

THE BELHAM BUZZ

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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone. Hopefully our young Belhamites are feeling suitably rested after the half term break. This time of year is typically very busy: as well as our usual trips and workshops, we will also have the children's Christmas performances and the Friends of Belham Christmas Fair, so do make a note of important dates.

The festival of Diwali was celebrated last weekend by Hindus across the world. The focus of my assemblies this week will be Diwali and I would like to invite any child who celebrated to talk about their experience to their peers. Reception and Key Stage 1 assembly takes place on Monday; Key Stage 2 assembly is on Tuesday.

Thank you to the Friends of Belham for organising yet another fundraiser this week. Halloween face painting was a great success and the FoB managed to raise around £135 for the school.

CRAZE WEEK – CONFLICTS AND REMEMBRANCE

The theme for CRAZE week this year is conflicts and remembrance. There will be lots of activities going on throughout the week, from building Anderson shelters, to writing film scripts, experiencing war time evacuation, to creating a memorial to the women of war, as well as a whole school poppy making project to commemorate all the Commonwealth soldiers.

Each year group will have a workshop or a guest visitor, and Years 1 and 4 will have a workshop with a soldier from World War 2. They will learn about life on the front line, code breaking of Bletchley Park, as well as what life was like during the Blitz and evacuation. Year 5 will be have a workshop where they will learn all about how women's lives changed dramatically during the course of the war. Years 2 and 3 will be having a visitor from The British Legion and finally we have a volunteer speaker, Pauline Burgoine, who will be coming in to talk about her experience of war.

The children's work from CRAZE week will be showcased in a very special exhibition after school on Friday 15 November, 3:30-4:30, so please make sure you pop in to see the wonderful work that the children have produced.

Creative reflection time next week will be about:

BONFIRE NIGHT

KEY DATES

Monday 4 November

Year 1 to V&A : packed lunch needed

Year 3 River Dipping trip : packed lunch needed

Tuesday 5 November

Year 4 mixed football vs DHJS at DHJS 1:30-2:30

Wednesday 6 November

Year 5 catch-up swimming

Year 2 swimming

Thursday 7 November

Velvet class to National Portrait Gallery: packed lunch needed

Flu Immunisations – all year groups

Year 5 mixed netball vs DHJS at DHJS 1:30-2:30

RECEPTION FLOWER BEDS – HELP NEEDED

We need your muscles and wheelbarrows! Next Friday (8 November) after school, we plan to fill the new Reception flower beds with gravel and soil (which you may have seen in the main playground) so that they can start planting bulbs etc. If you are available to help out between 3:45-5:30, could you please contact the office?

As this going to be all-consuming work (and thinking about Health & Safety), we can't accommodate any children helpers.

SAVE THE DATE: 18 JANUARY 2020

Belham families have been offered free family tickets to see Dulwich Hamlet Football Club vs. Chippenham on 18 January 2020. The ticket request form will come out soon so please watch this space!

SMART WATCHES

With Christmas approaching we know there will be children possibly receiving the gift of a watch. Could we take this opportunity to remind you that we welcome the children wearing, let's call them, "traditional" watches!

Of late, however, we have had a number of children coming in with watches that have games and cameras on them. These are not suitable for school as they are very distracting in the classroom when children are needing to focus on their learning. There are also very real safeguarding issues around the accessibility to a camera when we have children in school whose images cannot be taken or shared. Thank you for your understanding.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

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FoB NEWS

Chairs please

The AGM where the new committee is elected is on Wednesday (6th November). People have come forward for the treasurer and secretary roles, which is great. However, without one or two chairs to help organise, it's going to be a lot for them to do.

If you think you could help, please come forward at the AGM vote or email Michelle and Patrick:
michellehardy1975@gmail.com
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Huge Thanks

A huge thank you to everyone who baked, brought, bought and sold the many cakes, biscuits and buns for the Friends of Belham cake sale.

We raised an AMAZING, £375!

A very special thank you to the fabulous Year 3 volunteers who worked their socks off selling all the cakes.

FoB Events

Christmas Cards

We sent all the children's Christmas Card artwork to the printers yesterday. They plan to scan them and get them back to the school next week, so keep an eye out for artwork in book bags from next Tuesday (bonfire night). You can order cards online, details are on the back of the artwork (example below).

Christmas Card order deadline: Thursday 14th November.

If you have any questions, please contact Julia at juliaparfitt@gmail.com

FoB NEWS

Annual General Meeting and parent social Wednesday 6th November at the school Doors open at 6:30pm, meeting starts at 7pm Cash & card bar until 10:30pm

This year we would like to combine our AGM with a parent social.

The first half of the evening will be the FoB committee presenting our activities and monies raised over the previous year as well as the purchases and contributions we have made on behalf of the school. The second half will be the opportunity to chat with other parents and us with a bar!

Belham Christmas Fair 2019 Saturday 30th November, 12 – 3pm

FoB Christmas Trees

Buy your Christmas trees from FoB and raise money for the school!

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.

Prices:

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