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HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

October marks the start of Black History Month and as we have done in the past, the Belham will mark the month in a variety of ways - through topics learnt about in class, through our weekly assemblies, and this year, with speakers invited to talk with classes next week and after half term. In my Key Stage 2 assembly this week, we talked about lesser known Black historical figures and I shared some information about '[Cheddar Man](#)' and a Black Tudor called [John Blanke](#), who was a trumpeter in Henry VIII's court. I asked the children whether they could find out about any Black historical figures whose stories are not as well known and share these with their classes and me. I would like to extend this to all children – I'm looking forward to learning more! Click on the links for two interesting webpages I used in my assemblies from [BBC Newsround](#) and [CBeebies](#).

SOUTHWARK FOODBANK HARVEST APPEAL

We will have boxes at both gates all of next week if you would like to donate to the Southwark Foodbank's Harvest Festival. They are currently looking for **baked beans, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned veg, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, pasta sauce, juice cartons (1L), toilet rolls**. Many thanks!

PE AND SWIMMING AUTUMN TERM

Monday

Reception PE

Y5 PE

Tuesday

Y4 PE

Y6 PE (TWEED)

Wednesday

Y1 DANCE

Y2 SWIM (AM)

Y2 PE (PM)

Y3 Dance

Y6 PE (CORDUROY)

Thursday

Y5 PE

Y6 PE

Friday

Y1 PE

Y3 PE

Y4 PE

KEY DATES

OCTOBER is Black History Month

Monday 10th October

CRAZE WEEK – THE FABRIC OF US

Monday 17th October - Friday 28 October

Half Term: October (TWO WEEKS)

Monday 7th November

Morning and after school clubs begin

Monday 14th November

Y5 (Hessian) Bikeability (all week)

Monday 21st November

Y5 (Chiffon) Bikeability (all week)

Thursday 1st December –

Christmas Show Rec/Y1/Y2

Friday 2nd December

Christmas Show Rec/Y1/Y2

Wednesday 7th December

Christmas Show Y3/4/5/6

Thursday 8th December

Christmas Show Y3/4/5/6

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Friday 16th December

Last day of term (**finish at 1:15pm**)

Please find a link [here](#) to our full school events calendar.

FRIENDS OF BELHAM EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUND

As a school community, we are acutely aware of the financial pressures that many of our Belham families are facing or about to face.

Friends of Belham (FoB) has set up an **emergency support fund** to help parents cover unexpected and urgent, as well as routine, education-related costs. Funds raised in this campaign will be passed to the school to administer and personal details will not be passed on to Friends of Belham.

Full details of the fund and how to donate can be found [here](#). If you would like to access the fund, please contact Liz Cohen directly or another member of the core leadership team.

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PLACES AVAILABLE – BRASS SCHEME

There are still two places on our alternative brass scheme. Children from Y3-Y6 attended an assembly last week where they heard a French Horn and a Baritone. Email nwayman1.210@lgflmail.org if you are interested in your child going to a trial lesson.

CHRISTMAS SHOW DATES & TIMINGS

We will let you know as soon as bookings open, but in the meantime please save the dates!

Day	Time	Class
Thurs 1 st Dec	9.30am	<u>R/1/2 (ALL)</u>
Thurs 1 st Dec	2pm	<u>R/1/2 (ALL)</u>
Friday 2 nd Dec	9.30am	<u>R/1/2 (ALL)</u>
Weds 7 th Dec:	2pm	Cashmere Velvet Chiffon Tweed
Weds 7 th Dec:	6.15pm	Tartan Silk Hessian Corduroy
Thurs 8 th Dec:	2pm	Tartan Silk Hessian Corduroy
Thurs 8 th Dec:	6.15pm	Cashmere Velvet Chiffon Tweed

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

7th Oct 2022



Meet the Friends of Belham (FoB) Committee & Class Reps

<http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/friends-of-belham.html>

Contact us

friendsofbelham@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

13 th Oct	FOB Reception drinks
12 th Nov	FOB Table Top & Uniform Sale
23 rd Nov	FOB Meet & Mingle drinks & AGM
3 rd Dec	Christmas Fair

FOB RECEPTION PARENTS DRINKS

FOB reception reps Zoe and Rose will be hosting some drinks at the Montpelier pub on **Thursday 13th October** from 7.30pm onwards. Drop by any time to say hi and meet other new Belham parents.

TABLE TOP & UNIFORM SALE 12th NOV

We are organising a table top and second hand uniform sale on **Saturday 12th November from 2.30-4.30pm** in the school playground. If you have second hand uniform to donate, please bring to main school gate at **drop-off next Friday 14th October**.

If you would like to reserve a table to sell your second-hand clothes and accessories (perhaps with some friends?), then email friendsofbelham@gmail.com. Tables cost £15 each.

