

## HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

It was with great sadness that we received the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II yesterday. Her example of a lifetime spent in extraordinary service and dedication to others is something that has been a constant in the background of all of our lives.

We had an assembly with our KS2 children this afternoon to think about all that she has brought to the country and the wider world and consider how our values are reflected in her example. We will continue this conversation and opportunity for reflection with whole-school assemblies and discussions in class next week.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at the gates this week and children demonstrating our value of Enthusiasm getting stuck back into the new term.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As you know, October is Black History Month. We are looking at ways we can mark and celebrate this at The Belham. In the past, we have had visitors, speakers, had a whole school Black History Month CRAZE Week and studied African Kingdoms. This year, we would like to have a range of opportunities to mark the event through the course of October, in our curriculum and beyond.

We are holding a meeting next Friday 16th September at 3.45pm with parents and carers, trustees and staff to raise and discuss ideas. It would be great to see you there. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

## ARTSMARK PLATINUM AWARD!

We are thrilled to announce that our brilliant Belhamites have been awarded the Platinum Artsmark, which is the highest award for arts leadership teaching and engagement in schools. Led with inspiration by Nancy Wayman and Kate Gorely and ambitiously supported by the whole Belham team. We are incredibly proud!



**Artsmark  
Platinum Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

## KEY DATES

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Morning & after school clubs begin

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September

'Meet the teacher' 5pm-5:30pm or 5:30pm-6pm (all parents welcome; please arrive at 4:55 for 5pm entry or 5:25 for 5:30pm entry)

### Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Individual & sibling school photos

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

**TRIP** – Y5 trip to the Globe (packed lunch required)

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Flu Immunisations (**please complete online form by 2<sup>nd</sup> October**)

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 28 October

*Half Term: October (TWO WEEKS)*

## MEET THE TEACHER

We are holding our 'Meet the Teacher' event on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. This is an opportunity to find out more about what your children will be learning in class this year. Parents can attend one of two sessions: 5-5.30pm or 5.30-6pm. There is no need to book; please just come to the main gate on Bellenden Road either at 4.55pm for the 5pm session or at 5.25pm for the 5:30pm session. There will also be an opportunity to meet all of the core leadership team who will be based in the PE hall with tea and coffee! We hope to see as many of you as possible.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2023

If your child is due to start secondary school in September 2023, applications are now open. Please see all the information you need [here](#). Please note the closing date for applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**.

## PE AND SWIMMING AUTUMN TERM

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### **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



