

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Staff at the Belham have been busy this week preparing for the return of all pupils on Monday. Today marks the last day of remote learning and I know that teachers are looking forward to getting back into the classroom – I'm sure that pupils are too! However, there may be a few nerves about Monday; children might be feeling anxious about coming back to school for many different reasons. Last week, we sent you a letter and infographic with details of the school day. These documents can be found on the school website, in the FAQs section of the '[Covid-19 Information Hub](#)'. I would recommend talking to your child about going back to school to make the transition easier. For children with additional needs, the changes to school life and their current routine may be particularly challenging. On the NHS website, there is a section that focuses on children's mental health where you can find some '[top tips for going back to school](#)', good advice about how to best prepare children for the return to school. Keep an eye on our ClassDojo feed for other support materials – the Early Help Team have posted a social story which I would recommend reading with your child, even if they can't wait to get back!

VIRTUAL PARENTS EVENINGS

Please log into your SchoolsBuddy account on Monday at 7pm to book your slot for parents' evening. We will have one class from each year group on Monday 29th March and the other class from each year group on Tuesday 30th March. Slots will be from 9am-6pm on both days.

Monday 29th March:
CALICO, SATIN, TWEED, VELVET, LINEN, FELT, LACE

Tuesday 30th March:
DENIM, TAFFETA, CORDUROY, SILK, COTTON, WOOL, POPLIN

Creative Reflection Time after half term will be about:

International Day of Women and Girls in Science

KEY DATES

Monday 8th March

ALL children return to school

Parents' evening bookings live on SchoolsBuddy from 7pm

Friday 19th March

Red Nose Day

Monday 29th March

Virtual parents' evening 9am-6pm

Tuesday 30th March

Virtual parents' evening 9am-6pm

Easter Break 2021

Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April

Summer term 2021

Term starts - Monday 19 April - Friday 28 May

PE SPRING TERM 2021

Monday

Y1 -PE

Y5 - PE

Y2 – Yoga

Tuesday

Y4 - PE

Y6 - PE

Y5 - Dance

Wednesday

Reception – PE

Y6 – Dance

Thursday

Y2 – PE

Y3 - PE

Reception – Yoga

Friday

Y1 - PE

Y4 - PE

Y5 - PE

****Please bring PE kit on Monday and take home on Friday.**

POEM OF THE WEEK

This week's poem of the week reflects the themes of school and curiosity. Read it aloud with the children and encourage them to perform it using intonation and dynamics. They could write their own poem to remind them of things they have learned this week.

Question Time

How many books have you written?
Have you been writing for years?
Where do you get all the paper?
Where do you get your ideas?

Do you get bumps on your fingers?
Do you get aches in your wrist?
Please can I go to the toilet?
Did you write "Oliver Twist"?

I've got a book about spiders.
I've got a cut on my knee.
I've got an aunt who speaks German.
Gemma keeps tickling me.

Are you quite old? Are you famous?
Are you a millionaire?
I wasn't putting my hand up – I was just twiddling my hair.

How many plays have you written?
Do you write one every day?
Do you... oh dear, I've forgotten
What I was going to say.

Will you be staying to dinner?
Will you go home on the bus?
How many poems have you written?
Will you write one about us?

by Julia Donaldson, published in *Poems to Perform*.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



SPRING SNAPS '21 PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION - WHAT DOES SPRING MEAN TO YOU?

Spring is finally upon us to celebrate, we are launching "SPRING SNAPS '21", a school-wide photography competition.

Do you love taking photographs? Are you excited about spring? Then take your own spring shot and enter our competition.

"SPRING SNAPS '21" is open to everyone in the school community - pupils (Reception to Year 6), parents/carers and also staff.

All you need to do is this:

1) Take a photograph that shows us what spring means to you - think about what you want to include. What angle are you going to use? Try a few shots and pick your favourite.

2) Upload it to your portfolio in ClassDojo or send it to your class teacher (via Dojo if you are a parent/carer).

