

Monday 12 September 2022

Voluntary Contributions 2022-23

Dear Parents and Carers,

We recognise that people are facing many challenges at the moment and so more than ever, we at the Belham greatly appreciate the continued support of our parents: from those who volunteer to accompany classes on trips to those who read weekly with our pupils.

We believe that every child deserves a diverse range of experiences to foster their natural curiosity and enthusiasm for the wider world, and to help them explore their place in it. At the Belham, our pupils' learning journey is enriched by educational visits to places of historical, scientific or cultural interest; to museums, theatres, farms, galleries, places of worship. We also enhance our in-school provision by inviting visitors into school – workshops and talks from artists, scientists, historians, authors and musicians give children a wider, richer view of life.

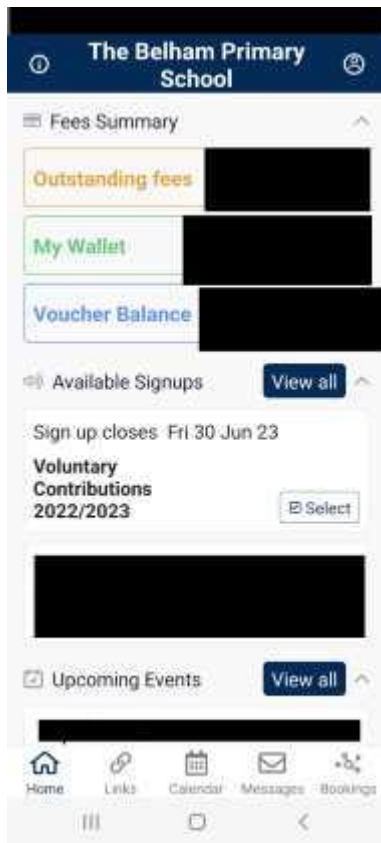
Last year's events have included visits to the Science Museum, Butser Ancient Farm and Battersea Zoo; an in-school project with London Sinfonietta; talks on biodiversity in the Amazon; workshops on the Great Fire of London, a visit from Pollock's Toy Museum, Vauxhall City Farm and Cuckmere Haven, a workshop with Little Angel Theatre and a visiting mobile planetarium – just a few of the exciting events made possible by your voluntary contributions. The more contributions we receive, the more of these experiences we can offer to all our pupils.

You can view a slideshow of some of these events on the Curriculum page of our website: <http://www.thebelhamprimaryschool.org.uk/curriculum.html>

With the pressures on school budgets increasing, few of these activities can take place without the help of our parents. Our funding simply cannot cover the large number of visits and events that are carefully planned by teachers to support the curriculum.

To enable us to continue to offer this 'glitter' to all our children, at the start of the school year we ask parents to consider sending in a contribution of £30 per term, or £90 per year – a little over £2 for each school week.

Voluntary contributions should be paid by SchoolsBuddy – on the app, you will see 'Voluntary contributions' under 'Available signups' near the top of the screen, under your fees summary:



Thank you to all our parents for your continued support in providing this vital part of your children's educational experience.

With best wishes
Liz Cohen