



## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NOTE

Next week, we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week at school, kicking off with our assemblies on Monday and Tuesday. The children's mental health charity, 'Place2Be', states that around three children in every primary class has a mental health problem, and many more struggle with other emotional challenges, such as bullying or bereavement.

This year's theme is 'Find your Brave' and children will have the opportunity to think about what bravery is and think about positive ways in which they can deal with difficult situations. If you would like to explore this subject with your children, there is a section on the website that gives [top tips](#) to parents and carers about how to help their children find their brave.

On the second page of the Belham Buzz, you will see that the school and our parents have worked together to try and secure the removal of the bus stop and make the area in front of the school safer, especially during drop off and pick up times. Although some progress has been made, there's still a long way to go and unfortunately implementing this kind of change is usually a long, drawn out process. In the meantime, there are a couple of measures that parents can take to ensure the safety of our community: not blocking the pavement once you have picked up your child but moving along swiftly, and if you drive, not pulling in to park in front of the school – please could you park elsewhere, even if you're in a hurry!

## UNIFORM SALE! 50% OFF!

Ahead of our online service launching in the summer, we will be having a uniform sale next week on Tuesday and Friday only, with up to **50% off!!** This does not include book bags and PE bags. Stock is limited so please come on these 2 mornings to get the discounted price. We will accept cash only.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb - main playground at 8:45am-9:15am**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb - reception gate at 8:30am-9am**

**Please note we won't be accepting any more uniform orders until after half term. Normal prices will resume.**

## KEY DATES

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb

Uniform sale 8:45am-9:15am [main playground](#)

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

Yr2 Swimming

Yr5 Swimming Catch up

TRIP: Yr4 Satin trip to Hindu Temple (packed lunch required) Temple very strict on items allowed inside: No meat, fish, egg, garlic, onion or mushroom

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

TRIP Yr3 Butser Ancient Farm (packed lunch required) no nuts, healthy snacks!

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

Uniform sale 8:30am-9am [Reception gate](#)

## STEAM WEEK

Last week we had a fantastic STEAM Week with every year group involved in designing and making bridges for a range of purposes. They had to think about their user, purpose, resources and evaluate their designs as they worked. We are also very grateful to those of you who took the time to come in and talk about your professions and run workshops. The STEAM parent/pupil workshops were also really fun so we hope to be adding more of these to our events in future.

Come along after school today to see the range of bridges made in our STEAM Exhibition - 3.30pm - 4.45pm.

## SUMMER TERM CLUBS

If there are any parents who would like to support or run a before or after school practice or club in the summer term please can you contact the office via email and let us know. All ideas welcome!

## CALLING ALL GRAPHIC DESIGNERS

Any graphic designers willing to help with a small project please could you contact Mr Turnham!

Head of School: Ms Liz Cohen | Email: [ecohen18.210@lgflmail.org](mailto:ecohen18.210@lgflmail.org) | Tel: 020 8353 4290

## BUS STOP AND SCHOOL GATES

As many families will be aware, we have a Bus Stop at our school gates. The school and the Belham Air Quality Group have been working together, requesting removal of the bus stop and also work to widen the pavement along the Bellenden Road side of our site.

The pavement needs to grow to safely accommodate Belhamites arriving and leaving school as well as other members of the community who share the space with us. Buses drawing in to the stop right in front of our school entrance present a direct danger to our children. The bus stop also needs to go in order for any pavement widening works to take place, and for school safety zig zags to be painted on the road.

We are aware that many families are also concerned about this issue as they have been asking what can be done - while we work on Southwark and TfL, we think it might be time for everyone to get involved!

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Kahn, has pledged to reply to any letters he receives from children, and is big on action to improve the air quality in London - he also oversees TfL and could help to speed up the process of suspending and then removing the bus stop.

We would like to deliver a large number of letters from the Belham children asking for a safe entrance to their school.

If you are concerned about this issue, please take the time to help your child(ren) write to Sadiq Kahn and drop your letter into the School Office before Half Term.

Any questions please email [harriet\\_bailey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:harriet_bailey@yahoo.co.uk) or speak to Mr Turnham.

Points you might like to make in your letter:

- *your experience of coming to school - does it feel safe along the pavement to the school gates?*

- *your experience of the bus stop at the school gate*

- *we have heard of many concerns, near-misses..*

- *what you would like to see - wider pavement? cleaner air (less bus fumes from buses idling at the stop), no traffic at all?*

- *please remove the bus stop from the school gates.*

- *please give us more room to walk/ scoot/ cycle to school, and more room for parents, buggies and other people not going to school too!*

- *please make it safer for us to get to school.*

**We look forward to receiving your letter and will deliver them to City Hall during Half Term week!**

# THE FRIENDS' FRIENDLY



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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](mailto:friendsofbelham@gmail.com)

## SCHOOL DISCO - FRIDAY 7th FEB

Get those glad rags on, because it's..... school disco time!