3) Write 2 sentences explaining what spring means to you and why you entered your photograph.

The closing date for entry is: Wednesday 24th March at 12:00.

Categories: R/Y1 Y2/3 Y4,5,6 Parent/Carers/Staff

The winning entries will be displayed on the School Story and be part of a wider exhibition as part of our Art Show.

Good luck!

Miss Bakokodie and Miss Gorely

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

End of home schooling!

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of the teachers and staff at the Belham who have invested so much time and energy into online learning as well as teaching the children who have actually been in school. And well done to all the parents and carers who have taken on homeschooling and lived to tell the tale! What a collaboration it has been... we can almost shed a wistful tear...

Save the date... FOB Family Camping!

Please hold **25 – 27 June** for the Friends of Belham camping trip. Hopefully since this is after 21 June it will be able to go ahead – if so it will take place at the South London Scout Centre in Dulwich. It's great fun and you can come for one or two nights. More details to follow closer to the time.

Challenge 28!



Well done to all those who have been walking or running come rain or shine to do their mile a day! If you've been getting sponsored, don't forget to collect your sponsorship money and submit it to the FOB using the [JustGiving campaign page](#) – and thank you to all the friends and relatives out there who have sponsored our brilliant Belhamites so far, we have raised an **ASTOUNDING £2,662** at the time of going to print.

FOB Uniform Exchange

Do you suddenly find yourself with a whole load of grown out of uniform? Are you in need of longer trousers and larger jumpers? The FOB Uniform Exchange is a brilliant way of sorting out this problem. Eco friendly!! Saves on clothing waste!! Low cost!! Raises money for the school!! So easy... To list any surplus items you have, use this form. Clothes must be clean and accurately described.

http://bit.ly/FoB_2ndHandUniform_SubmitForm

To search for items you might need, you can look at the stock list here. Contact the seller directly and arrange to collect your items. The seller updates the stock list once items have been collected.

http://bit.ly/FoB_2ndHandUniform_Stock

When you have identified what you need, you can make a donation to the school based on the guide price in the stock list on the JustGiving page below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/friendsofbelham>

Other useful links

Koru Kids – for £50 to FOB and £50 to the family, use the code SC1BELHAM in the "how did you hear about us?" section.

<https://www.korukids.co.uk>

EasyFundraising – sign up here:

https://bit.ly/FoB_EasyFundraising

AmazonSmile – choose FOB as your charity here:
smile.amazon.co.uk

FRIENDS OF BELHAM RECIPES

#7: TORTILLIAS

By Eleanore Mills

Introduction

Flock and Herd sell real tortilla flour – instructions on the back of the packet. Taste amazing but if you don't have a tortilla press handy roll out between two piece of clingfilm as the dough is fragile!

Difficulty rating: Easy

Good for...

Children to cook	✓	Vegetarians	✓
Children to eat	✓	Vegans	✓

Ingredients

250g plain flour
2 tbsp vegetable oil
½ tsp fine salt (course salt is fine)
150ml warm water

Mix the above ingredients together. Then knead it a little on a lightly floured surface until you get a soft, smooth ball of dough. You are supposed to leave it to rest but I've found it works just fine if you don't! Divide into 6 balls (or 8 smaller ones). Roll out as thinly as possible. Heat a large frying pan (no need for oil) and cook the tortillas 1-2 minutes on each side. I generally make a batch and freeze them.

We them with a choice of grated salads or some strips of chicken. But they are generally eaten with the delightful combination of mashed avocado, grated cheese, lime, ketchup and barbeque sauce!

Send us your Recipes

Are you bored with cooking the same old thing? Do you have a much loved family recipe you would like to share? Please **SEND US YOUR RECIPES!!!** We would love to feature a recipe of the week in the Friends' Friendly. If you have a "go to" family recipe that your children love, please email it to friendsofbelham@gmail.com

Here's a template in case it's useful.

http://bit.ly/FoB_Recipe_template

