

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

It's the start of a brand new school year and I would like to wish all of our Belhamites, young and old(er), a warm welcome back. After a busy first week, I'm sure that your children will sleep very well tonight! I would also like to welcome new additions to the teaching team: Frejya Costelloe in Cotton, Danae Gardner in Velvet, Ellie Cheele in Denim, Sports Coach, Nathan Lewis, and our two School Direct students, Rebecca Plummer (Felt) and Brendan O'Brien (Calico). Jess Thompson and Monique Haase will be supporting pupils in the classroom and Savina Anderson joins Owls as co-supervisor.

During Tuesday's assembly, we explored how it might feel to do things for the first time and talked about what new experiences the children may encounter this term. As well as the usual changes that come at the start of the academic year, I am pleased to announce a couple of other very welcome changes to school life. Firstly, catering company, Principals, have joined the school and are working closely with Chef Paul and the team to make sure lunches are appetizing and appealing. Please take the time to peruse the Autumn menu and read the attached 'welcome' leaflet from Principals. The new menu, with its variety of sides on offer, has certainly gone down well with pupils and staff alike! Look out for photos of dishes on our website and Instagram. Another exciting addition this week has been the arrival of the school dog, Pumfrey. Pumfrey will attend school two or three days a week and will be based in my office. He has already greeted most of the children and even been up to the garden with Year 4! You can track Pumfrey's journey from puppyhood to established Belhamite on Instagram under [pumfrey_of_peckham](https://www.instagram.com/pumfrey_of_peckham).

BIKE RACKS

A huge thank you for the very kind donation of the bike racks. We understand the temptation to leave bikes at the front for a quick getaway; however if the racks could be filled from the back we would be grateful.

RECEPTION PARENTS - TAPESTRY

On your child's first day you should receive an invite to Tapestry - our online learning journey. For parents who have older children in Years 2-3, as you previously held an account, you will not receive an email, but simply need to reactivate your account by logging in.

Any questions, please see Lauren or Ally.

KEY DATES

Friday 13 September

Year 3 Greek Day – no packed lunch required

Monday 16 September

Before and After School clubs begin

PE

We are delighted to introduce Coach Lewis, our new sports coach, who will be working with us permanently. He will be teaching the majority of your children for at least one of their PE lessons per week.

For this term your child needs their sports kit on the following days (sports kit includes a white t-shirt and blue shorts/jogging bottoms, white socks and trainers). We suggest that you bring your kit in on Monday and leave it in school all week as lessons may change.

Reception- Wednesday (arrive at school in their PE kit with their uniform in their bag)

Year One- Monday, Thursday (Yoga) & Friday

Year Two- Wednesday (swimming) & Thursday

Year Three- Tuesday & Wednesday

Year Four- Monday & Friday

Year Five- Monday & Wednesday (select swimmers will need their kit on Wednesday)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All After School clubs and sports practices begin w/c Monday 16 September. Please note that as this is a very long term; there is a 3 week break in the middle when clubs will not run.

Dates for clubs are therefore as follows:

w/c 16 September

w/c 23 September

w/c 30 September

w/c 7 October

3 WEEK BREAK

w/c 4 November

w/c 11 November

w/c 18 November

w/c 25 November

w/c 2 December

w/c 9 December

Please note that clubs need to be paid in full by the end of Friday 6 September.

READING PASSPORTS

Research has shown that children need to be able to access a wide range of books in order to become successful readers as they grow. This includes being able to understand more antiquated language, narratives that are non-linear and different text types. All of these are present in our English curriculum, however we would like to encourage the children to begin to do this independently. This week we have launched our 'Reading Passports' for Years 2-5. These are 3 books each term that we would like the children in each year to read. Together they make up our 'Belham Reading List' which include a mixture of classic and recently published texts. Please see below for each year groups Autumn books.

Year 2 - The Day the Crayons Quit
The Man who wore all his clothes
A Bloomsbury Young Reader

Year 3 - A Bear Called Paddington
Greek Myths
Diary of a Killer Cat

Year 4 - The Boy at the back of the Class
The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe
The Demon Headmaster

Year 5 – The Breadwinner
Odd and the Frost Giants
The Jungle Book.