Peckham Liberal Club, 24 Elm Grove, SE15 5DE

Entry is £3 on the door per child

Sessions are as follows:

Reception and Year 1: 3:45pm – 4:30pm  
Years 2 and 3: 4:45pm – 5:30pm  
Years 4 and 5: 5:45pm – 6:30pm

Non-school siblings are welcome, school siblings can strut their stuff alongside their older/younger brothers/sisters, all can come.

Refreshments for children are available – drinks are free and crisps are 50p a packet during the session. Parents can use the Liberal Club cash only bar but must remain within their children throughout.

## FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY - FRI 27<sup>th</sup> MAR

Putt your troubles aside for one day, forget about your kids' bogeys, and join the Friends of Belham Golf Day on a beautiful course just a few miles from school. Golfing talent is not required!

You'll start the day with coffee a light breakfast, play 18 holes with fun and games along the way, and then enjoy a leisurely lunch.

Tickets are on sale now at a reduced price this year of £75 per player.

Please see link below for full details and tickets.

Any questions please

email [pauljmunro@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pauljmunro@yahoo.co.uk)

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/335823>

## QUIZ NIGHT - WEDS 12<sup>th</sup> FEB

Please join us at the Friends of Belham Quiz Night in the atmospheric Peckham Liberal Club. Over three-quarters of tickets are sold already, please don't delay if you want to play!

Doors open at 7:30pm with quiz starting at 8pm

TICKETS: £8 quiz entry, £20 for quiz & curry (food only available by pre-order, food orders will close at the end of Weds 5 Feb).

DRINKS: Please bring cash on the night for drinks from the club bar.

TEAMS: Group into teams of up to 6 and email the quizmaster Rich (details at link below). Or just buy a ticket, come on the evening and you will be welcomed into a team!

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofbelham/338410>

## EASTER EGG HUNT – SAT 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH

The Easter Bunny has confirmed that he will be visiting Lettsom Gardens on 28<sup>th</sup> March for the annual Easter Egg hunt, from 10.30 – 12.30 am. Watch this space for more details!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY EVENTS RUN BY EXTERNAL PROVIDERS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICES AND CLUBS) ARE NOT ENDORSED BY THE SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE**

## DIARY DATES

Here are the upcoming FOB activities, hope to see you at some of them...

School Disco	Friday 7 February
Quiz Night	Weds 12 February
Bag2School	Thurs 5 March
Golf Day	Friday 27 March
Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday 28 March
Fun Run	Sunday 3 May
Family Camping	Fri 19 – Sun 21 June

## BAG2SCHOOL - THURS 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH

A great way to teach your children how to recycle clothes so that they can go to people that are in need of them. FoB will receive 40p per kilo of items donated.

The office will distribute the bags into each child's schoolbag the week before half term, so that you can have a clear out over half term.

Please bring your bags to school **ON** the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> March at drop off to the main playground.

**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, bags. Hats, scarves, and ties, belts. Lingerie and socks. Jewellery. 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.

## SURVEY

Thanks so much to everyone who took part in the survey, we will be reporting back in a few weeks' time.

## OTHER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

**Koru Kids** will donate £100 to the school if you use the code the code SC1BELHAM when signing up an after school nanny. They have lots of nannies in our area and a number of parents are already using them.

**Company Match Funding:** if you think your company would be prepared match any donations you make to the school please get in touch with [hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com](mailto:hcleatonroberts@btinternet.com) - we already have some successful match funding arrangements in place.

## EASY FUNDRAISING - CASE STUDY

Bravely, on your behalf, your dauntless FOB secretary has ventured on a mission to see just how easy Easy Fundraising really is...

Step 1: I clicked on the link below, on my phone:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-belham/>

Step 2: I entered my email and set a password.

Step 3: As prompted, I downloaded the free easy fundraising app.

And that's it. Now if I want to go internet shopping, I click on the Easy Fundraising app and click on, let's say, John Lewis and lo and behold! If I buy something from John Lewis through the Easy Fundraising app, Easy Fundraising gives a whopping 2.5% straight to FOB. Amazon give 0.5%. It costs you nothing. It is **FREE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL**. It really is EASY. Why not click the link on the link now?