

# Beaver Road News

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## **Nursery places**

Beaver Road is experiencing huge demand for places in both Nursery and Reception.

Manchester Local Authority determines which children have places in the Reception Classes.

The School operates the same admissions criteria as the Local Authority when it allocates places in the Nursery.

In order to ensure complete fairness in allocating Nursery places and because of the numbers involved, we asked Manchester to run the applications for Nursery through their own admissions computer programme.

This resulted in a delay of over two weeks for parents anxiously awaiting letters.

We apologise for this delay but it was to guarantee openness and fairness for everybody.

The Local Authority and local councillors are aware of this issue of places at our School and are urgently seeking a way forward.

## **Friends of Beaver Road**

This letter has been received from Sophie Rushton, Chair of FOBR:

*Dear All,*

*After many years of Service to the cause, myself and Rachel have decided to stand down as chair and secretary respectively due to work and other commitments.*

*It has been an enjoyable, if at times bumpy ride, although we feel that we are leaving FOBR in relatively good shape and we will of course still continue to support events etc.*

*We will remain until the end of the School term but really need some volunteers, willing or otherwise! to take over after that.*

*If you wish to stand or know of anyone, who might be willing to take it on, please let us know asap, so they can attend the AGM (7 00pm 3 June at School) and we can pass on the benefit or our wisdom ( or at least the DJ's number) before the end of term.*

*Re the mural, the preparation work went well thanks to Rosana's forward planning and a few very willing helpers.*

*Hopefully we can start to paint the mural this Saturday, although need to apply primer in the morning.*

*We were rather thin on the ground so please spread the word to ensure that as much of the work is completed this Saturday, weather permitting!*

*Thanks to everyone for their continued support and long live FOBR (hopefully!!)*

*Take care*

*Sophie*

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Over many years FOBR have raised thousands of pounds for the School. If you are interested in the future of FOBR or wish to discuss anything about parental fundraising and the organising of social activities for the parent community, please email [sophiebarbados@hotmail.com](mailto:sophiebarbados@hotmail.com) and/or come along to the AGM.

## **International visitors**

This week we host our colleagues on their visit to Beaver Road from our partner schools in France, Germany, Spain and Northern Ireland. They will be in school on Wednesday. Details, photos and reports about our two year partnership project can be found on our international website [www.allabouteachother.org.uk](http://www.allabouteachother.org.uk)

## **School Appointments**

The Governors have appointed Julie Mellish as Acting Deputy Headteacher until 31 December. The new Special Needs Coordinator (SENCO) from 1 June will be Jaina Mistry. The new School Nurse is Claire Waine.

## **Fencing For Losers**

Szilvi Naray-Davey stars in the lead role in this play at the Didsbury Studio Theatre (MMU - opposite The Didsbury), on four nights from Wednesday 27 May to Saturday 30 May. Tickets are £8.00 on the door or in advance from The Art of Tea on Barlow Moor Road.

## **Half term break**

School closes this Friday for the Whitsun break and opens again on Monday, 1 June.

## **School Closed**

Please remember that School is closed for children on Thursday 4 June. The School will be used as a polling station for the European Parliamentary elections. Holiday dates for the next school year can be downloaded from our website [www.beaverroad.org.uk](http://www.beaverroad.org.uk)