

Friday 5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the most exciting of half terms. It has been great to see so many of you attend parents evening this week and to hear how much the children are enjoying and achieving already this year. Huge thanks to our wonderful staff team and PTA who are relentless and determined in ensuring the best experiences and opportunities for our children.



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 8th November Maths Week
- Switch off Fortnight
- Thursday 11th November Remembrance Day
- Saturday 13th & 20th November Green screen planting at the Junior School. Please come along to help from 10.30am 12.30am if you can.
- Monday 15th November Anti-bullying week
 - Dyslexia awareness week
 - Road Safety week
- Friday 19th November Children in Need. Non-uniform day wear Pyjama's
- Monday 6th December The Christie Christmas Concert at Manchester Cathedral
- Friday 10th December Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 15th December Christmas Parties Children invited to wear party clothes
- Friday 17th December School Closes at the end of the day for Christmas holidays
- Tuesday 4th January 2022 Children return to school



Children in Need

As we support Children in Need on Friday 19th November, we invite the children to attend school in their pyjamas and to give a donation towards this great charity. The theme this year is Mindfulness and Well-Being and the BBC have a Mindfulness Hub with some nice short morning activities that you can access on the link here.









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https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/

Children in Need are working with ParentPay this year, so we will be sending out a link for parents to donate that way if they prefer.

Thank you in advance!

MacMillan Caner Support and #HelloYellow – THANK YOU!



Together we raised an incredible £784.57 for Macmillan and £792.28 for Young Minds! Massive thanks for all your generosity and kindness and of course for the delicious cakes made by so many of you!

The money that our school community continues to raise and donate to charities like MacMillan and

Young Minds really does make a difference to many individuals and their families lives.



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Maths Week



As we seek to embrace exciting initiatives, we are inviting you to be involved with **Maths Week England Monday 8th November - Friday 12th November 2021**.

The week will aim to: • raise the profile of Mathematics

- fire positive conversations about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
- enable children from all social and economic background to access and enjoy a range of interesting mathematical experiences
- provide an insight into various careers which require mathematical skills
- promote Mathematics as accessible and enjoyable for ALL: to 'love and enjoy' is a worthy goal!

Switch Off Fortnight

Switch Off Fortnight is a nationwide campaign that takes place every November to encourage schools to switch off lights and electrical appliances when not in use for two weeks. The goals for schools are to



help them save energy and monitor the impact of changing user behaviour on the school's energy use. You will hear more about what we are doing in school over the next 2 weeks. Please talk to your children about how you can also support being more switch off friendly at home to help save energy.

Dyslexia Awareness



During the week commencing Monday 15th November we will be raising awareness of Dyslexia. Because dyslexia itself isn't visible, individuals with dyslexia often feel unsupported, unwanted and invisible.

Throughout the week, we will be exploring with children successful people with dyslexia; supporting children to understand the challenges that people with dyslexia face and supporting those with a dyslexic type profile to know that they are not alone. We want our children to be part of a dyslexia friendly society where everyone understands dyslexia and how it impacts the 1 in 10 children and adults who are dyslexic.



E-Safety update



Last half term we launched a competition called 'Find Your Balance: a day in my digital life'. We would like to thank all of you for your wonderful artwork contributions and fantastic ideas about how to keep a healthy balance using digital devices at home.

We are delighted to announce that Amayah's and Isaac's artwork has been highly commended by the Parent Zone judging panel, based on how creative and original their artwork was. Amayah's and Isaac's artwork will be going on display in the Houses of Parliament. We could not be



prouder of you both - well done!

If you would like any support helping your child to manage the time they are spending online



please visit Childnet (<u>https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carer-toolkit</u>) Childnet has some great resources to help you support your child in leading a safe and positive life online such as 'Lets Talk About Life Online' and 'Family Agreement'.



Happy Diwali to all our families who have been celebrating this festival of lights this week. Have a fun and safe bonfire night too if you are planning to enjoy some fireworks this weekend.

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 6 (life, survival and development) Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.