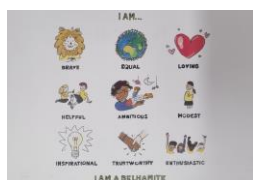


HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

We want to celebrate our pupils' accomplishments and positive behaviours wherever and whenever possible so we have introduced a new way of sharing this with everyone in the Belham community. It has been truly lovely seeing children this week either proudly wearing one of the special 'Belhamite Values' stickers or reading (or writing) about what children have done on our 'Belhamite Values' postcards. The best thing is that these are sent home so that parents can also celebrate their children's achievements with them! Here's what to look out for:



KEY DATES

Monday 7th November

Morning and after school clubs begin

Monday 14th November

Y5 (Hessian) Bikeability (all week)

Monday 21st November

Y5 (Chiffon) Bikeability (all week)

Thursday 1st December –

Christmas Show Rec/Y1/Y2

Friday 2nd December

Christmas Show Rec/Y1/Y2

Saturday 3rd December

FESTIVE FAIR

Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Show Y3/4/5/6

Thursday 8th December

Christmas Show Y3/4/5/6

Monday 12th December

Last day of morning and after school clubs

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Friday 16 December

Last day of term (**finish at 1:15pm**)

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

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Preparations have begun and excitement is already building for our Christmas performances! Please can we ask for your help in encouraging your children to learn the words to the songs; feel free to join in!

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HHtvT_QYQeH-](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HHtvT_QYQeH-HEmsk983vVnoTUW_Zqqa/edit?usp=sharing&oid=17219149100470395200&rtpof=true&sd=true)

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If you would like a hard copy, please ask in the office.

| Day | Time | Class |
|----------------------------|--------|--|
| Thurs 1 st Dec | 9.30am | R/1/2 (ALL) |
| Thurs 1 st Dec | 2pm | R/1/2 (ALL) |
| Friday 2 nd Dec | 9.30am | R/1/2 (ALL) |
| 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 |

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

CRAZE WEEK – THE FABRIC OF US



At the end of last term, we were celebrating our CRAZE Week – The Fabric of Us! Every year group has been sharing stories about themselves and their families, inspired by a piece of fabric. We have had some wonderful stories, from whaling ships, childhoods in France, Indonesia, The Philippines, Ghana and beyond. The stories have been so touching, from family stories of war and emigration to personal stories of life, loss and friendships. It hasn't just been the children who have shared, staff too have told us about their family tartans, stories of childhoods in Poland, ancestors in the textiles industries and dramatic evacuations from war.



Not only have we been extending our oracy and literacy skills by storytelling and writing but we have also been looking outwards to the world around us. Each year group has been looking at the geography, history and arts of countries across the world: Ghanaian Kente cloth, Chinese silk, textiles from Ancient Babylon, India and Scotland. We have also enjoyed learning about the surprising histories of the fabrics of our class names. Who knew that Henry VIII favoured an early form of corduroy to create his padded garments?



Thank you to all the visitors who have come in to bring our studies to life. Year 1 had a fabulous Denim workshop with Mohsin Sajid, Charlene Walker and Edwin Mensah shared some Kente cloth, Julie Misztal shared a range of fabrics related to our fabric names, Ferren Gipson, a local Art Historian, who visited us for Black History Month, was also able to share her knowledge of the Silk Road and Ming Dynasty, and Rebecca McCutcheon will be telling us more about our local Huguenot roots.

We have been collecting up the squares of fabric that were not too precious to cut and will be making these into a big 'Belham Fabric of Us' quilt. Thank you to those who have already offered to help us with this – more details soon!

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

4th November 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

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|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 12 th Nov | FOB Table Top & Uniform Sale |
| 20 th Nov | FOB Velodrome session |
| 23 rd Nov | FOB Meet & Mingle drinks & AGM |
| 3 rd Dec | FoB Festive Fair |
| 4 th Feb | FoB Burns Night Ceilidh |

TABLE TOP & UNIFORM SALE 12th NOV

Recently had a clear out? Why not plan to sell your stuff at FoB's first table top sale, and support school in the process?! Here are the details:

- Sale is Sat 12th Nov, 2.30-4.30pm, in the main school playground.
- We will sell good quality, **secondhand uniform, as well as other secondhand children's clothes** and fancy dress have been donated.
- Tables will be £15 each. You can group together with other parents if you prefer.
- Sell what you want: children's toys, fancy designer cast-offs (or ordinary clothes!) or that bath and body set you got last Christmas but no longer want!
- After paying the £15 table fee, all profits are yours.
- Stalls will be cash only, but if you have your own way of taking card payments, that is fine.

