

# Beaver Road News

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## **A Better Beaver Road**

You will already be aware of many of the improvements made to the school buildings and internal areas over the summer (please take a look at the School website for further details). The purpose is to create the best learning environment for every child at Beaver Road.

Some time ago one of our Mums who is a physiotherapist (not supposed to advertise but her practice is on Warburton Street!) drew my attention to a national trend of back problems affecting children at an increasingly early age.

We engaged in some research on seating for children in our School and it became clear just how awkward the standard plastic chairs were for children. These chairs, which are standard in most schools, offered little support for backs or legs, and positively discouraged good posture.

We discovered that in Denmark, designers had taken this problem very seriously years ago. Following a half term visit there in February 2007, we purchased new ergonomic chairs and tables for a Y5 class. Such was the response of the children that this September we have fitted out a Y6 class and intend to extend this furniture to all Y5 and Y6 classes as soon as is financially possible.

This week we took delivery of 200 chairs specially designed and produced in this country for younger children. All Y3 and Y4 classes now have this seating which conforms to the very latest EU standards for health, safety and comfort.

We expect to be ordering replacement seating for children in Key Stage 1 this week.

We try to encourage environmental awareness in School so all the old chairs and tables have been recycled for their metal content.

## **World Languages Day – Spanish Day at Beaver Road**

Friday 26 September is World Languages Day and we are celebrating Spanish as our second language. We are encouraging everybody (adults included!) to wear red and yellow (Spanish national colours) on Friday and bring in something Spanish.

We have a flamenco guitarist and dancer in school, Spanish food at dinner time and lots of fun activities throughout the day for the children.

We will also be extending a warm welcome this week, and for the next month, to Francisco from Granada and Olatz from the Basque country, two student teachers from Spain who will be working in our school.

Any offers of help to Miss Robinson 5R who is coordinating the day.

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## **Thank you to parents and carers – and a request**

On behalf of the staff at Beaver Road can I thank you all for your cooperation in helping our children get used to new beginning and ending of the school day arrangements.

Can I make another plea to all parents and carers to think about our neighbours in the surrounding roads when parking cars before and after School. Blocking driveways and pavements as well as being a nuisance, is potentially dangerous to those children who walk to School.

Once again at the start of term we do have a small number of parents and carers who continue to act selfishly by parking outside the school premises on yellow lines.

Beaver Road is a main crossing point for our School.

Please help to keep it clear at all times.

## **Parents and Carers Coffee Mornings**

Sandra Butler our Catering Manager is opening up on Friday mornings as well as Wednesday's from this week.

Coffee Mornings for Parents and Carers are from 9. 00 am.

We ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 00 to help cover costs.

## **Friends of Beaver Road – A walk in the park**

Can you put Sunday 12 October 2 00 pm in your diaries.

The FOBR are organising an informal family event – a circular walk around Fletcher Moss. This is not a fundraiser but a social afternoon to meet old friends and maybe make new ones.

Further details will be published soon.

## **Street Dance Club**

Street Dance Club will cost £4.50 per session per child or £20 for five sessions. The club is available to all children in Key Stage Two of all abilities, no experience needed. Street Dance Club will aim to do performances at the end of each term to celebrate the children's achievements. If parents would like to discuss the Club please ring 07707152747 or email [jvnr-dance@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jvnr-dance@hotmail.co.uk).

Street dance club will commence on the 29th September.