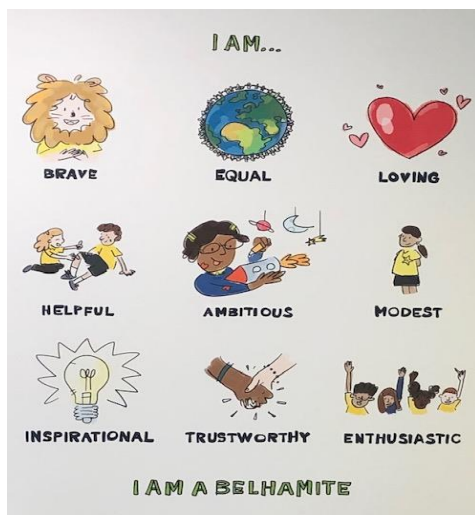


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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Happy New Year to everyone and a warm welcome back to school! At the beginning of January, we often make New Year's resolutions – some of which we stick to; some of which we do not (I'm thinking about resolutions specifically involving chocolate!). During my first assembly with the children next week, I will ask them to share what New Year's resolutions they will make and how they fit in with our Belhamite Values. We always have a reminder at the start of term about how we can embody the Belhamite Values through positive behaviours; it would be great if you could talk with the children about this too. You can find our Belhamite Values [here](#).



KEY DATES

Monday 10th January

Morning and after school clubs begin

Full timetable here –

<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/after-school-clubs-and-practices.html>

Y2 swimming

Tuesday 11th January

LAMDA classes begin

Wednesday 12th January

Y3 swimming

Thursday 13th January

Terrarium workshop -

www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham

Friday 14th January

Y4 swimming

CONSULTATION ON ADMISSIONS POLICY 2023-2024

We have updated our admissions policy for admission into our school in September 2023. We are therefore running a consultation on the new admissions policy between **15th December 2021 and 26th January 2022**. Comments are sought from any interested person or party. The updated policy can be viewed [here](#).

Changes to our policy

We have updated our policy to bring it into line with other schools in The Charter Schools Educational Trust (TCSET). Our policy is fully compliant with the new 2021 School Admissions Code and local authority guidelines.

The Published Admissions Number (PAN) remains the same at 60 and is unchanged. We have made changes to our admissions and oversubscription criteria to be in line with other schools in the Trust.

Responses to the consultation should be sent to Juliane Caillouette Noble, our Chair of Governors, at jcaillouettenoble@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk by **26th January 2022** when this consultation closes.

All responses must be sent by the end of the consultation period stated above.

RECEPTION 2022 – DEADLINE 15TH JAN 2022

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, they will be due to start school in September 2022. Applications are completed through the Southwark programme [here](#).

The deadline for applications in 15th Jan 2022.

SWIMMING AND PE SPRING TERM 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y2 SWIM	R PE	Y3 SWIM	Y1 PE	Y4 SWIM
Y6 PE	Y5 PE	Y2 PE	Y1 YOGA	Y6 PE
Y3 YOGA			Y5 PE	Y3 PE
Y4 PE				

Swimming lessons will start week of 10/01/22. There are **no** lessons on the week of 14/02/22. Lessons end on the week of 21/03/22 (inclusive of that week).

PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY EVENTS RUN BY EXTERNAL PROVIDERS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICES AND CLUBS) ARE NOT ENDORSED BY THE SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE

BELHAM COMMUNICATIONS REVIEW

Communication is a key part of how we all – parents, carers, and staff - experience The Belham. We aspire to have open and two-way communications that reflect our core values, are clear, consistent and contribute to a thriving school community.

Our communications and the systems and processes we use have grown organically as we have become an established school, and this has left us with challenges that, parents and colleagues tell us, can result in less than brilliant communications.

We are therefore undertaking a strategic review, to assess our current situation and develop the foundations for new parent communications programmes for the 2022/23 school year.

This will be a highly collaborative project and we are seeking and welcoming ideas and skills of people from across our school community.

If you would like to contribute to the success of the communications project, there will be several ways you could get involved. For instance, we will be running parent and carer focus groups in the new year. We are also likely to need systems and design skills. If you are interested in getting involved or have ideas you want to share, please email Catherine in the office info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week's guide is 'What parents need to know about FORTNITE'. Please see attachment.

PARENT DROP IN SESSIONS

Ms Cohen will be holding virtual or in-person parent drop in sessions each Thursday from 2.30-3.30pm. If you would like to book a slot, please contact Catherine in the office info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk.

HOME LEARNING

All pupils have access to remote learning should they be required to self-isolate due to Covid-19. If your child is absent for any other reason, including sickness, home learning will **not** be provided. Please see the [Home Learning](#) section of our Covid-19 Information Hub for more details.

SECOND-HAND FIGURINES

The Reception team are looking to enhance their small world area. In a pledge to be more eco-friendly, we are on the hunt for **second-hand figurines!**

We are particularly interested in any fantasy characters - e.g. knights, dragons, fairies etc. We however welcome any donations of people, animals etc.

If you have any figurines at home that your child no longer plays with, we would be very grateful if you were able to donate them to us! Please give to any of the Reception staff at the Belham Road gate - or ask your child to give to their class teacher with a note.

Y6 MEDICAL FORMS – RESIDENTIAL TRIP

A gentle reminder to Year 6 parents that medical forms for the residential trip are due by the end of next week at the latest. Please return to Claire in the office ASAP. Many thanks.

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

SAVE THE DATE

13 Jan	Terrarium workshop
18 Jan	FOB Committee Meeting
24 Feb	FOB Quiz

TERRARIUM WORKSHOP 13th JAN

Come and make your own self-watering terrarium! Or give this as a lovely present for a friend. You will make your own Bottle Terrarium to take home, and **every ticket purchased will help pay for a workshop for Belham pupils**, where they will create terrariums for the classrooms.

The workshop is being run by local company *Jar and Fern*, who are kindly offering a great discount to their normal prices.

Event runs 6pm – 7.30pm, BYO drinks! Tickets cost £35 each. Full details and tickets:

www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham

Ticket sales close on Sunday 9th Jan at 8pm.



FOB COMMITTEE MEETING 18th JAN

The next FOB committee meeting will be on Tuesday 18th January at 7.30pm in the school hall, followed by drinks at 8.45pm at the Montpelier – everybody is welcome to attend and help out with fundraising and event planning.

FOB QUIZ 24TH FEB

We have reserved the Peckham Liberal club for the return of the FOB Quiz on Thursday 24th February – the first week after half term. Save the date and start revising people!

FOB SURVEY

Let us know what you think of FOB in our short anonymous online survey here. Also give us your ideas for events and activities in 2022:

<https://forms.gle/DBdN3zkPdoCaJf1J6>

UNIFORM LABELS

Friends of Belham has registered with two name label companies that offer commission to school PTAs. Both labels have been tried and tested by committee members and are recommended! If you are in need of new stick-on labels, please consider these suppliers:

1) [Sitkins](#) – enter Belham school code 36250 at checkout to earn 15% commission for FOB.

2) [Mynametag.com](#) – enter Belham school code 105032 at checkout to earn 24% commission for FOB.

You can also click on direct links to the companies to order from our [FOB webpage](#), without need for codes.