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Welcome back to the first full week of the Autumn Term 2009.

Home and School

Last term we completed the first full school survey of parents' and carers' opinions. We are awaiting the full statistical analysis of the survey and will be publishing the results for you.

In the meantime we are taking on ideas that you have put forward, particularly about improving home/school/home communications.

On 14 and 16 September we will have our first of the school year Parents' and Carers' Evenings. The focus of this meeting with your child's new Class Teacher is 'All about my child'.

It is very important that we know as much as possible about every child in our School:

- Hobbies, interests, sports, membership of clubs/organisations
- Special talents
- What has best helped their learning in the past and what has been a barrier
- What they like about school and what they do not like about school
- Any other information you think might help the Class Teacher in teaching your child

We will also be handing over to you the new Beaver Road Home and School Book that we have designed to give you:

- information about what your child will be learning throughout the year
- helpful information about working at home on reading, spellings, times tables etc
- a medium through which home and school can keep in regular contact

Home and School - using technology

We are the first Manchester primary school to adopt the latest technology enabling us to contact you by email, text and phone messaging. We hope you received our welcome message last week.

We will be able to send out School letters and communications to your email address and urgent news or messages by text to your mobile.

We will be able to introduce 'first day of absence' calls. These are a way of safeguarding every child by contacting homes where a child has not been

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marked as present and we do not know the reason why they have not turned up at School.

For this system to work fully it is very important that we must know:

- Your email address or change of email address
- Your mobile number or change of mobile number

Over the next two weeks we are seeking to ensure we have the correct information.

If you are not sure whether we have your correct contact details either:

- text them to 01618500813 (the School's Group Messaging Text Number) or
- email them to admin@beaverroad.org.uk or
- call in to the School Office and speak to either Denise or Dawn.

We also want you to make the best use of the School website www.beaverroad.org.uk for information and we have re-designed it to better meet that purpose. On the website, as well as children's work and photographs you can now find for instance:

- Holiday dates and important School event dates for the year
- School forms and permission slips to download
- After School – Outside Organisations information
- After School Music
- School trips for the forthcoming school year, with costs
- Residential trips and information for parents/carers
- What your child is learning this term (ready from 14 September)
- School policies

And in response to the questionnaire, from now on **every letter going out from School to Home** will be published on the website.

Beaver Road e-news

From October this newsletter will be published in e form. It will be sent out automatically to your email address and also posted on the website for you to read and/or download.

Parents and carers who either do not have access to the internet or require a paper copy will need to request one from the School Office.

Here's to another very successful year at Beaver Road!