

Beaver Road News

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Welcome back everyone!

A big welcome back to School to all our children and their families.

We hope you enjoyed the break.

Isn't it strange how, as you get older, Christmas seems not only to start earlier but also to come round that much quicker each year.

(Reminder - Don't worry you still have 52 days to go. 51 if you are reading this on Tuesday!).

Remembrance and poppies

Children in our Year 6 classes study World War Two in depth. Although those parents, grandparents and great grandparents who experienced the War at first hand sadly but inevitably grow smaller in number each year, the interest and participation in Remembrance Day from and by children, seems to grow ever stronger.

At Beaver Road we talk about Remembrance Day and its significance in assemblies and class discussions. Poppies will be on sale in School from 3 November and we ask for a voluntary minimum contribution of 10p from those children who wish to purchase.

School Treasure Chest Sponsorship Day

A big thankyou to all of you for your enthusiastic support for our fundraising day the Friday before the half term break. Special mention needs to be made of the cast from Little Red Riding Hood who mysteriously appeared in the Year 5/6 building in mid morning! Well done everybody - but now we need the sponsorship money in!

Please send any money raised for the School Treasure Chest in to School via your child's Class Teacher.

School Photograph Day - Wednesday 5 November

Tempest photography will be taking Class photos throughout the day on Wednesday. The original date if you remember was cancelled, due to so many children taking part in Eid festivities.

Individual photos will be taken later on in the school year.

Fireworks and Safety

Two good websites for children and families:

www.welephant.co.uk (information, fun and games for children) and

www.safekids.co.uk (information)

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Homework

Some parents made enquiries about the homework policy for children at Beaver Road at the recent Parents' Evening.

The Homework Policy (Learning at Home) is available to download from the School website www.beaverrroad.org.uk (Links: Home page – Information – Teaching and Learning at Beaver Road).

This is an excerpt from Page Two of the Policy:

At Beaver Road we believe that children's learning is strongly influenced by the home. Your interest and involvement in your child's learning and education is more important than anything else in helping your child fulfil their potential. As parents, you are the people who go with your child on their lifelong learning journey, from the day they are born to the time they become an adult.

The time you spend in learning alongside your child at home is the best form of homework there can be.

*There is no formal, timetabled homework for children before Year 5 and Year 6. We ask parents and carers of children in Year Groups up to Year 4, to commit to reading with their children (see *Helping your Child*), for up to 20 minutes a day, every day.*

Children in these Year Groups will be given on occasions, assignments to complete that will complement, support and extend their learning at School (e.g. maths facts, spellings, project themes).

*Our School policy is **Learning at Home**.*

The time you spend with your child away from school is very important to you both. This is when you can be relaxed and enjoy 'time off' together. By making the most of this time, you can also support your child's learning.

Any time you spend with your child enjoying yourselves will help him or her to:

- *build self confidence and self esteem*
- *build a strong relationship with you and others*
- *develop his or her strengths.*

By spending time helping your child's learning you will provide him or her with a role model, showing that you appreciate learning and that learning is important for both children and adults alike.