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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and had a positive start to 2023. Since we have returned to school, it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying so many exciting activities taking place in each year group! I am particularly looking forward to hearing about the adventurous time our Year 3 children have experienced at Robinwood this weekend.



Diary dates and events

All class year group information and details of events continue to be sent to you through your child's year group staff team. These are also made available on our website and school app <https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/events>

Please see below a few whole school dates and events this half term. The dates for the school year are also available on our school website and app. These are updated regularly each half term, so please do continue to check the website and app for updates.

Whole school event dates this half term include....

- Sunday 15th January – World Religion Day
- Friday 3rd February – NSPCC Number Day – dress for digits
- Monday 6th – Sunday 12th February – Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 7th February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 17th February – School Closes at the end of the day for the half term break
- **Monday 27th February 2023 – Children return to school**
- Week Beginning Monday 27th February - Language Celebration Week

Term dates for 2023-2024

Please see the following link for the term dates published for the next academic year [Term Dates](#)



World Religion Day

Sunday 15th January is World Religion Day. The aim of World Religion Day, held on the third Sunday in January every year, is to promote inter-faith understanding and harmony. Through a variety of events held around the globe, followers of every religion will pause to reflect upon the golden threads that bind all faiths together: tolerance, love and respect.



In the spirit of Article 14 of the UNCRC, on Monday 16th, we will be using assembly time and collective worship within classrooms to celebrate the richness of experience and opportunity that our vibrant and multi-faith school community offers all who live and learn at Beaver Road – My School, Your School, Our School.

NSPCC Number Day

On **Friday 3rd February**, we will be proud to involve the children in the charity event '**NSPCC Number Day**'! All staff and children at Beaver Road truly believe in the Convention of the Rights of the Child and by raising money, they want to help the NSPCC to fund their vital services such as Childline: the helpline that is always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.



Number Day is always a great way to make Maths fun and meaningful and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We hope for your community support to **sponsor** the children to take on various activities such as Buddy's Key Challenge to solve exciting maths puzzles with Buddy- the 'Speak out Stay safe' mascot. The children will 'dress for digits', collaborate across year groups and each class will take part in **two exciting PE events**: a challenging obstacle course and danceathon (parents can be involved!) designed by Mr Knowles, Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Cullen and Miss Turner! More information and a link to our JustGiving page will be circulated nearer the time.

Children's Mental Health Week



Children's mental health week is the 6th – 12th February 2023.

This year the theme is **Let's Connect**. Human beings thrive in communities and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. When our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health. **Let's Connect** is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week and beyond.

During the week, we will be encouraging children and adults to connect with others in healthy, rewarding, and meaningful ways. It is also a great time to reflect on who we connect with, when and how. Connecting with our wider community through volunteering and acts of kindness to others is just as rewarding as connecting with others in person socially, or through groups such as choirs and sports teams.

Safer Internet Day 2023 #SaferInternetDay

Article 17 (access to information from the media)

Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are increasingly shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Each year, Safer Internet Day (SID) aims to raise awareness of emerging online issues and current concerns. The official SID2023 #SID2023 will take place on the 7th of February and this year at Beaver Road we will recognise this in a special assembly on **Monday 13th February** followed up by a variety of activities across school based around the chosen theme: 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.





Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, SID 2023 will see thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Across school, we will also be taking time to listen to children and help them make a positive change together. Our aim is that SID 2023 is a springboard for conversations in school and at home that will shape how we can talk about and respond to online issues, not just for one day, but for the whole year.

Language Celebration Week

International Mother Language Day is celebrated every year on the 21st of February. As it will fall during our half term break, we will mark this special day by holding a *Language Celebration Week* across our whole school after half term, during the **week beginning Monday 27th February**.

Our children will have the opportunity to learn about a range of languages (of which there are around 6,500!) and cultures across the world while of course celebrating all those languages spoken by families right here at Beaver Road.

We would love for you to join us in this week of celebrations and share your knowledge by perhaps reading a story to our children in another language, teaching them about another culture or even helping them to learn key words and phrases in another language. If you are able to offer your support, please email admin@brps.net FAO Mrs Summersgill & Mrs Moran. Thank you in advance.

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Parent Governor Update

In my newsletter in November, I mentioned that we were going to be looking for a new parent to serve on our School Governing Body. However, due to some proposed changes in our Governance structure, we have decided not to appoint to this role yet and instead we will be inviting some associate members (including a parent) onto our local governing body as an interim arrangement. Once these members are confirmed, we will let you know via the school governance page on our website.



The Portico Sadie Massey Awards 2023

The annual Portico Sadie Massey Awards are back with another exciting Short Story and Book Review competition! Our wonderful Roman (Yr5) and Isabel (Yr4) were the proud winners of the competition last year. We look forward to Beaver Road once again taking part in this amazing celebration of literature.

We will be working on our submissions in school later in the term. Children may want to think of ideas for entries at home with parents. The Short Story competition requires children to write a story based

in the North West of England with the setting being a main focus of the story. The Book Review competition allows children to choose any story they want to read and review as a whole. We look forward to hearing children's ideas and taking part in this exciting competition in class!

If you have any further questions or queries about anything this half term, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Best wishes,



Mrs Liz Hardy
Executive Headteacher



Article 19 – protection from violence, abuse and neglect
Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.

Article 38 – war and armed conflicts
Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.

