

# THE BELHAM BUZZ

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Now that Halloween and Bonfire Night are out of the way, Christmas preparations can begin in earnest and I can tune in to 24 hour Christmas songs on the radio without any guilt whatsoever. In the run up to the Christmas break, the Belham will be getting festive and holding several themed events where we invite parents to come into the school, including Open Classrooms, the Christmas Science Lecture, the Reception and Year 1 Nativity, and the Christmas Performance (Years 2,3,4). Open Classrooms will be taking place during the week beginning 19 November, and this is an opportunity for parents to spend some time with their child in class and see what they have been learning over the last term. For further details of when your child's Open Classroom will be, and of our other upcoming events, please refer to the Key Dates Planner that was sent out at the beginning of this term.

It is Anti-Bullying Week next week and your child will be taking part in activities linked to this year's theme, 'Choose Respect'. Bullying can have a huge impact on individuals involved which is why it is so important to talk about it at school and at home. More information about Anti-Bullying Week and a good parent advice page can be found [here](#).

## POPPY APPEAL

This year we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal at the Belham by selling poppies in the playground after school on Friday 9 November. We will be selling poppies from The Royal British Legion as well other poppy merchandise such as pencils, rulers and erasers. Year 4 will also be making flapjacks which we will be selling too. All money raised will go to the Poppy Appeal charity. On Monday 12 November we will be holding a 2 minutes silence in school with all the children and staff to mark Remembrance Day.

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Please remember to book your tickets via Eventbrite:

### Lights, Camel, Action – Reception and Year 1

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am \*SOLD OUT\*

### One Bright Star – Years 2, 3 and 4

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 2.00pm

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 6.15pm \*10 TICKETS LEFT\*

## KEY DATES

### Friday 9 November

FoB School Disco at the Peckham Liberal Club

### Monday 12 November

Bikeability – Taffeta class (please see below)

### Tuesday 13 November

Bikeability – Taffeta class (please see below)

### Wednesday 14 November

Bikeability – Denim class (please see below)

### Thursday 15 November

Bikeability – Denim class (please see below)

Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm. Please make sure children wear warm clothes and bring a packed lunch

FoB Quiz night at the Peckham Liberal Club, 7.30pm

### Friday 16 November

Deadline for ordering your Christmas Cards (please see Friends' Friendly Page for more details)

### Wednesday 28 November, 6.00pm

Community Christmas Science Lecture by the Royal Society. This event will be for parents and their children. Online booking will open next week – please see next week's Buzz for details

### Saturday 1 December, 11.00 – 2.00pm

FoB Christmas Fair – the first year in our new building!

## BIKEABILITY

Over the next 3 weeks children in Year 3 and 4 will be doing their Bikeability Training. If we have received your consent form (and you stated that your child will be using their own bike on the form) please make sure they bring in their bike and helmet on the relevant days:

Monday 12 November/ Tuesday 13 November - Taffeta

Wednesday 14 November/ Thursday 15 November - Denim

Monday 26 November/ Tuesday 27 November - Calico

Wednesday 28 November / Thursday 29 November - Satin

## PLANTING TREES IN THE LANEWAY

On the afternoon of 21 November Years 1 to 4 will be planting our new trees (donated by the Trees Trust) with the help of an expert from Tree for Cities. Please could you make sure your child has their wellies in school? If you have gloves or a trowel they could use please send that into school (labelled). Reception will be planting the next batch of plants later in the year.

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

SEEING MUSIC



## MATCH REPORT

This week we had several different matches being played. A girls' team played against Blackheath Prep School at Dulwich Hamlet's field and two mixed team played against Alleyn's at their ground. All of the teams performed valiantly, showing just how well they work together and communicate. Below is a segment of a match from one of the games.

The first chance came for Alleyn's when we gave them possession in our end of the pitch. Our defence was breaking up, with everybody sprinting behind the Alleyn's striker, Lucy. Only Andre and Matthew could keep up with her frightening speed. Andre saved the day by kicking the ball out to give them a corner and us a chance to catch our breath. Luckily Stanley was confident in goal and didn't let any of Alleyn's other attempts in.

We had a few missed opportunities at scoring because we weren't communicating and passing but we talked about it and promised each other that we would look up. Finally our moment of magic arrived, Matthew intercepted the throw in and charged down the left wing and scored before scoring another beautiful goal a short time later. The first thing I remember about the second half is me getting the ball just past the keeper after a great pass from Fin. Then Matthew set me up for another goal. Everyone played brilliantly: Claris, Evelina and Liliana

**Match report by Rufus (Calico Class)**

## NEW ! STEAM TEAM CHALLENGE



Children have been invited to enter their STEAM Team into a new lunchtime club. Each half term there will be a new Challenge. This half term, the teams will have one lunchtime to make their bridge and for their bridge to be tested. Their result will be added to the leader board. All resources will be provided. The winners will be announced at the end of the half term. I will inform the children of their challenge date. Please see the attachment to this Buzz for full details.

