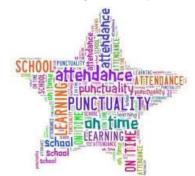


Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all enjoyed a great start to the new academic year and it is brilliant to see how well

the children are settling into school life altogether again. The children's enthusiasm and attitude towards learning this week has been exemplary and our celebration assemblies back in the halls together this morning (for the first time in 18 months) were so special!

Thank you for ensuring excellent attendance and punctuality this week. This makes such a positive difference to your child's wellbeing at the start of each day and enables the best learning opportunities for them. We look forward to maintaining this high standard throughout the year!





Friday 10th September 2021



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 <u>https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/events</u>

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....

- Monday 20th September Global Goals Week
- Wednesday 22nd September Classroom Drop In at the First School 3.30pm 4.00pm









- Thursday 23rd September Classroom Drop In at the Junior School 3.10pm 3.40pm
- Friday 24th September MacMillan Coffee Morning for parents at First School and bake off competition in school.
- Wednesday 29th September Curriculum Induction Meeting for Parents
- Thursday 7th October National Poetry Day
- Friday 8th October Mental Health Day (Wear Yellow Non Uniform Day)
- Tuesday 12th October First School Individual Photos
- Wednesday 13th October Junior School Individual Photos
- Thursday 21st October School Closes at the end of the day for Half Term
- Friday 22nd October School Closed for Staff Training Day
- Wednesday 3rd November Parents Evening
- Thursday 4th November Parents Evening

Classroom Drop In *First School - Weds 22nd Sept * Junior School - Thurs 23rd Sept

We are delighted to be able to invite parents and carers into their child's class at the end of the school day to meet the year group teaching team and see the classroom environments. Please allow the teachers to dismiss all the children safely first at the end of the day before you enter the school.

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Friday 24th September 9am – 10am at First School

You are invited to attend our MacMillan coffee morning to raise funds for cancer research. Please bake or bring cakes to help us raise as much funds as possible. In order to manage catering and numbers of people attending, you will need to inform us that you are coming via the survey and forms section of the School Spider App by Wednesday 22nd September.



In school there will be a bake off competition for the children – more information will follow soon and we look forward to enjoying some cake and raising money for this worthy cause!

Zoom Curriculum Induction Meetings for Year 1 – Year 6



On Wednesday 29th September at 3.45PM and again at 4.30PM we will be holding two Zoom year group inductions, which will last approximately 20 to 30 minutes. These are an opportunity for you to receive information about your child's year group curriculum and the ways you can support their learning at home.

We will be holding two Zoom year group inductions, which will be delivered by the teachers in each year group. We will also share the PowerPoints after the events on our website year group class pages. However, if you can attend in person, please do, as we will have the chat option open for you to ask any questions of the year group team about the Curriculum. Your child's year group zoom log in details will be emailed to you the week before the event.

Enrichment Activities and Clubs

In addition to our Breakfast Club and After School club, we are also looking forward to starting up additional enrichment opportunities for children this academic year. Junior Sports



Stars and Wonder World Drama have already sent information about their clubs starting next week and Music lessons have already started, which is great. If you would like more information about the music tuition opportunities, please contact the school office.

Mr Davenport will be sending out a more detailed letter soon regarding opportunities for Sports, Arts and Music clubs starting this term with Mr Knowles, Mrs Reeve and Mr Cummings.



We are also in the process of planning over the year various half-termly clubs

run by our teaching team who have volunteered to offer some enrichment clubs. Some will start after half term and you will hear more soon, but so far, these may include clubs such as reading, newspaper, hula hooping, debate, knitting and outdoor adventure.



Seesaw learning platform



All children from Year 1 to Year 6 should have now received their seesaw QR codes this week, which enables them to access seesaw from home. This platform will continue to be used for sharing learning at home, recording their reading progress, as well as celebrating children's learning in school. If required, it will also be used for remote education should your child be

confirmed positive with Covid-19 and is isolating.

Please remember the importance of reading every day at home and sharing stories and progress on Seesaw.

Premier League Draw Together Challenge



Last year, our current Year 5 children took part in the Premier League's 'Draw Together Challenge', where they created drawings and paintings all about allyship, inclusion and challenging racism. Because of the number of high quality entries by our children, we have just received enough copies of 'Beautifully Different, Wonderfully the Same' for each

class to enjoy. Well done Year 5! You can view the top 20 allyship pieces of artwork on the Premier League Primary Stars website https://plprimarystars.com/gallery



Growth Mindset Approach

One of the ways the staff at Beaver Road will be supporting your child in school, is to teach them to develop a growth mindset. Developing the right mindset early on is crucial for a successful, happy life. When children learn putting forth effort and using the right strategies can help them get better at things, they feel empowered, and try harder. When they know their brains are capable of growing, they are more confident, resilient, and are not afraid to fail!

Use the QR code to view '7 ways to teach kids failure is a great thing' by Big Life Journal.

You can share this short video (2 mins long) with your child at home – 'Brain Jump with Ned the Neuron' to understand the Science behind Growth Mindset <u>https://www.teachertube.com/videos/brain-jump-with-ned-the-neuron-392906</u>

E-Safety

The internet is a great way for children and young people to stay in touch with their friends, but it can also bring risks. It may feel daunting to talk about staying safe online – especially when your children are using the internet differently to you. 1 in 5 internet users in the UK are children, so now more than ever, it's



important to talk to your child about staying safe online about the apps and sites they are using. The NSPCC have got some great advice to help. Please follow the link below to find out more.



https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talkingchild-online-safety/



School Questionnaire

Many thanks to those of you who have taken the time to complete the questionnaire that we published via School Spider at the end of the Summer Term. If you have not yet completed it and would like to, the questionnaire will remain open to complete until next Friday 17th September.

Letter from Manchester City Council and Government/NHS Primary School Leaflet about Returning to School

Please see attached a letter from Amanda Corcoran, Director of Education and David Regan, Director of Public Health for Manchester along with a helpful leaflet with frequently asked questions for primary school families.



We wish all our Jewish families who have celebrated Rosh Hashanah this week a Happy New Year and we hope that Yom Kippur next week is a special time for you 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,

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Mrs Liz Hardy Executive Headteacher



Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.