

HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Two years ago, pupils at the Belham elected their first School Council representatives. Unfortunately, their tenure was cut short because of the first lockdown. This term, we will be relaunching our School Council with brand new representatives from Years 2 to 6. In next week's assembly, I will be talking with the children about why we should have a School Council and how a School Council can provide a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions which impact upon them. Children who would like to represent their class will be invited to write a short statement to read out to their class. This should include:

- Why they would like to represent their class
- Why they would make a good representative
- How they would improve the school
- What they think the most important Belhamite Value is and how they would embody it.

It would be great if parents could support their children with their speeches – if they require it! – and help them practise at home. Elections will take place in the week before half term.

FLU VACCINATIONS – WED 13 OCT

If you would still like your child to receive the flu vaccine please make sure to complete this online form – <https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2021/southwark>

The form will close on **Sunday evening**. Your child will not be able to receive the vaccine if you have not completed the form. As these forms are now handled by the immunisation team there is nothing we can do if you don't complete it before the form closes. Many thanks!

CONSENT FORMS FOR TRIPS INSIDE LONDON

Parents should have received a notification from SchoolsBuddy to complete a consent form for all trips for this academic year within London. If there are trips outside of London or involving water, a separate consent form will be sent.

PACKED LUNCHES

Please could we remind you that we are a NUT FREE school. If you are providing a packed lunch for your child, it should not contain food items with nuts, chocolate, sweets, or fizzy drinks.

KEY DATES

Monday 11th October

Y2 – SWIMMING

Wednesday 13th October

Y6 – SWIMMING

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Thursday 14th October

The Belham Art Show – 6pm-7pm (entry via Maxted Gate)

Friday 15th October

Y4 – SWIMMING

TRIP - Y3 - Butser Ancient Farm (**packed lunch required**)

TRIP – Y5/6 Lyndhurst Football Fixture (*Parents have been contacted by TEXT if your child is involved*)

TRIP – Y4 SportsFusion Cup Tournament (*Parents have been contacted by TEXT if your child is involved*)

(**packed lunch required**)

Sunday 17th October

FOB Fun Run @ 10am

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October

Parents' Evenings (please go to your SchoolsBuddy account to book)

Friday 22nd October

Wear **RED** Day – **Show Racism the RED card**

Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October

Half term

Thursday 4th November

Reception Vision Screening @ 09:30am

Monday 8th November

TRIP - Y5 & Y6 Tag Rugby Festival @ Dulwich Hamlet (*Parents will be contacted by the school if their child is involved*)

Tuesday 9th November

TRIP - Y3 & Y4 Tag Rugby Festival @ Dulwich Hamlet (*Parents will be contacted by the school if their child is involved*)

Friday 17th December

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

ENGLAND STAR!



What better example can our Belhamites have than Miss Robinson! Miss Robinson, who teaches Year 4 Chiffon, has been selected (once again!) to represent England at the European Curling Championships in Norway from 18th-28th November 2021. Naomi has been curling since the age of 12 and look at how far she has come! We could not be prouder of her hard work and dedication, not only to The Belham but to her training. Good luck Naomi, we'll be rooting for you!

Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6 INTERHOUSE TOURNAMENT

Y3 – Effra = winners!

Y5 – A draw between Ravensbourne and Falconbrook. The game went on for 5 minutes extra time and the teams couldn't be separated. Both teams fought well and competed.

Y6 – Effra = winners!

THIS GIRL CAN!

The first term is always a time for reflection, especially in terms of the parity between different groups within our school when it comes to taking part in certain activities. With the re-launch of competitive sports post Covid, we have been busy with sporting try-outs for our many mixed events and have noticed that our female athletes are less represented in both try-outs (that are voluntary) and squads. This is something that we want to improve.

We have always provided extra resources to promote sports amongst our females and have had a number of initiatives from female-only sports sessions at lunchtime to female-only fixtures. Over the next year we plan to do even more – so watch this space! If you have any ideas about this, please get in touch.

Y3 TRIP TO BUTSER VILLAGE

Year 3 will need to be at school at **8.15am** with their wellies on and a pair of shoes to wear on the way home. Arrival back at school is expected to be **3.30pm**. Children do not need to wear uniform but must be wearing clothes that are warm and that you do not mind getting dirty. Please bring a waterproof jacket. A healthy packed lunch and a snack for the journey home is required.