If you need any school uniform items in the meantime, please email us as we can sell some items directly from our store. We have good quality second hand stock across all years, and some new pieces for the lower years.

CAN YOU DONATE YOUR OLD MOBILE?

The Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers is receiving a high number of requests to support new families who have recently come to London. Many families are in need of mobile phones. If you have a good quality, second-hand mobile phone hand set (without SIM card) that you could donate, please drop it into the school office where there is a bag for collection. If you have any questions please email rachelhomemail@gmail.com.

EDUCATION TALK FOR Y5 & Y6 PARENTS

Education consultant Joe Pardoe from [School Compass](#) has offered to talk to year 5 and 6 parents next **Wednesday 12th October** about educational approaches & ideology. The talk will be at 6.15pm-7.15pm at school. Please register here: <https://forms.gle/MRPGaTFwn3zTzBvn9>

What will this talk cover? As parents, we all want the best education for our children. However, we rarely have the opportunity to reflect on what we mean by 'best education'. We do not have the time to engage with the research about how schools approach teaching, learning and curriculum. This often means we feel out of control and unsure about our decisions. As a (new!) dad and an experienced secondary school teacher and leader I see it from both sides. In this session we will have a chance to discuss what we want from education and explore how we can get the information we need. Empowering you to take more control and feel more confident about the important choices you make about your child's education.

PECKHAM CONKER CHAMPS - THIS WEEKEND!



The Peckham Conker Championships is London's alternative conker competition where players compete for the 'Golden Nut' - a 23 carat gold conker & the ultimate conker prize. This year the Championships are taking place on **Saturday 8th October** - 3pm to 6pm - at the Brick Brewery Tap Room, Blenheim Grove, SE15. There are both junior (4 to 15) and senior (16+) competitions. Kids competition starts at 3pm (£2.50 entry) and adults from 3.30pm (£6.50 entry). Everything you need to play will be provided or you can bring your own battle conkers (adulterated or not!). Book here: <https://peckhamconker.club/conker->

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

This is a list of holiday clubs that we're aware of this half term. If you know of others, please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com so we can add them to the list:

Alleyn's Holiday Camps – 17 - 21 October & 24 - 28 October. Indoor and outdoor activities at Alleyn's school incl. swimming (£45/day)

<https://www.alleyns.org.uk/alleyns-enterprises/holiday-camps>

Football Magic – 17-28 Oct (2 weeks!) Football for boys & girls (5 to 12 years old) at JAGS Sports Club

<https://www.footballmagiccoaching.co.uk/holiday-courses/>

Gems Performing Arts – 17 - 21 October & 24 - 28 October. Dancing, acting & singing in your favourite musicals taught by West End performers (£150/pw)

<https://gems-holiday-clubs.class4kids.co.uk/>

Gymnastics – 24 - 28 October. Gymnastic camp at Dulwich College P.E. Centre (£70/day)

<http://www.charismagymnastics.co.uk/holiday-camps/>

Holiday Drop Off – 17 - 21 October & 24 - 28

October. A range of sports focused activities at Dulwich College incl swimming (£50/day or £240/pw)

<https://holidaydropoff.com/our-camps>

JAGS Holiday Kids Club – 24 - 28 October. A range of activities at JAGS Sports Club including multi-sports, climbing, diving, swimming and trampolining (starting from £12 per session)

<https://jagssportsclub.co.uk/jags-kids/#holiday-kids-club>

JL Tennis Academy – 24 - 27 October. Tennis club at Alleyn's School (from £40 for block of 4 days ,1 hour session)

https://www.jltennis.academy/junior_tennis_camps.html

MAGNA at St John's & St Clements Primary School – 24 - 28 October. A range of activities at ST John's & ST Clement's Primary School (£32/day or £36/extended day, plus £5.00 for breakfast)

<https://www.magnagroups.com/summer-camps>

Nimble Arts at Goodrich Primary School SE22 – 24 - 28 October. A range of activities and workshops at Goodrich Primary School (£54/day, £60.50 extended day)

<https://www.nimblearts.co.uk/drop-off-club-se22>

North Dulwich Tennis Club Camps – 17 - 21 October & 24 - 28 October. Tennis club at North Dulwich Lawn Tennis Club (from £24.00/day or £105.00/pw for 2-hour sessions)

<http://www.northdulwichtennis.co.uk/camps/>

Perform Dulwich – 24 - 26 October. 3 Day Autumn Holiday Course performing arts camp for 4-10s at St Stephen's Millennium Hall, College Road (£260, 25% sibling discount)

https://www.perform.org.uk/portal/contact/courses/book-exp?xvar=vnu_id?xval=69

The South London Dance Academy – 24 - 28 October. Dance camp at Ivydale School (£35/day or £170/pw)

<https://thesouthlondondanceacademy.com/october-camp-2022-1>