We will be selling tea, coffee and cakes on the day. Any bakers who would be willing to donate a bake, please let us know! Please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com to book a table, to offer a cake or for more info.

RECEPTION TEA TOWELS

Last call for orders! The design has been finalised and includes teachers and teaching assistants alongside your children and all their classmates - it looks great!

£4 each or 3 for £10

Please place your order **by this Sunday night** here: <https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/783118>



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Everyone should have received a copy of their child's Christmas Card design in their book bags. To order cards, tags, wrapping paper and other great gifts visit www.apfsorders.co.uk and enter the unique artwork code on the back of your child's artwork. (note that you won't see your child's art online, only a generic example). **All orders must be placed by Friday 11th November.** Once ordered, your cards should be delivered to you via school by Friday 2nd December in time to catch Christmas post dates! Even better, the school will receive a donation for every order! For any queries please contact your FoB class rep.

VELODROME SESSION 20th NOV

FoB will be hosting a session at the Herne Hill Velodrome on Sunday 20th November at 11am. We have tickets for the following sessions:
Learn to ride (£6, 15 spots at 11am): A session for children who haven't yet learnt to ride a pedal bike,

- teaching the balance and coordination skills required for safe and successful cycling.
- Pedal bike session (£6, 15 spots at 11am, 15 spots at 12pm): A coached session on the inner track, for kids who can ride a pedal bike unassisted.
- Mountain bike session (£8, 15 spots at 12pm): An introduction to MTB for kids on the off-road tracks behind the velodrome.

Tickets here:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/793598>

** BELHAM FESTIVE FAIR **

FoB is starting to make plans for the Belham Festive Fair on **Saturday 3rd December, 12-3pm**. If you would like to help us organise the event, we would love to have you onboard, so please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com.

Christmas Trees

Take the stress out of Christmas Tree procurement by pre-ordering one of our fabulous fund-raising fir trees! They are really great and good value trees, and every purchase includes £10 for the school. Trees must be collected from the school between 12 and 3pm on Sat 3rd December at the Belham Festive Fair. Order now (or before Sat 19th November) at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/781349>

Can you be Father Christmas or an elf?

We are looking for some volunteers to dress up as Father Christmas and his elves for the Santa's Grotto. If you would like to take part, or would like to nominate your other half to help out, then please email us (address above).

Seeking other volunteers

If you can help out on the day, for set-up, during or after the fair, please sign up here: <https://signup.zone/LTN6gQEE7dN4XEKhb>

Christmas stalls

Calling all local designer/makers/hobbyists/business owners: do you have crafts, makes, stock that you would like to sell at Belham Festive Fair?

We are looking for stall-holders who sell gift-able items - can be food stuffs - eg jams/chutneys, to decorations, clothing, accessories, homewares, jewellery, books, puzzles and more for stalls at the Festive Fair.

Large Table costs £25. Reduced rate of £10 for children designer/makers.

If you have the stock but can't be available yourself, you can nominate a friend as your stall-holder or someone might be able to man your stall for you. You just need to leave your priced items, an inventory, notepad for sales and a charged mobile card reader, or go cash only. Email us at address above.

Collecting teddies and Xmas Jumpers

We will be collecting unwanted (but good quality/clean) soft toys for a **Teddy Bear Tombola**, as well as any unwanted quality Jumpers for a **Christmas Jumper Swap!** Drop off info to follow next week.

FOB MEET & MINGLE – 23RD NOV

Come and join us on 23rd November to meet other Belham parents, have a drink and some food, and help vote in some new members into the 2022-23 FoB committee. Come any time after 6.30pm, at the school hall! As you can see there is a lot going on with FoB and it's a great way to meet other parents and carers and support our community. **We would love for anyone to put themselves forward to help on the committee.** Please email us at the address above if you are interested and would like to know more about what it involves.