Within each year group there is a range of abilities, some children will be comfortable reading the books independently whilst others may prefer to read it with/be read to by a parent or carer. There is no expectation that children will read all of these books, however those that do participate will receive a certificate each term.

We have bought enough books for each child to borrow one at a time from The Belham. Some parents have expressed an interest in buying the sets to keep and to use when younger siblings reach that year group. To support this we have partnered with Tales on Moon Lane in Herne Hill. They have offered the sets for a discounted rate and also provide The Belham with a share of the profits which would go towards our English curriculum. If you would like to do this, there will be an item set up on SchoolsBuddy to order. Please place all orders by next Friday 13th September.

We would like to thank Tales on Moon Lane for providing us with a generous discount on the sets of books for children in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. The school will be buying these children their own copies to keep.

A GENDER INITIATOR SCHOOL



At the end of last term, we were excited to learn that we had been awarded the Gender Initiator Action Award, this followed on from us being given Supporter status earlier in the year. This required completing a rigorous application process outlining how we would challenge gender stereotypes at The Belham. The award is in partnership with Kings College London, UCL, Institute of Physics, Let Toys be Toys and is aimed at ensuring equality of opportunity to all young people.

UNIFORM SALE

There will be a uniform sale at the front of the school (Maxted Road entrance) from 8:30 this Tuesday. If you are interested in purchasing uniform, please bring cash only.

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

Contact Email: friendsofbelham@gmail.com

FoB NEWS

WELCOME

To All New Parents And Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new parents/carers to the Friends of Belham (FoB) – we're an association similar to a PTA. All parents and guardians are automatically members of FoB, and others from the community may also apply to be members. Hopefully you'll be keen to be involved in some of our activities, but there is no obligation - it'll be up to our elected committee and class representatives (positions that are also totally voluntary) to organise events and activities that have a wide range of appeal.

The main goals of the FoB are to help build a school community and raise money for the school. We aim to do this by organising a wide range of fun events for children, and parents/carers. Any money raised will only ever be used for children's activities or school projects and not for parents/carers or FoB committee activities. As a registered charity (number 1168767), FoB must also abide by the Parentkind PTA Constitution, which governs how fundraised monies are spent.

We also organise some events to raise money for a specific cause. We believe this to be within our mission when it leads to the children considering the world and its inhabitants as a whole. Where we do this, we will have consulted the school and we will clearly publicise the cause so that people can choose whether or not to participate. We typically publicise all FoB activities via the Friends' Friendly, the FoB Facebook group, and posters inside the main entrances to reception and the main playground – so please watch out for the next event and we hope to see you there!

Class Representatives

Each class within the school will have ideally 2 class representatives. Please see the FoB page on the school's website for details of your class representative. The class representatives are the first point of contact for any fundraising ideas or questions. Class representatives do not act as parent-teacher liaisons regarding child, school or teaching matters.

FoB NEWS

We are looking for four Reception reps in total, two from Wool and two from Felt. If you would like to become a class representative or learn more about it, please contact: michellehardy1975@gmail.com or patrickjamesmurray@googlemail.com

This is Pat, Michelle and Rich from the main committee – come and say hello if you see us around.



Join The FoB Facebook Group

The 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/>

Welcome back to all existing parents/carers, hope you all had a great summer.

FoB NEWS

There's lots to look forward to this term including so watch this space for more information and dates.

- Reception parent's welcome drinks – Thursday 26th September
- FoB AGM – Wednesday 6th November
- Autumn cake sale
- Autumn school disco
- Quiz night
- Christmas fair – Saturday 30th November

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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Welcome drinks for Reception parents/carers

Thursday 26th September

FoB will be holding welcome drinks at the Victoria Inn on Thursday 26th September from 8pm.

Please come along to meet other parents and to meet us!

This will give you the opportunity to find out more about what we do and what class reps do.

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 6th November

Our AGM is in November and is held at the school. The FoB committee presents our activities and monies raised over the previous year and what purchases or contributions we have made on behalf of the school. All parents/carers are automatically members of FoB, so please come along and show your support.

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.

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 through 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