

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Our Year 4s have always been a special bunch of children, who decided to transfer from other schools in Year 1 initially in 2015, and then again in Year 3 in 2017, when we were able to accommodate more pupils. Parents actively bought into our vision of glittering educational possibilities.

As we reach the end of the year and look to the last two years of primary schooling, we know of a couple of children who will be relocating out of London. We are sad to see them go.

But we wondered if any of you knew parents who might be keen for their current Year 4 children at other schools to experience their last two years of education at the Belham, before that significant move to secondary school. You know best how the school operates and how your children have developed socially, academically and creatively since they've been with us and this is a great opportunity for other children to experience the Belham magic.

They are more than welcome to give us a ring, take a look at the school and are under no obligation!

SCHOOLSBUDDY : NEW SCHOOL SYSTEM

In preparation for the new academic year, we will be rolling out a single new school-parent management system called SchoolsBuddy. This aims to simplify the booking systems for Earlybirds and Owls, Before and After School clubs, Parents Evenings and school trips. It will replace Parentpay, and Evolve and the Google Forms currently used to book Earlybirds and Owls. It will also enable parents to see all the bookings they have made for their children on a mobile app.

We are very excited about this system, and think it will make bookings easier for everyone involved. We will be holding a first session to take parents through the system on **Tuesday 18 June**, straight after drop off. An Eventbrite link to book into this session will be sent out after half term.

Creative reflection after half term will be about:

MEGALITHIC ART

KEY DATES

Monday 3 June

Class photos for all years; please make sure children wear correct uniform!

Wednesday 5 June

Year 4 to DT workshop at Alleyn's

Wednesday 10 July

SPORTS DAY This will take place in the afternoon at Alleyn's School. Pick up will be directly from Alleyn's

MUSIC PERFORMANCES

A reminder about an evening concert by the London Recorder Orchestra, in which Gennie Joy (our music teacher) plays. This might be of particular interest for some of Rachael's Recorder students. It's on Saturday 22nd June at 7pm:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/265254130941917/?ti=ia>

TRAVEL TRACKER

To help promote physical activity and to reduce carbon emissions, we are taking part in Living Streets WOW challenge. Children will be asked daily how they travelled to school, those children who walk, scoot, cycle or park and stride for most of the half term will be eligible to receive a WOW badge. The badges are made from recycled yogurt pots and can be included in your general recycling (once your child no longer want them on their uniform). More information about Living Streets plastic policy can be found at <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/recycling-wow-badges>

We will be looking into plastic free alternatives to encouraging non carbon emitting methods of traveling to school for the end of the next academic year. But for now our priority is to reduce the number of cars dropping off outside of our school gates.

SPANISH FERIA FESTIVAL

From Friday 25 May until Sunday 27 a Spanish Feria festival is going to be celebrated at Southbank. It is free to enter and it should be a great opportunity for our children to enjoy Spanish culture.

<https://www.londonnewsonline.co.uk/three-days-spanish-feria-festival-at-southbank-centre/>

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SATURDAY 8th June

Can you build the fastest pirate ship to cross the deadly waters of the Belham Rapids?

STEAM Team Challenge invites you to enter a team of family and friends to attempt to build the fastest pirate ship to cross the deadly waters of the Belham Rapids. All teams will be placed on the 'Leader Board' and prizes will be awarded.

There will be two prizes that will be presented in the opening assembly of STEAM Week on Monday 10th June.

1. The Swiftest Pirate Ship
2. Most Sophisticated Design

Please drop in at any time between 9.30am and 1pm. All materials will be provided. Parents are expected to supervise their children and work collaboratively with their child's team. Please book your team by clicking the Eventbrite link below (so we have an idea of numbers).

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/steam-team-challenge-tickets-62348725717>

FREE entry to all teams!

THE BELHAM FUN RUN

Please find attached to the Buzz, everything that you will need to know in order to take part in the Belham Fun Run. This is a fantastic opportunity for your children to get fit whilst raising funds for the school! If your child was given a sponsorship form at school, they do not need to bring it back. Money can be collected or donations can be made using the following link:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/belham-fun-run-2019

For more information, please read the attachment.



Where does a rainbow come from?

Please write your answers on a piece of paper with your NAME and CLASS by THURSDAY 6th June.

Challenge: Can you create a rainbow? But NOT by drawing it.



Dan Science is back by popular demand. So if you missed him last time, now is your chance!

Science shapes our everyday lives and the world around us. At The Belham we are encouraging our Belhamites to have a lifelong journey with science. Dan's Christmas Lecture titled 'Explosive Food', inspired a sense of wonder and excitement with science and a real buzz about the school. Many pupils and parents asked when Dan was going to return, well he is back with a new show based on our STEAM Week topic, 'Journeys'.