Y5&6 TRIP – LYNDHURST FOOTBALL FIXTURE

Try-outs for the Lyndhurst Football match took place on Tuesday. If your child is taking part you will have been contacted directly. They will be leaving for Warwick Gardens on Friday after lunch at 1pm and will be back in time for pick up. We are in need of some parent volunteers – please contact the office if you are able to help. **PLEASE BRING PE KIT**

Y4 TRIP – SPORTSFUSION CUP TOURNAMENT

Try-outs for the Sportsfusion Cup Tournament took place in the Year 4 PE lessons this week so that everyone had the chance to be involved. If your child is taking part, you will have been contacted directly. Participants will be leaving on Friday at **8:30am** from the school and will need a packed lunch. They will be back at school in time for pick up. This will be taking place at Ferndale Sports Centre, on Ferndale Rd. We are in desperate need of two parent volunteers – please contact the office if you are able to help. Many thanks!

PLEASE COME IN PE KIT.

PECKHAM SPORTS LEAGUE FRIENDLY FIXTURE

We are pleased to let you know that on Wednesday 13th October, our Peckham Sports League after school club will be playing against St Mary Magdalene Primary School. Pick up will be at 4:30pm from Bellenden Gate.

PE & SWIMMING AUTUMN TERM 2021

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Y1 PE	RE PE	Y2 DANCE	Y1 PE	Y4 SWIM
Y2 SWIM	Y5 PE	Y3 PE	Y1 YOGA	Y6 PE
Y3 YOGA		Y4 PE	Y3 PE	
		Y6 SWIM	Y5 PE	
			Y6 PE	

Creative Reflection Time next week will be
about:
World Mental Health Day

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: COMPETITIVE FOOTBALL

Many of you have asked if we would set up a competitive football team for some of our Key Stage Two children (Year 3-6) that would compete in more formal leagues. In order to do this we would need to heavily rely on parent volunteers. If you are able to commit to the following please get in touch:

- A morning practice session (08:00-08:45) at least five weeks out of ten in a term.
- A Saturday between 09:30-12:00; at least three over any given term.
- Helping out regardless of your child being selected for the team.
- Potentially undertaking some basic online training (1-2 hours).

Tom Turnham

PARENTS' EVENING

We are delighted to invite you to our first parents' evenings of the year. These will take place on **Wednesday 20th** and **Thursday 21st October**.

In response to feedback from parents, there will be a number of virtual appointments available on Wednesday afternoon for Years R, 1, 3, and 5, and Thursday afternoon for Years 2, 4 and 6.

Booking is now open on SchoolsBuddy and will close on **Friday 15th October**. Please log in to your SchoolsBuddy account to book.

Here is a guide on how to make your booking:
<https://managebac.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360041715351-Making-a-Parents-Evening-Parent-Conference-Booking>

If your child receives support in the form of an EHC Plan, please do not book using this link. We will be in touch directly to schedule your next meeting.

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.

THE BELHAM ART SHOW – THURS 14TH OCT

Our Belham Art Show will be on Thursday 14th October and we would love to see as many of you as possible! This event no longer needs to be ticketed so it will be a free flow entry from 6pm-7pm. Please come along and view first-hand the incredible creative work our Belhamites have been producing!

ATTENDANCE

Now, as always, it is crucial that children are in school. Even one day or afternoon away can place them at a disadvantage. Any requests for days off or early finishes must be put in writing. Please note these will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.

PARENT ZONE LOCAL PROGRAMME

At The Belham, we know how important it to keep our children safe online, and the vital role that parents, carers, and guardians play in helping teach our young people the protective skills and behaviours that they need to safely navigate the digital world – whether that's social-media, apps, or gaming.

To coincide with *Digital Parenting Week* (11th-15th October), Southwark will be offering all families that need it a year of free support through the new *Parent Zone Local* programme.

To access the *Parent Zone Local* programme, and the wide range of free support, please visit their website: pzlocal.org.uk

Please also see attachments for more details.

WATERPROOFS NEEDED!

Reception are looking for donations of rain suits/ waterproof clothing. If you have anything at home that your children have grown out of, then please drop them off at the Reception gate at pick-up/ drop off. Thank you!

RECEPTION PLACES 2022/23

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 and are now open [here](#).

It would be useful for us to understand how many siblings we may have applying.

