

## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

As the Belham has grown, so has its Local Governing Body (LGB) and over the last year, we have welcomed five new governors who have been working closely with the school. At the end of July, we said goodbye to Sharon Baxendale, who had been on the LGB from the start, and now, sadly, Miriam Gilbert's term has come to an end: both decided not to put themselves up for re-election. I would like to say thank you to both Sharon and Miriam for their valuable contributions to the LGB over the past four years. This does mean that we have a vacancy for a parent governor and I would like to invite all parents who are interested in joining the Governing Body to nominate themselves. We are not looking for someone with a particular skillset but we are always keen to attract a diverse range of people to represent the school community. Attached to the Belham Buzz is more information about what the role would entail. More details about how to nominate yourself and the timeline for the parent governor election will be sent out with next week's Belham Buzz. Please feel free to contact me directly for more information.

## SCHOOL RECORDER LESSONS

All children in Y2 and Y5 now have recorders to take home and practise. You will appreciate that this was a big undertaking for the school and a huge investment, generously supported by the FoB, and we all have an obligation to look after these instruments so that the scheme can continue for many years in the future. It is a big responsibility to look after a musical instrument, to remember it every week and to practise what you have been taught; these elements are all an important part of the learning for the children. Unfortunately, if the instrument is lost, you will be charged for a replacement. Currently the cost of a descant recorder (all Y2 children have these) is £9.99. We would not like to have to ask for the replacement cost of the bigger recorders as they go up to £190! Please encourage and support your child to look after their instrument carefully.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

On Thursday 14 November we will be raising money for Children in Need through a day of fitness and doing 'The Big Morning Move'. Children are invited to come into school in sportswear - Belham PE kit, football kits, leg warmers etc.!

Throughout the day all children will participate in a HIIT session. Please remember to bring a water bottle too. If our families would like to make a small donation towards Children in Need, there will be buckets in the playground.

## KEY DATES

### Monday 11 November

Corduroy class – Cycle Confident Training

**12.00pm : Bookings Open for all Christmas Performances – all parents will be sent an Eventbrite link (please see below)**

### Tuesday 12 November

Corduroy class – Cycle Confident Training

### Wednesday 13 November

**Spring Term Club bookings open, 8.00pm**

Tweed class – Cycle Confident Training

### Thursday 14 November

Tweed class – Cycle Confident Training

Children in Need Day - please see below

## CHRISTMAS PLAYS YEAR 2 – YEAR 5

You will know now that the Christmas plays for Y2-5 are on **Wednesday 11 (Y3 and 5)** and **Thursday 12 December (Y2 and 4)** at 9.30am **and** 6.15pm. You have two tickets per family and the booking opens on Monday 11 November at 12 noon when a link will be sent to all parents. Children are expected to attend **both** performances on their year group's day. We anticipate that the show will last approximately one hour. Whilst we realise that this is a late night for some of our younger pupils, we also think that it is exciting to be part of a performance out of school hours and necessary for all children to be involved in both performances as they may have lines or roles that other children will rely on. We would like you to discuss collective responsibility with your children, the role that everyone plays in a show like this to make an excellent piece of work – even if it is small - and trust that you will not want them to let down their class mates and teachers by not attending their evening performance.

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES : TICKETS

**Tickets will be issued through Eventbrite. Booking will open on Monday 11 November at 12pm with the link being shared to all parents via email.** Please ensure you add your child's name as reference on your booking. **Entry will only be permitted with a ticket - this is due to strict fire regulations. All children over 2 years of age will require their own ticket. It will not be acceptable for older children to sit on laps.** This includes any Belham children you would like to bring them to the 6.15pm performance **One Night in Bethlehem.**

## PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

A number of children have been attending their instrumental lessons unprepared, with no music, notebook or instrument or all three! It is important that you name any music you have bought for your child. The Belham gives all children a contact book for communication about what to practise but if they lose that, you are expected to supply one yourselves; you must make sure that your child has a notebook. Please will you help your children to come prepared to their lessons in order to make the most of them? There is a guide to supporting your child on the website and you are welcome to email me questions (not the office please) at [nwayman1.210@lgflmail.org](mailto:nwayman1.210@lgflmail.org) if you can't find the answer you need in that. The timetables are on the website for your reference. Recorder pupils should have their things in their book bags on both Tuesday and Wednesday as the timetable rolls over both days. When there is a change of day I will try to inform you as soon as I can with as much notice as possible.

## SPRING TERM CLUB DATES

Dates for clubs next term are as follows:

w/c 13 January  
w/c 20 January  
w/c/ 27 January  
w/c 3 February  
w/c 10 February  
HALF TERM  
w/c 24 February  
w/c 2 March  
w/c 9 March  
w/c 16 March  
w/c 23 March

Any sessions cancelled due to staff changes will be held in the last week of term, w/c 30 March

## SPRING TERM CLUBS

Following on from parent feedback last term, the bookings for Spring Term clubs will open on Wednesday 13 November 8.00pm via SchoolsBuddy.

Just to remind you of the process:

1. From Wednesday 13 November you will be able to make your club selections on SchoolsBuddy (website or app)
2. When making selections you can rank your preferences on any given day from 1 (the club your child would like to do most that day) to 5. If there is only 1 club your child wants to do on a particular day, you can just rank it as 1, but please bear in mind that this doesn't mean that you will definitely be allocated that club. Please rank club preferences by day – NOT across the whole week
3. When you have made your selection, please make sure you submit it, at which point you will receive an email titled '*The Belham Primary School After School Clubs selection confirmation*'
4. You will receive the confirmation of which club your child has been allocated on Wednesday 20 November and will be required to pay for clubs in full by the first day of the Spring Term
5. Bookings for Earlybirds and Owls will open once club selections have been confirmed

## FoB NEWS

### Congratulations and Welcome!

Thank you to everyone that took the time to come to the AGM on Wednesday night.

