

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I would like to wish all pupils, parents and staff a warm welcome back after the long summer break. I hope that everyone has had the chance to rest, recharge, and get ready for the year ahead. When the gates opened on Tuesday, it was lovely to see our Belhamites, smartly dressed and happy to be back. Every September, I'm always amazed at how much taller the children are after just six weeks – it must be all that sun!

A huge welcome also to the new members of the Belham team: teachers Anna Cagney, Maddy Tee, Emily Downing, Katie Mander and Emma Chan; Zoe Ansah who will be completing her School Direct year in Year 2; and Vicky Tee, our gap year teaching assistant. And of course, we welcome our 60 new Reception Belhamites, who are already settling into their classes wonderfully!

Although this year may not be quite as eventful as the previous year, it will nonetheless be an event-packed, busy one. There will be plenty of opportunities for parents to get involved with school life, from attending our Celebration Assembly or coffee mornings and workshops, to volunteering to hear pupils read or assisting classes on trips. Look out for a 'communications' email which will be sent out soon, outlining important events taking place in the autumn term.

Enjoy the start of term; after all, the next few weeks will fly by and before we know it, we will be preparing for Christmas.

READING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for parents or carers who would be willing to give an hour of their time to assist with one to one reading. We will provide training. If you are able to commit to an hour a week on either Mondays 09:15-10:15 or Fridays 14:00-15:00 then please contact the office to let us know.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

We have Midday Supervisor positions available to start as soon as possible. If you know of anyone who may be interested, full details are available on our website <http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/jobs.html>

KEY DATES

Wednesday 12 September

Welcome Back Coffee Morning, 9.00am (please see below)

Monday 17 September

After school clubs begin this week (please see below)

WELCOME BACK COFFEE MORNING

This is great opportunity to put faces to names and have an informal chat. Do come along to the main hall on Wednesday 12 September after drop-off and share a tea or coffee (and possibly a biscuit) with the Senior Leadership Team (Liz Cohen, Sharon Baxendale, Alison Sprakes and Tom Turnham) and the Early Help Team (Lorraine Thomas, Sarah Hutchison and Elizabeth Linton-Smith).

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs begin w/c 17 September. There are 10 sessions in each club; as this is a long term please note that clubs will be taking place on the following dates:

w/c 17 September
w/c 24 September
w/c 1 October
w/c 8 October
GAP
w/c 5 November
w/c 12 November
w/c 19 November
w/c 26 November
w/c 3 December
w/c 10 December

'BELHAM SPACES'

We are very excited to be opening the Belham after hours, starting 25 September. We are trialling three evening classes this term, with provision to be expanded throughout the coming year. Please contact the class providers directly for more information and to make a booking. All classes will break for half term. You will find full details of the classes available on the following page.

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Peckham Art School 7-9pm Tuesdays

A 10 week programme of structured classes taught by local artist Mark Pearson. The course is suitable for beginners, improvers and those who want to refresh their skills after a long break. The syllabus will cover drawing, colour mixing, painting, composition and life drawing (clothed model). Places are limited to 12.

Course fee: £200, this includes basic materials (paper, pencils, charcoal, acrylic paint, brushes, small canvas if needed) and a 10% discount for pupils at Cowling & Wilcox Camberwell.

Dates: 25 Sep to 4 Dec (no class 24 Oct)

Contact: Nicola Pearson 07739 708 388 / pearson.nic@gmail.com

Yoga 7.30 – 9pm Tuesdays

A yoga class for all levels and bodies, with experienced Hatha Yoga teacher Harriet Bailey.

Yoga combines relaxation, breathing and movement to give you an opportunity to wind down and then stretch and strengthen the body and focus the mind. Whether you're looking to help keep your body supple and healthy, want to calm and focus the mind, or learn how to truly relax, you might well find what you're after!

Harriet is experienced in teaching both beginners and more practiced yogis, so provides options for students to start and then develop postures, working to their own level.

For those attending a taster class, mats will be provided; regular students should bring their own mat.

Cost: £11 per class, booked in half termly or termly blocks / £15 drop-in/taster class (space tbc)

Dates: 25 Sep to 18 Dec (no class 24 Oct)

Contact: Harriet Bailey 07943 216 677 / harriet_bailey@yahoo.co.uk

Pilates 7.45 – 8.45pm Tuesdays

A mixed-level mat Pilates class taught by certified instructor Gemma Folkard. Pilates is regenerative for the body and mind, melting away stress whilst at the same time strengthening and lengthening muscles and addressing any postural issues stemming from our everyday lives.

For a taster session, Gemma will be teaching outside on Goose Green 11th and 18th September at 7.45pm.

Please bring your own mat if you have one; if you don't, Gemma can provide you with one.

Cost: £10 per class

Dates: 25 Sep to 18 Dec (no class 24 Oct)

Contact: Gemma Folkard gemma@pilatesbarne.co.uk

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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

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FoB NEW PARENT/CARER WELCOME

To All News Parents

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new parents/carers to the Friends of Belham (FoB) - 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.

FoB's primary aim is to fundraise money for the benefit of the school and we aim to do this by organising a wide range of fun events for children, families and also for 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 hold some small events that 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 school's Facebook groups, and posters outside the school - 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. If you would like to become a class representative, please contact:

michellehardy1975@gmail.com
patrickjamesmurray@googlemail.com

FoB NEWS

A warm welcome back to all children and parents/carers. We hope everyone had a great summer! Forthcoming FoB events include:



Velodrome

We've arranged this year's first Belham session at the Herne Hill Velodrome on Sunday 23 September for 30 children on the inner track from 4pm to 5pm. This is for children from reception onwards who can ride without stabilizers, and who can start and stop on their own. Siblings up to the age of 10 are welcome to ride. The velodrome has Frog bikes available for hire if required. Tickets are £3.60 per child, and are on sale now at:

<http://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/195168>

If you haven't been to the Velodrome, it's an extraordinary venue, with adults usually whizzing round the banked outer track at high speed while the children play cycling games with the coaches on the inner track.

? Quiz Night

Another highlight of the FoB events calendar is the FoB quiz night. Look out for more details of this awesome night, usually held at the Peckham Liberal Club in October.



Christmas Fair

It's NEVER too early to start talking about Christmas! FoB have pencilled in the Christmas Fair for 1st December 2018. Watch this space for further details next term.



School Disco

Date tba again, but the discoing dream team will be back for more disco-mania!

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is held usually in November, and full details TBC currently, but usually at The Peckham Liberal Club. 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 for what is a fun social night too.