If this applies to you, please contact Catherine Ross on info@thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk



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ART EXHIBITION 2021

Thursday 14th October 2021 6pm – 7pm
165 Bellenden Road, SE15 4DG (entrance via Maxted Gate)

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FUN RUN

SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER

At Peckham Rye Park (by the dog-free picnic area)

3km run, 10am
(warm-up 9.45am)
awards for Y4-Y6

1.5km run, 11am
(warm-up 10.45am)
awards for YR-Y3

Followed by a picnic in the dog-free area to celebrate

Entry: FREE
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/586304>

GET SPONSORED!

Help us raise funds towards
the upgrade of the school art
and design 'Makers Room'

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/belhammakersroom>



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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

Sunday 17th Oct, 10am	Fun Run, Peckham Rye
Saturday 4 th December	Christmas tree sale

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We have **just over a week to go** until our school Fun Run from 9.45am on Sunday 17th October at Peckham Rye Park! Details are all in the attached poster!

We really need some more volunteers to ensure this event can take place safely, so please sign up here if you can spare your time to help marshal on the course: <https://forms.gle/Yd1gCpTYBqQywkH26> You can split the time with a partner or friend if that makes it work for you, and some roles can be done with a child at your side!

What you need to do:

* Pre-register

here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/586304>.

* Get creative with your outfits - we've got prizes for best fancy dressed runner and family!

* Raise sponsorship for your child through our Just Giving page
here: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/belhammakersroom> - click 'Start Fundraising' to set up your own sponsorship page linked to the campaign or ask family and friends to directly donate on there. Funds raised will support the school to upgrade their 'Maker's Room' (art, craft, design, technology) - our campaign is aiming to raise £11,500 so we need as many sponsors as possible for this event.

SCHOOL FAIR PROCEEDS

The final net proceeds of the school fair are a **WHOPPING £4,162!!!** Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen by organising, volunteering or spending money at the fair! £2775 will go to FoB to support the school and £1387 to local charity Ignite Hubs to help their innovative educational work. Please see the attached letter from Ignite Hubs for more on the big impact this fundraising will have for them.

OUR PLAN FOR 2021/22

Thanks to those who attended the FoB meeting on Monday 4th. We had a great chat about plans for this year. In true Belhamite fashion, we are feeling ambitious! We would like to hold a lot of brilliant events this year that strengthen our school community, and raise £20,500 along the way for the Belham's glittering curriculum. Not all of this will come from you, we have events like the Fun Run where you can seek sponsorship from friends and family, and we'll be looking into grant funding too. It includes the £11,500 goal for the Makers Room upgrades, the upkeep of one of the Belham bee hives, a new Arts Fund to support theatre trips and performing arts in the school, and more. We'll keep you updated on the detail, and we'll need your support to make it happen. We're all part of Team Belham and it's going to be a great year!

Are you a festive fanatic? We need you!

Does the sound of sleigh bells set your heart racing? On December 4th we will be distributing our fundraising Christmas Trees in the playground. We would like to make this a fun festive event - maybe a Belham Christmas Market? - and we'd love your help. If creating a seasonal spirit is your thing, email friendsofbelham@gmail.com and join the team!

SEEKING NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We will hold our AGM in mid November and this is when new members are voted in to join the FoB committee.

This year, Adam (chair), Hannah (secretary) and Shaun (treasurer) will be standing down after two years. To keep the FoB running as a charity we will need a new team to take on these roles. Kathryn will stay on, so new committee members will have plenty of experience on hand to help them, and we will have a long handover period until January to ensure a smooth transition.

So we'd love to find three or more people who can help pilot the good ship FoB! If you have basic accounting skills then you could be a terrific treasurer, and the secretary gets the delightful job of putting this newsletter together.

Please drop us a line if you'd like to know more:

friendsofbelham@gmail.com

Fundraising Christmas trees

It's a long way away but if you'd like one of our great value, good quality, fundraising Christmas trees then please save the date of Sat 4th December when they will be at school to collect.

Other useful links

EasyFundraising – Sign up here for a percentage of your online shopping to go to FOB:

https://bit.ly/FoB_EasyFundraising

AmazonSmile – choose FOB as your charity on Amazon and we will receive a tiny percentage of your spending – it all adds up.

Symprove

Symprove, one of our Fun Run sponsors, has kindly offered a free 12 week trial to 10 parents of the Belham, each valued at £149. Symprove is a leading probiotic that has been clinically tested at Kings College Hospital to provide symptomatic relief to IBS/IBD sufferers. If you're interested please drop a note to support@symprove.com quoting 'Belham School Fun Run' and the team will be happy to help.