



HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Belham for organising last Saturday's Christmas Fair. It was very well attended and supported by parents and staff, and judging from the staggering amount stated below in the *Friends' Friendly*, a huge success! All money raised will go towards the purchase of new equipment to support your child's learning and school experience.

Wool and Felt class had their first experience of performing in a Belham production alongside Year 1. I was lucky enough to attend all three performances of *Jesus' Christmas Party* where the children sang, danced and acted like professionals! Thank you to all of our staff involved who worked so hard to make sure that the children were ready for the performances: the Year 1 and Reception teachers and teaching assistants; Nancy Wayman; Katie from Dance Educates; Ally Sprakes; our costume parent volunteers and Mary Mellor; and of course the children themselves. It was a lovely way to begin the Christmas festivities!

ART NEWS

Tate Year 3 Project

You can now see The Belham Year 4's in Steve McQueen's Year 3 Project at Tate Britain. As a launch school, we had our photographs taken at the beginning of the project. We enjoyed our visit on Monday, looking at the hundreds of portraits of London schools involved. You can find The Belham in Section 18 - look upwards! The exhibition is free and will run until May next year. After that, we will get to keep our portraits.

John Latham's Flat Time House

Have you ever wondered what the house opposite the school, with the massive book coming out of it is? The Belham Art Council were commissioned by Culture Street - an Arts organisation introducing young people to artists, writers, curators and performers - to make a film about a local sculpture. We chose John Latham's Flat Time House, which is 'a living sculpture'. You can see our film at <https://www.culturestreet.org.uk/artist.php?id=174>.

Tell us what you think! A big thank you to the Curators of The Flat Time House and local artist Rob Robertson for helping us out.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 11th December

9:30am Year 3 and 5 Christmas Performance
6:00pm Year 3 and 5 Christmas Performance
Year 2 Trip to Alleyn's Panto

Thursday 12th December

9:30am Year 2 and 4 Christmas Performance
6:00pm Year 2 and 4 Christmas Performance

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch

SPORT

This week, we held our first ever inter house tournament (football). Children were asked to nominate themselves to be a part of their house team. Teams battled against each other in 6 minute matches to see who would be the victor in each heat (Year 1&2, Year 3&4 and Year 5). Going forward, we will ask children to nominate themselves and commit to several lunch time practices in order to secure a spot in their house team. The house cup winner will be announced next week. We have several more tournaments in the works; the provisional dates are:

- W/C Feb 10th Netball
- W/C Mar 30th Hockey
- W/c Apr 27th Cricket
- W/c May 18th Tennis
- W/c July 6th Tag Rugby

A special thank you to Coach Lewis for organising the event!

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We would like to remind everyone that The Belham is a **NUT FREE** School. The consequences for a child with allergies would be extremely serious; please can we all be extra vigilant and make sure that food items containing nuts are not brought into school.

CHRISTMAS SHOW

We still have tickets available for Wednesday and Thursday morning's shows. Here are the links to book –

Wednesday <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/one-night-in-bethlehem-yr-35-performance-tickets-80467463349>

Thursday <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/one-night-in-bethlehem-yr-24-performance-tickets-80457333049>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Just a reminder that next week is the last week of after school clubs for this term. The only exceptions are the following, where a club has been missed earlier in the term:

Tuesday 17 December: Animation club

Wednesday 18 December: Cookery

And finally a reminder that the end of term performance for **Musical Theatre will take place on Monday 16 December**. Parents are invited to arrive via the office at 3.40pm

SOUTHWARK FOOD BANK

Southwark food bank are in urgent need of Christmas food donations so we will be collecting donations for them. There will be collection points in the playground on **Monday, Thursday and Friday** next week.

Some of our lovely mums have kindly volunteered to drive donations to Pecan (who are working with the Southwark foodbanks) As Pecan is only open during the weekdays to accept donations, this might make it easier for a lot of parents to contribute without having to worry about how to get them there. We have attached a list of urgently needed items which Pecan released.

Last day for collection Friday 13th December

FoB NEWS

What a Fair!

Thanks to everyone that came, made things, ate things, bid on things, spent loads of cash and made it such a success.

Hope you agree it was a fantastic event and the hall looked splendid decorated with all the Belham snowmen.

We are still doing the last true ups but made an **INCREDIBLE £7,400 and counting** for FoB funds!

Thank you to KFH who sponsored the fair this year and to Giles from Plastic Free Peckham who sorted out all recycling on the day.

Special thanks to all the volunteers that helped set up, took shift stalls and cleared away.

Eve, Amy, Jono, Catherine, Laura, Matt, Helena, Elliot, Sophie, Kat, Kirsten, Elena, Hannah, Teresa, Jacq, Andrew, Julie, Robin, Abba, Dom, Greg, Jo, Nichola, Shaun, Tory, Danielle, Eleanor, Martha, Adam, Geoff, Benj, Ana, Clare, Brian, Sylvie, Lucy, Kathryn, Cathy, Laura, Sophie, Louise, Brad, Dan, Shalom, Georgia, Sophie, Louise, Paul, Milena, Jacq, Julie, Anna, Louisa, Linda, Miriam, Natacha, Sera, Elizabeth, Isabella, Roger, Madi & Angel.

Extra special thanks to Nick and Simon for their Santa skills. Chef Neil, Paul & assistants for the tasty food, Val for organising face painting stall and Giles for distributing the Christmas trees.

Extra, Extra special thanks to the FoB team who have spent weeks getting vouchers, making hampers, sorting out toys, washing uniform, gathering props, making pompoms, preparing Christmas crackers, filling jars, buying food, gathering holidays, making hall decorations, making posters and organising. Debbie, Grace, Christabel, Aine, Kath, Cathy, Sally, Ginnie, Julie, Harriet, Louise, Fleur, Cassie, Rich, Pat and Michelle.

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A massive thank you also to all those who donated their holiday homes, raffle prizes, hampers, toys and clothes.

And finally thank you to the Dads Christmas Tree Moving Collective!

FoB School Disco! – Friday 7th Feb

Get those glad rags on, because it's..... school disco time!

Venue - The Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove, SE15 5DE

Entry is £3 on the door per child

Sessions are as follows:

Reception and Year 1: 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Years 2 and 3: 4:45pm – 5:30pm

Years 4 and 5: 5:45pm – 6:30pm

Non-school siblings are welcome, school siblings can strut their stuff alongside their older/younger brothers/sisters, all can come.

Refreshments for children are available to buy during the session.

Parents can use the Liberal Club cash only bar but must remain within their children throughout.

We are looking for volunteers for set at 2:30pm, at all the sessions and clear up.

If you can help please email Hannah at hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com

Koru Kids

Have you used a Koru Kids nanny at any point since June of this year?

The school will get £100 per sign up for bookings since June.

If you have please contact

michellehardy1975@gmail.com

Christmas Shopping!

If you're doing your Christmas shopping on the internet go through the #easyfundraising to raise a donation for us. If you haven't joined in yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us for FREE when you buy things you'd be getting anyway. Every donation mounts up for us and can make a difference, so please take a moment to get involved!

Sign-up using our unique link

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

Company Match Funding

Last year we raised a further £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 your individual PTA 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 match fund, please get in touch with us as it would be a huge boost to the money we can raise for the school.

Email Friends Belham friendsofbelham@gmail.com

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: korukids.co.uk/refer-school

SAVE THE DATE

School Disco – Friday 7th Feb 2020

Quiz Night – Wednesday 12th February 2020

Bag for School - Tuesday 5th March

Golf Day - 27th March 2020

Camping - Friday 19th, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June