

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

As if life at the Belham couldn't get more exciting, having barely recovered from World Book Day, we swiftly move on to our next exciting event in our academic calendar- Sports Relief Week! Next week is set to be another action packed week as we raise money for the Sports Relief 2020 campaign. We have an English national champion coming in to run sessions on Javelin throwing, year groups will be summiting the equivalent height of Everest, and we will be making available (for a donation) a special video featuring our staff and with a backing track sung by our children. As you know, sport is a big part of life as a Belhamite and the Sports Relief campaign is an excellent one that helps children both here in the UK and further afield. The money raised goes to help tackle the injustices of poverty and inequality that sadly still exist in our world. Last Sports Relief we raised a little under £1000 so we are hoping that we can do just as well this time around. You can **sponsor a year group to climb Everest** or **make a donation for the video** by clicking on the following link or by searching the Just Giving page for 'The Belham Climb Everest'.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-belham-primary-school>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB BOOKING OPEN!

Please see SchoolsBuddy to select your clubs for next term, selection will close on Wednesday 11th March. You will be notified of your allocated clubs on Friday 13th March.

YEAR 4 MATCH REPORT - FOOTBALL

On Wednesday, we went to play football against Judith Kerr in Herne Hill. In the first match we won by two goals to one. James scored a goal to equalise and in the second half, Veron scored to put us on top. Our second match was against a Year 6 team so we didn't win but we played really well and all tried our very best.

Ajhani (Year 4)

KEY DATES

Monday 9th March

SPORTS RELIEF- JAVELIN SESSIONS ALL DAY

Tuesday 10th March

SPORTS RELIEF: Climbing Everest

Wednesday 11th March

Trip: Y4 to Chislehurst Caves

Yr 2 Swimming

Yr 5 Swimming Catch up session

Thursday 12th March

SPORTS RELIEF- JAVELIN SESSIONS ALL DAY

Friday 13th March

FOB Cake Sale

3:15pm Reception Gate

3.25pm - main school playground

Friday 3rd April

Year 2-5 Swimming Gala

Monday 13th July

SPORTS DAY (time TBC)

SPRING CONCERT 2020 BOOKING

Please see below details for this year's Spring Concert

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Wednesday 25th March

9.15am -Yr2/4

2.30pm - Yr3/5

Thursday 26th March

9.15am - Yr3/5

2.30pm - R/Yr1

Friday 27th March

9.15am R/Yr1

2.30pm- Yr2/4

Tickets will be available to book via SchoolsBuddy from Saturday 7th March at 11am. **Parents are only allowed 2 tickets per family.**

FREE SPRING HOLIDAY CYCLE TRAINING

FREE Bikeability training again this Easter Holiday in Dulwich and Burgess Parks. Please see attached flyer with more info.

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SAVE THE DATE: THE BELHAM SWIMMING GALA (Yr2-5)

We are very excited to announce the date of our first ever Belham Swimming Gala. The event will take place on Friday April 3rd at JAGS swimming pool in North Dulwich. Years 4&5 will compete in races (in house teams) in the morning and years 2&3 will compete in the afternoon—exact times will be confirmed in the next week or so. We have a range of races that are sympathetic to the swimming ability of our children ranging from: races with floats to relay races. All children will participate in at least one race with teachers picking teams based on the swimming assessments provided from their school swimming lessons.

The Friends of Belham have kindly provided us with swimming caps in the children's house colours which children will wear on the day. They will however still need a swimming costume, towel and goggles (if required).

Parents will be invited to spectate although there is only seating for 180 adults so it will be first come first serve.

When not swimming children will take part in sporting activities in JAG's sports hall (for these activities they will need their PE kit).

Children in Yr2-5 should arrive to school in their PE kits (with hoodies or tracksuits if the weather requires it). We will then all travel to JAGS together by train, at the end of the day you will have the choice to collect your child from JAGS (by prior arrangement with the school office) at around 2:20pm or to collect them from The Belham at the end of the normal school day. More details will be sent to specific year groups via SchoolsBuddy in the next week or so.

****Please can you email the office with your pick preference?**

BUS STOP UPDATE

We have received exciting news from Southwark Council and TfL this week that the bus stop at the school gates will be relocated due to the safety concerns - and has been suspended in the meantime, as of this Monday!

The School and AQ group will continue to push for its removal and for the widening of the pavement along the Bellenden Road side of the school to make it safer for everyone, Belhamites and local residents alike. We'll be taking the children's letters to City Hall in the next week, asking the Mayor to help move things along a bit more quickly in these next stages!



