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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to welcome the children back to school with such an eventful week. Last week we enjoyed a special focus on Autism Awareness as well as celebrating Earth Day together on Friday. Thank you for all your contributions and support in our work towards ensuring a more sustainable future and improving our biodiversity. We hope many of you enjoyed a lovely Easter with your families over the holidays, and for all those currently observing Ramadan, we wish you a very happy Eid al-Fitr this coming bank holiday weekend.



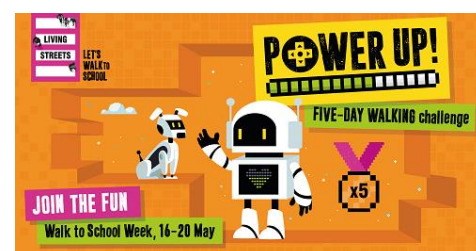
## Diary dates and events

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....

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April – PTA Movie Night
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May – PTA Taste of Eid – First School from 3.30pm
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Mental Health Awareness Week
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Walk to School Week
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – PTA Dress to Express Day – more information to follow
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – School Closes at the end of the day for the half term break
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – School Closure due to additional Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Children return to school**
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Didsbury festival and parade



BookTrust is the UK's largest children's reading charity. Each year they reach millions of children across the UK with books, resources, and support to transform lives by getting children and families reading.



On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, the children are invited into school in their pyjamas and we ask you to make a donation to this great charity. Please see this link for more details about BookTrust <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/>

The children will spend time in the day focussing on reading and sharing stories together in a range of ways and celebrating the magic of books.



### Thank you to our Parent and Teacher Association (PTA)

Huge thanks to our PTA team and all of you for the amazing activities and funds you continue to support for our school community. The activities and funds raised have such a positive impact on our children in so many ways. We are really looking forward to the unique slide due to be installed soon at our Junior School! The slide is planned to be installed during May half term and will be fitted on the embankment leading down into our woodland area.



There are many more exciting events planned for this summer term, which we hope you and your children will be able to join in and enjoy. Please see the latest PTA newsletter for all the details. <https://sites.google.com/view/beaverroadptaupdates/summer-term-2022> We are always looking for more volunteers to help make these events possible, so please let us know if you are able to offer help at any of the events planned – thank you.

### School Houses update from Mr Davenport

For the second time this year, the children in House Centaur at the Junior School impressively won the most amount of shields and became House champions for the Spring term. Celebrations were also in order for House Dragon at First School as they won the most shields, marking the first win for Dragons this year. The flags for these two Houses are now visible at their respective schools for all to see – many congratulations to all Centaurs and Dragons!

Next week, Heads of Houses for Centaur and Dragon will be sending out a letter announcing their victory and inviting children to celebrate. We will once again hold special non-uniform days later this term to mark this wonderful achievement.



House shields represent all of the children's hard work over the term and their commitment to being in school on time and maintaining excellent attendance.

Last term also saw many other special moments for our School Houses. All children met with their Heads of Houses for their termly assembly in which they were introduced to their special House books. Children were delighted to learn about the books chosen to represent the values of their Houses.



If you would like to find out more about our House books, please have a look on our [website](#) and speak to the children about the messages behind each book. These books were carefully selected with an author focus of Oliver Jeffers at Junior School and Rachel Bright at First School.



Griffin children at Junior School and Phoenix children at First School also celebrated their autumn term wins with their Blue and Orange days last term!



## E-Safety – Setting Boundaries Top Tips from Miss Duffy



Internet safety is not just about setting up technology in the right way. It is just as important, if not more so, to get the 'offline' setup right: expectations, behaviours, discussions about use. Our advice is to set some ground rules and ensure children understand them. Here are some areas to look at.

1. **Screen Time** - Agree a time limit or number of games beforehand, to avoid repeated disagreements around how long they can spend online. This helpful guide, the '[Young People and Screen time – A Good Start](#)', provides some tips and checklists to help you get your children off to a good start using digital devices.
2. **Sleep Comes First** - It is advisable that the phone stays out of the bedroom to avoid night time interruptions, and having a period of time before bed without phone or tablet use is beneficial too. The blue light emitted from LCD screens has been shown to disrupt sleep by interfering with our natural body rhythms, blocking our bodies from creating a sleep hormone called melatonin.
3. **Request Access** - You care more about your child's health and wellbeing than anyone else. That means you need to guide them in the virtual world as well as the real world. If you are genuinely concerned about them, ask them to allow you access to the phone.
4. **Monitoring vs Having a Conversation** - It is possible to install software onto devices that monitors online activity, alerts you to inappropriate behaviour and can block access to certain content. This kind of software is becoming increasingly popular, but while this might sound tempting, it might pose a number of issues around your child's right to privacy and could have an impact upon your relationship with them.

The '[Parenting through technology](#)' article – which is part of the 'Parenting in a digital age' series - covers this subject and raises some interesting points. The best advice we can give is to talk to your child regularly and openly about behaviour and risk so that they know they can come to you if something goes wrong.



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 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.*

**Article 24** (health and health services): *Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.*

