

Welcome and welcome back

If you are a carry-over from last year, welcome back and this is just a reminder about what the Friends of Belham is about.

If you are new I'd like to welcome you to the **Friends of Belham (FoB)** - an association similar to a PTA. All parents and guardians are automatically members, and others from the community can also apply to be members. Hopefully you'll be keen to be involved in some of our activities but there is no obligation - it'll be up to our elected committee (which is totally voluntary) to organise events and activities that have a wide range of appeal.

What we do

When we were setting up last year, we carried out a survey of parents and carers to let us know what you wanted FoB to do. Luckily the wider FoB ideas were the same as the committees! We'd like to organise a wide range of fun events for families and also social events for parents/carers as well as fundraise for specific school projects. Any money raised will only ever be used for children's activities or school projects and not for parents/guardians and committee activities.

We may also do some small events that raise money for a cause. We believe this to be within our mission when it leads to the children thinking about the world and its inhabitants as a whole that they interact with. Where we do this, we will have consulted the school and we will clearly publicise the cause so that people can choose whether or not to participate.

What we've done and going to do

We had a fantastic quiz in July, numerous cake sales, a children's disco, a few social evenings, face painting at the Bellenden Big Lunch and a Peckham Society Walk. Some of these were fund raisers and we've got our cheque book ready for buying equipment for the Copleston Gardens.

Ideas for the future include another disco, a Christmas Fayre, Christmas tree sales and many others.

Class Reps

Each of our committee members is also a class rep and should be your first point of call for any questions and ideas:

Poplin: Alessia Capponi, Chris Newman (Chairman), Roger Ede (Secretary)

Cotton: Michael Sharman (Vice Chair), Sophie Ardern (Treasurer), Ginnie Kelly, Anna Herzberg, Fiona Walden

Linen: Julie Fahy, Georgia Brown, Kathryn Phillips

Wool: Jo Harding

Felt: Valerie Couillard, Michelle Hardy, Giles Hardy, Patrick Murray, Katie Cosgrove, Chris Newman

Contact

We have also set up an email account that you can use to contact us if you can't find a rep, but we can't promise a quick response - FriendsofBelham@gmail.com.

We also would like to collect a list of skills and equipment, professional and amateur, that could potentially be drawn upon. Everything from face painters to access to a van, from DJs and magicians to those with a deep knowledge of string theory, from musicians and artists to carpenters and gardeners and bakers and everything in between. Do drop us an email to let us know what makes you tick.

Finally, do grab me or any of the committee to say hello when you see us around.

Best wishes

Chris Newman – Chairman