

Beaver Road News

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Welcome back to all our children, their parents, carers and families.

Flying Start

Thank you for your patience in getting used to organisational changes we needed to make to improve the start of the school day for our children. Some of you, I know, preferred the old system of lining up in the playground and teachers coming out to meet their classes. The problem we faced was one of safety and supervision once the children had come into the building, with whole classes of very young children arriving together in cloakrooms and corridors.

The new system whereby children, from 8.50 make their own way to their classrooms where their teachers are ready to receive them, makes for a much calmer and prompt start to the school day.

It also means an end to some children waiting in lines for long periods before being taken into School.

On wet mornings the School doors will open at 8 45.

Please remember are two 'guided tours' of the School organised for Wednesday, 10 September at 9.15 am and again at 2.30 pm.

Please meet at the front of the school building.

SATs results

You are all, I am sure, well aware of the serious problems encountered by schools across the country with the administration and marking of national tests last term.

We are still not in a position to publish our validated SATs results.

Coffee Mornings

Sandra Butler's new job title is Catering Manager. Sandra and her team have taken over the organisation of our school catering from Manchester Fayre. There are many advantages to the School in having a 'home made' team in charge, as well as enjoying the freedom to plough any profits from the enterprise back into the school budget.

Wednesday Coffee Mornings for Parents and Carers will begin again this week from 9. 00 am. There is a donation of £1 00 to cover costs.

Spanish Day

Friday 26 September is World Languages Day. Here at Beaver Road we will be celebrating our second language - Spanish.

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We are asking every child to wear the Spanish national colours of red and yellow on that day and to bring in something Spanish. Throughout the Day there will be lots of activities for the children to join in plus a visit from a Flamenco guitarist and (we hope) dancer.

School Residentials

We now have in place opportunities for every child in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to go on a residential stay either here in England or abroad.

Over the summer some of our staff have been to check on new destinations in France, Ireland and Isle of Man. Our aim was to assess the quality of the Centres as well as negotiate deals which would keep costs to a minimum, allow for plenty of supervisory staff from School to accompany children, as well as to best match each experience to the age of the children participating.

As a result we are going to change the programme for the coming year:

Year 3 Robinwood in Cumbria

Year 4 Ghyll Head in Lake District

Year 5 Isle of Man

Year 6 France (Opal Coast, Hardelot, Northern France)

Details will be circulated this week.

Friends of Beaver Road

A very big thankyou to the FOBR on behalf of the children of Beaver Road for their fundraising efforts last year.

In the playgrounds you will see new basketball nets, games walls and targets as well as playground markings, all paid for by FOBR working in conjunction with the School Council (Y5 and Y6 children's representatives).

We are continuing to look for further improvements to the outside areas – a trim trail and the replacement of old picnic tables and seating.

FOBR have their own notice board outside the Main Entrance of the School on the Nursery wall.

Payments and Permission Slips

Any payments for school activities (e.g. trips, dinners, music etc) and permission slips/letters should always be returned to the Class Teacher. This ensures we can keep accurate records of returns.