## STEAM QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question of the week will be announced on a Friday in Assembly and in the Belham Buzz. Winners will now be announced on a Monday in the celebration assembly.



### This week's question:

How do you think people will travel in 50 years' time?

Extra challenge: What fuel do you think we will be using in 50 years' time?

Please draw or write your answers on a piece of paper with your name and class.

### Last week's question:

Why do trees lose their leaves in Autumn?

*This week's winners:*

Ella- Grace (Felt)

Evie Guthrie (Denim)

Louis Michael (Taffeta)

## I DIG SATURDAY!

Don your wellies and come help us prepare for the new arrivals at the Belham. The tarmac will be up, so we can set to digging holes and preparing the ground for the kids to plant saplings and shrubs which arrive in November! Contact [harriet\\_bailey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:harriet_bailey@yahoo.co.uk) for more info and to sign up (tea, coffee and cake will be provided!)

# THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

Friends of  
Belham



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## FoB NEWS

### AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM. We are really grateful for those who have requested to join FoB's committee. However, we are still seeking a Secretary to replace Chloe so if you are interested, please contact us at the above address.

### School Disco – TODAY!

It's school disco time - almost right now! Sessions are:

Reception: 3:45pm – 4:30pm

Years 1 and 2: 4:45pm – 5:30pm

Years 3 and 4: 5:45pm – 6:30pm

Entry is £3 on the door, an extra £1 if children would like squash and crisps. Parents must remain within their children throughout.

### Christmas Cards – Order Deadline 16 November

The printers should have returned the children's Christmas card artwork to the school by the time you see this, so please check book bags and online order details.

### FoB Quiz Night

Is now sold out! We look forward to seeing everyone on the night.

### Raising Money While Shopping on Line

Another reminder of this excellent platform. When doing any form of online shopping (holidays, flights, groceries, clothes, insurance, etc), please buy via FoB's Easyfundraising [page](#). This is a safe way of raising funds from 3,500 shops and sites with no extra cost to you.

### Christmas Fair – Saturday 1 December 11am-2pm

This will be our first Christmas fair in the school building. We have loads of fantastic stalls this year including kids' lucky dip, pre-loved toys, pre-loved uniform, bake off competitions, biscuit decorating, face painting, mulled wine, raffles, kids' arts and crafts AND a very special appearance from Santa in the grotto. More info to follow.

### Christmas Fair Stall Volunteers Needed!

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered. We need one more person for shift 1 (11am--12pm) and more volunteers for shift 2 (12pm-1pm), shift 3 (1pm-2pm), and clear up (2pm-3pm). Please send an email to [michellehardy1975@gmail.com](mailto:michellehardy1975@gmail.com) if you can help.

## FoB NEWS

### Stall Donation Requests

#### Kids' Lucky Dip

The prizes will be jars of all different sizes each one filled with things kids love! It would be amazing for each child at the school to fill 2 glass jars (of any size and without labels) with small toys (stuff that you get in party bags), nut-free sweets, collecting cards etc. Please kindly deposit in the marked FoB box in the office/reception area of the school.

#### Good Condition Toys and Second-Hand Uniform

Please bring your donations on any of these \*Thursdays\*: 15, 22 or 29 November to the playground and leave them in the usual place outside the Year 1 classrooms.

#### Raffle

Do you have any gifts that you have never used, bottles of alcohol you have never drunk, work for companies that could donate prizes? We are looking for any donations that would make a fabulous raffle prizes. Please leave in the marked FoB box in the office/reception area or email [michellehardy1975@gmail.com](mailto:michellehardy1975@gmail.com) for more info.

#### Christmas Trees – Order Deadline 22 November

Buy your Nordmann Fir Christmas tree from FoB and raise money for the school! Prices are about 20-30% lower than local retailers. Order [here](#) with pick up after 12pm at the Christmas Fair. Prices are:

3-4 ft (100-125cm) £26      6-7ft (175-220cm) £40

4-5ft (125-150cm) £30      7-8ft (200-225cm) £50

5-6ft (150-175cm) £34

#### FoB Facebook Group

Is now LIVE! The page will provide information of upcoming FoB events and a central parent/carer forum for Belham-related discussions. To request to join, follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/355496675010142/>