We are delighted to announce that a new committee was elected.

Adam Scott as Chair

Shaun Kirby as Treasurer

Hannah Cleaton-Roberts as Secretary

We're still on the lookout for one or more co-chairs - the more the better.

We would also like to give massive thanks to all the FoB committee for all their energy, enthusiasm and hard work last year.

It was epic, so many fantastic events.

Extra special thanks to Alessia, Patricia, Caroline, Radha and Tom who are stepping down from FoB this year as class reps. Michelle, Pat and Rich will continue in their roles for the rest of this term along with the new committee.

### Parent Year Reps

Welcome to Debbie, Elliot, Abba, Grace, Louise and Julie who are new class reps. We're looking for another six.

Each class within the school will have ideally two class representatives.

We are looking for:

**Year 3:** 2 from Corduroy

**Year 4:** 1 from Taffeta

**Year 5:** 1 from Denim

**Year 5:** 2 from Calico

### Huge Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone came along to our first ever Halloween face painting event.

We raised an AMAZING, £135 which is 45 little faces!

A very special thank you to Val for organising the event, face painters Hannah, Elena, Abba and Martha, Marq & Ian for manning the gate.

## FoB NEWS

### FoB Events

#### Christmas Cards

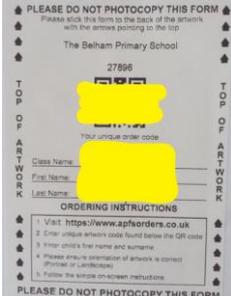
If all goes well, Christmas card artwork should on its way home in book bags by the time your read this.

You can order cards online, details are on the back of the artwork ( example below).

**Christmas Card order deadline: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November.**

If you have any questions, please contact Julia at

[juliaparfitt@gmail.com](mailto:juliaparfitt@gmail.com)



### Belham Christmas Fair 2019

**Saturday 30th November, 12 – 3pm**

### Volunteer Requests!

#### Stall Shifts

We still have a lot of shifts to fill.

The fair is such a fantastic school event and we can only do it with your help.

We are looking for volunteers for 1 hour shifts for set up, clear away and all the stalls.

Shift times are:

Set Up: 10 -12am – 1 person needed

Shift 1: 12am-1pm – 3 people needed

Shift 2: 1pm-2pm – 13 people needed

Shift 3: 2pm-3pm – 16 people needed

Clear up: 3pm-4pm– 3 people needed

**Please send an email to Michelle on**

[michellehardy1975@gmail.com](mailto:michellehardy1975@gmail.com) if you can help in any way.

# THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

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Main Committee Members: Adam Scott, Hannah Cleaton-Roberts, Shaun Kirby

Contact Email: [friendsofbelham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com)

## FoB Christmas Trees

Buy your Christmas trees from FoB and raise money for the school. We made an amazing £870 last year from Christmas tree sales alone!

We will be selling fantastic quality Nordmann Fir Christmas Trees. These can be purchased in advance, with pick-up after 12pm at the Christmas fair.

Prices are between 20-30% lower than local retailers, with a variety of sizes available!

We appreciate that the 30th sounds very early for a Christmas tree but the next day is the 1st December!

You can also store your tree outside in a shelter position for a week before you put it up inside. In the link below we have included care instructions for the trees.

Please note that stands are not included.

## Tree order deadline: Thursday 21st November.

3-4ft (100-125cm) £27  
4-5ft (125-150cm) £30  
5-6ft (150-175cm) £34  
6-7ft (175-200cm) £41  
7-8ft (200-225cm) £50

[www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/315228](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/315228)

## FoB Donation Requests!

### Fairy light donations

We will be decorating the hall for the fair and are looking for fairy lights that we can borrow.

If you have any please put them into the FoB box in reception with a label on the lights so we can return them.

### Kids Lucky Dip

The prizes will be jars of all different sizes each one filled with all the things kids love!

It would be amazing if possible for each child at the school to fill 2 glass jars (of any size & without their labels) with small toys (stuff that you get in party bags), Sweets, Collecting cards etc. If you have things to fill the jars but no jars we are happy to take those and alternatively if you have jars but nothing to fill them we are happy to take those.

**\*Please make sure any sweets/snacks are nut free\***



## Pom Pom Stall

We are doing our first ever pom pom stall this year. Not only can you buy them premade but the children can also make them to take away.

We urgently need any spare wool that you might have. Please put it into the FoB box in reception.

## Raffle

Do you have any gifts that you have never used, bottles of drink you have never drunk?

Do you know any local businesses that would like to donate a voucher?

We are looking for donations of anything that would make a fabulous raffle prizes.

Please leave in the FoB box in reception or email Kath at [kathmacleod184@gmail.com](mailto:kathmacleod184@gmail.com) for more info.

## Hampers Auction

Following the success of the summer fair hampers, we will be doing some more for the Christmas fair.

Hampers ideas so far are:

Festive food & drink hamper  
Pamper hamper

If you have any ideas for hampers or are happy to put one together, please email Kath at [kathmacleod184@gmail.com](mailto:kathmacleod184@gmail.com). Or if you have items that could fill the hampers please put them in the drop box in reception.

FoB have a MASSIVE box (clearly marked FoB) that is now located just inside the door to the school reception/office. Please put all your Jars in there. Many thanks in advance!

## Good condition toys and second hand Uniform

Drop off dates are:

- Friday 15th November
- Friday 22nd November

No baby toys please.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**FoB Quiz Night – Wednesday 12th February 2020**

Venue - Peckham Liberal Club, Elm Grove

## FoB camping

**Friday 19th, Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st June**

Venue: South London Scout Centre, Grange Lane, SE21 7LH.