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Friday 9th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week to start the last half term of the school year and there has been much talk about 'The Bear and the Piano' across the school. Ask your child about it!

We have an exciting but busy half term ahead, so please see below some information about important dates and events.



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 newsletter. 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.

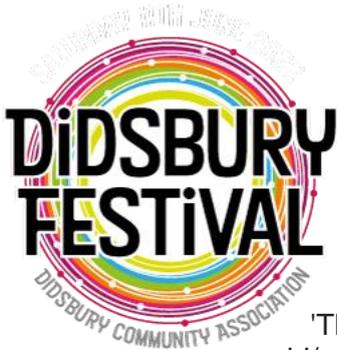
Whole school event dates this half term include....

- **Saturday 10th June** – Didsbury Festival and parade
- Week beginning 12th June – Healthy eating week
- Friday 16th June – Junior School Choir 'Big Sing' at Bridgewater Hall
- Wednesday 5th July – Whole School Transition Day (more information to follow soon)
- Thursday 6th July – Year 6 Enterprise Market Fair
- Friday 7th July – PTA Non-Uniform Day for Summer Fun Day Donations
- Week beginning 10th July – Sports Day Week
- Thursday 13th July – Children's annual reports sent home
- **Sunday 16th July** – PTA Summer Fun Day at our Junior School site (More information to follow soon)
- Thursday 20th July – End of year class celebrations and non-uniform day
- Friday 21st July – School Closes at the end of the day for the Summer holidays



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Didsbury Festival and Parade - Saturday 10th June

We look forward to participating in the Didsbury Festival parade this Saturday 10th June. Children and parents from all year groups are welcome to join in. Everyone taking part will meet at St Catherine's Primary School at 10:30am. The parade starts at 11am and finishes in Didsbury Park at around 11:30am.

The theme this year is the King's Coronation and our entry is called 'The Royal Procession' and the dress code is kings or queens and or gold/yellow. We would love you to join us with your children for the procession and look forward to seeing you there.

Manchester Pupil Parliament – Thursday 22nd June

On 22nd June, schools from the Manchester Pupil Parliament collective will be joining together for the 'Children of Manchester Safeguarding Conference'. This will be an evaluative session through which our Beaver Road Parliamentarians will co-present with their 'parliament colleagues' from St Mary's, The Willows, St Catherine's and Haverley Hey Schools. Last summer, Manchester Safeguarding Partnership, including representatives from police, health, youth justice and community safety, consulted with the children to create a plan of action to



address some of the challenges and issues around feeling safe, inclusion and mental health. We can't wait to return to talk about the progress we have made and to introduce a new mental health and wellbeing toolkit resource, created by the children. With Manchester Healthy Schools as our vehicle, our resource will be shared with all young people across the city.



Year 6 Enterprise Market Fair - Thursday 6th July

Our Enterprise Business programme introduces our Year 6 budding entrepreneurs setting up their fares to distribute to customers on Thursday 6th July after school. The products will be showcased to children on **Friday 30th June** so **pre orders** can be made: please ensure that your child **has coins up to £5** in order for them to choose from the range of 18 products. Thank you to our Business Angel panel

(Kieran, Eddie, Lorna and Richard) for supporting our KS2 life skills programme once again this year.

Sports Day week beginning 10th July

In respond to parent and carer feedback from last year, this year Sports Days will take place in Key Stages and the children will compete in their houses. For children in Nursery and Reception, sports day will take place at the First School. For children in Year 1 to 6, sports day will take place at Didsbury Park. Parent and carers are all invited to attend.



Mr Knowles will be writing to you soon with more information about the plans for the sports day, but please see the dates here that you need to save. We look forward to seeing you there!

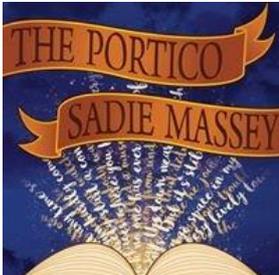
Monday 10th July – EYFS (Nursery 9:30 - 10:30am) (Reception 1:30 - 2:30pm) at School

Tuesday 11th July – Year 3 & 4 at Didsbury Park 9:30 - 10:45am

Wednesday 12th July – Year 5 & 6 at Didsbury Park 9:15 - 10:30am

Thursday 13th July – Year 1 and 2 at Didsbury Park 9:45 - 11:00am

Portico Sadie Massey Awards update from Mrs Mour



We are delighted to announce that two of our children have once again been recognised in the annual Portico Sadie Massey Awards competition! **Daisy Johnson** in Year 5 has been highly commended in the KS2 Reading competition for her incredible book review. **Maariya Siddiqui** in Year 5 has also received a special mention in this year's Portico Awards.



We will be celebrating the children's achievements in a special prize-giving ceremony taking place later this month at the Portico Library. We are delighted with the quality of our entries this year and appreciate how hard all of the children worked. Thank you to everyone who entered and were inspired to write for the Portico Competition this year.

Parenting and Mental Health

Many parents and carers with mental health problems can care for their children in a safe and loving way. But sometimes, you might need extra support from family, friends or healthcare professionals to get you through difficult times. There's no shame in needing extra help as a parent or carer, whatever the reasons for it. For lots of practical information and useful resources linking to further support and guidance, please follow the link below.



<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/explore-mental-health/a-z-topics/parenting-and-mental-health>

E-safety: Online Gaming



As part of their #WakeUpWednesday Campaign, [National Online Safety](#) (NOS) provide useful one-page guides about online safety. They are designed to empower parents and carers with the information they need to hold informed and age-appropriate conversations about online safety. Given its popularity with primary age children, despite its PEGI 12 age rating, we have chosen to start by signposting their information sheet on Fortnite. One in four pre-teens report to have played the game, which claims to have 400 million devotees worldwide – around 25 million of whom play it every day.

Click [here](#) to view 'A recent guide What Parents & Carers Need to Know about Fortnite', produced by NOS, which can also be found at the bottom of the school's [e-Safety page](#). In the guide, you will find information on a number of potential risks such as compulsive playing, audio chat with other gamers and in-game spending, which we hope you will find useful. In the same location, you can also find a more general parent guide to [looking after wellbeing online](#), which includes some good advice for all.

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 22 (refugee children): *If a child is seeking refuge or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.*

The 20th June is the World Day of Refugees. This is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.