TRAFFIC CHAOS

“Finally the Bus Stop has been closed but now we and the whole community and schools need to discuss further traffic reduction not just around our precious schools but throughout the area. Our major problem is rat run traffic using the area as a short cut particularly at school opening and closing times.

Please come and share your experiences of local traffic and let's send the council a resounding demand for radical traffic reduction and give us back our streets to be used and enjoyed without fear.

Belham School Hall at 7pm, Wednesday 11th March.

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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

DIARY DATES

Here are the upcoming FOB activities, hope to see you at some of them...

Cake Sale	Friday 13 March
Golf Day	Friday 27 March
Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday 28 March
Fun Run	Sunday 3 May
Family Camping	Fri 19 – Sun 21 June
NEW Summer Fair	Saturday 4 July

CAKE SALE – FRIDAY 13 MARCH

Get your aprons on and your rolling pins ready Because it's the CAKE SALE **NEXT FRIDAY** 13 March! Since it coincides with Sport Relief all funds raised will be going to Sport Relief. Bake some cakes, bread, biscuits, with or without your children, and then prepare to buy them back again for a good cause. They can have a sporty theme, or not, it's up to you. Please keep your baking nut free. If your baking is dairy or gluten free please can you label it so that we can inform the hungry hoards.

We encourage everyone to think about how they can minimise plastic and waste when buying or baking cakes.

Please drop off your cakes on the morning of Friday 13th, labelling the box with your child's full name and class. We are going to have cakes for sale in reception and in the main playground so if you want to buy back your own cakes please ensure they are labelled accordingly. If you don't have time to bake, come and buy some cakes after school.

For this cake sale, Year 4 are bravely helping out behind the tables. Please buy cakes directly after pickup, i.e. 3.15pm in the reception playground and 3.25pm the main playground. Bring plenty of cash....

FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY - FRI 27th MAR

The FoB Golf Day is 3 weeks away, please sign up now if you would like to join us! It's a fun day open to everyone, whatever your golfing ability or experience. It's about the fresh air and sociable lunch as much as the friendly golf competition.

It takes place at Dulwich and Sydenham Hill Golf Club just a short journey from school. You'll start the day with coffee a light breakfast, play 18 holes with fun and games along the way, and then enjoy a leisurely lunch.

Tickets are on sale now at a reduced price this year of £75 per player. Please see link below for full details and tickets. Any questions please email pauljmunro@yahoo.co.uk

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/335823>

EASTER EGG HUNT – SAT 28th MARCH

The Easter egg hunt will be at Lettsom Gardens (arrive Grove Park side SE5), from 10.30am. £3.50 per child, non -school siblings welcome. Please bring your own pencils to fill out the hunt forms.

As part of FoB's wider commitment to more ethical resources, fair trade chocolate eggs are used in the hunt.

If due to allergies, your child will not be able to eat the eggs, please email the FoB email address (above) by the 22nd March and we will source another tasty treat for them!

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NEXT FOB MEETING

We had a great meeting on Monday, which included an update from Plastic Free Peckham on what they are up to and how we can help minimise plastic in our FOB activities. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 31st March and if you would like to come along and have your say or get involved please contact hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com

CALL FOR MALE VOLUNTEERS!

MEN! Friends of Belham need you!
It has been pointed out we need to rebalance the volunteer pool a bit. In the name of diversity, we call on more of the Dads to step in and help with the odd event from time to time. Perhaps because volunteers are often drawn from the (predominantly female) whatsapp groups, that means we get mostly women volunteering. We'd love to have more men helping out at events. Let us know if you're interested as we've got so much good stuff coming up... (fun run, Easter egg hunt, camping, summer fair...)

OTHER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

Koru Kids: Koru Kids will donate £100 to Friends of Belham if you use the code SC1BELHAM when signing up an after school nanny. When asked 'How did you hear about Koru Kids' select 'Other' then a box will appear in which you enter the code. Please also tell us if you use the code and sign up a nanny.

Company Match Funding: if you think your company would be prepared match any donations you make to the school please get in touch with hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com - we already have some successful match funding arrangements in place.

EASY FUNDRAISING

Remember how easy EASY FUNDRAISING is to use. Just click the link below to register and remember to do your online shopping through the app and a proportion of your spending will get automatically donated to FOB. It is **FREE MONEY** for the school and it takes about, oh, a minute to register and then maybe an extra two seconds when you want to shop.

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