He will be presenting two community shows:

Thursday 13th June 2019

x100 tickets 3.40- 4.40 pm

x140 tickets 6.15- 7.15 pm

Tickets at £3 each:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofbelham/268997>

Main Committee Members: Patrick Murray, Michelle Hardy, Richard Knowles

Contact Email: friendsofbelham@gmail.com

FoB NEWS

FoB Poster Frames

We are very excited to have our poster frames installed! These are located on the building wall outside of year 1 classrooms and on the wall to the right as you enter the gate to reception.

There are 2 coloured frames – yellow for FoB and blue for the school.

Please look in these for FoB news and events.



FUN Run - Sunday 9th June, 10am @Peckham Rye Park

Only 2 weeks until our first Belham Sponsored Fun Run!

Adult run: 5K (3 times around the route)

Children's run: 1 mile (once around the route)

SCHEDULE

9.30am The Fun Run Team will be available in the dog free picnic area for any final queries.

9.45am Adult run warm-up

10.00am Adult 5km run. 3 laps of the course (see route map)

10.45am Children's run warm-up

11.00am Children's 1mile run. 1 lap of the course (see route map)

Once everyone has finished the run then we can all relax and enjoy a picnic in the dog free area of the park!

***PLEASE REGISTER SO THAT WE KNOW HOW MANY RUNNERS THERE ARE GOING TO BE.**

When registering please indicate the number of people runners, adults and children*

FoB NEWS

Our first Belham Fun Run is being held so that we can raise money to continue the amazing work on The Belham Lane Garden, so please encourage your friends and family to sponsor you. Sponsorship is not just for the children – adults running can also be sponsored!

You can either collect the money using the attached sponsor form, picking one up from the school reception or via the following link:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/belham-fun-run-2019

When sponsoring on the Justgiving page please click on Donate and leave a message saying who you are and who you are sponsoring.

If you are using the sponsor form please collect the sponsor money as you are getting sponsored and bring it with you on the day of the fun run.

Please see the attachment for the course map, FAQs and a copy of the sponsorship form.

FoB Camping Weekend - Friday 21st June until Sunday 23rd June

We now have just 77 tickets left for Friday night – all places for Saturday day and Saturday night have sold out. Anyone who attended last time can tell you it was an amazing weekend.

Dates:

Fri 21st June 2019 5:00 pm - Sun 23rd June 2019 noon

Location:

South London Scout Centre, Grange Lane, SE21 7LH

* Ticket Tailor sales are now closed, please email friendsofbelham@gmail.com to buy tickets for the Friday night.

The Friends of Belham Bags2school – Thursday 13th June

A great way to teach your children how to recycle clothes so that they can go to people that are need of them.

For every kilo weighed FoB will receive 40p.

THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY

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This gives you all a chance over the half term to have a clear out! If you fill up the bag that you have been given, you can fill more in black bin bags.

Bring your bags to school **ON** the morning of the 13th June at drop off to the main playground.

Please do not bring your bags in before as we have nowhere to store them.



We accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Curtains
- Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We **do not** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Summer Fair – Saturday 6th July

Drop off days for Good Condition Toys, Second Hand Uniform & Good Condition Books are:

Friday 7th June

Friday 14th June

Friday 21st June

Please start dropping off donations for Kids Lucky Dip, Lego, Raffle items into the FoB box in reception. These can be dropped off any day.

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 or more glass jars (of any size & without their labels) with small toys (stuff that you get in party bags), Sweets, Collecting cards etc

Please make sure any sweets/snacks are nut free

Guess the amount of Lego

Do you have any spare Lego you can donate?

We are hoping to fill a huge jar for people to guess the amount and the winner gets to keep the jar & Lego.

FoB have a MASSIVE box (clearly FoB) that is now located just inside the door to the school reception/office. Please put all your filled jars and Lego in there.

Many thanks in advance!

Good condition Toys and Second Hand Uniform

We will have drop off dates, but for the moment if you could please keep at home until we are ready.

Good Condition Books

Our first book stall will be at the fair this year. We are looking for book donations for all ages and can be fiction and non-fiction.

We will have drop off dates, but for the moment if you could please keep at home until we are ready.

Raffle

Do you have any prizes that you are happy to donate?

Friendly with any local businesses & won't mind asking them to donate a gift/ voucher?

Work for a company that could donate?

This year we will also be putting hampers together to auction. If you have any ideas for hampers or are happy to put one together, please let us know.

We will have drop off dates, but for the moment if you could please keep at home until we are ready.

Fair Volunteer Requests!

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

Shift 1: 12am--1pm

Shift 2: 1pm-2pm,

Shift 3: 2pm-3pm

Clear up: 3pm-4pm

Please send an email to Michelle on michellehardy1975@gmail.com if you can help in any way.