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Friday 7th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to return to school this week and to have such a positive start to 2022 with the children. Although COVID-19 remains a risk to us all, so far this term we seem to be experiencing fewer cases than before the holidays. Many thanks to you all for your ongoing vigilance in following the latest guidelines and for helping to keep our school community as safe from COVID-19 as possible. We will continue to monitor the situation daily and communicate with you any changes necessary. Please read below for more information about special events and enrichment opportunities this half term.



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 16th January – World Religion Day
- Friday 4th February – NSPCC Number Day – dress for digits!
- Monday 7th – Sunday 13th February – Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 8th February – Safer Internet Day
- Week Beginning Monday 14th February - Language Celebration Week
- Friday 18th February – School Closes at the end of the day for the half term break
- **Monday 28th February 2022 – Children return to school**

Term dates for 2022-2023

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



World Religion Day

Sunday 16th 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

17th, we will be using our assembly time and collective worship within our 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 4th February**, we will be once again championing the fabulous '**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 with Buddy, the 'Speak out Stay safe' mascot, such as Buddy's Key Challenge to solve exciting maths puzzles against the clock. The children will 'dress for digits', collaborate across year groups and each class will take part in an exciting obstacle course designed by Mr Knowles 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 7th – 13th February 2022. This year's theme is Growing Together.



During the week, the children (and adults) will be considering how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow. We will also be thinking about how to keep mentally healthy and well. The staff are already preparing something special to share with our families during that week, which will be sure to put a smile on your face...watch this space.

E-Safety update and Safer Internet Day

From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content or interacting with their friends and peers.

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, as well as to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over a hundred countries coordinated by the joint Insafe/INHOPE network, with the support of the European Commission, and National Safer Internet Centres across Europe.

WHEN?

Safer Internet Day takes place every February



We will be celebrating internet safety day through a variety of activities in class and with a special assembly on Monday 14th February.

Language Celebration Week



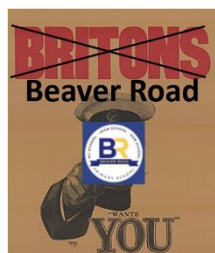
Languages Week w/c - 14th February

This year International Mother Language Day falls on Monday 21st February. To celebrate this special day and the diversity of our Beaver Road children we will be holding a **Language Celebration Week** on w/c **Monday 14th February**. The children will be given the opportunity to learn a range of world languages and celebrate the languages spoken across our school.

Do you speak another language? Could you read a story in another language or teach our children how to count, say colours or say good morning in another language? If you are able to support our Language Celebration Week then please email admin@brps.net FAO Mrs Willetts.

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We Need You



Our school community is a very talented group of people with a wealth of experience and we would like to tap into your expertise.

We already provide an enriched curriculum but know with the support of our families it can be even better. Look out for a letter from Mrs Byrne next week, who will be explaining more about how we would like to utilise the skills and expertise of our families to further support our curriculum in school.

The Portico Sadie Massey Awards 2022



We are proud to once again be taking part in the annual Portico Sadie Massey Awards. Two competitions will be launched in school later this term with the official deadline being March 17th 2022. Children from Beaver Road are celebrated as competition winners every year and Freya Teasdale's review of J.K Rowling's Ickabog from last year can be viewed [here](#).

We will be working on our submissions in class later in the term, however children may want to think of ideas for entries at home with parents/carers.

The Short Story competition requires children to write a short 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!



Music lesson vacancies



There are a few vacancies for music tuition at the Junior School. There is one vacancy available for piano tuition and there are some spaces in the beginner and advance ukulele group sessions.

For more information and to express your interest, please contact Liz Cheetham directly as soon as possible by email to lizowen@hotmail.com and she will respond accordingly.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Reding back to school from maternity leave on Monday 17th January. Mrs Reding will be retuning as Head of Year 5 and class teacher for Class 5N. Huge thanks to Mrs Noden who has done a wonderful job of leading Year 5 over the last year. Mrs Noden will be returning to her job share role with Miss Green in Class 5G.

We also need to make you aware that Mrs Louise Garvey (currently working in Year 6 and our breakfast club & after school club) has changed her name over the holidays to Ms Rifkin. Please refer to Louise as Ms Rifkin in future.



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 1 – Definition of the Child
Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

Article 4 – Implementation of the Convention
Governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights

