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# BEAVER ROAD M20

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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a great start to our school year last half term, we look forward to building on this over the next few months with many exciting and eventful activities taking place across the school.

## 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....

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November & Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – parents evening
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying week
  - Maths Week
  - Road Safety week
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need. Non-uniform day – wear spots for the great SPOTacular!
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – PTA Movie Night
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – PTA Father Christmas Event after school
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – The Christie Christmas Concert at Manchester Cathedral 7pm
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Parties – Children invited to wear party clothes
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – School Closes at the end of the day for Christmas holidays
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Children return to school**



**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**

## Children in Need



As we support Children in Need on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, we invite the children to attend school in spotty outfits and to give a donation towards this great charity. With times being so tough for many children, especially with anxiety on the rise and the rising cost of life, we are encouraged to all join in with this year's 'The Great SPOTacular!'

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

Thank you in advance!

## Anti-bullying



Anti-bullying week takes place from 14th - 18th November and this year's campaign is inspired by the tagline, 'Reach Out'. Relationships, community and togetherness are such powerful ingredients in keeping us all emotionally nourished and safe. Through the power of community and friendship, we can create a sense of home and sanctuary in schools and empower young people to 'reach out' to others and also advocate for our fellow

classmates. Advocating for the Rights of other children is a distinctive part of our 'BR Rights cloth' and something we are very passionate about.

As part of anti-bullying week, we will dig deeper into the concepts of togetherness and community and celebrate the power of relationships during 'friendship Friday' at the end of the week. Our Rights Ambassadors will also be consulting to create a child-authored anti bullying policy. Please keep an eye on Twitter to see us in action!

## Maths Week

**Maths Week England** has continued to be an event that helps build a nation of confident mathematicians, who both use **and** enjoy mathematics. During the 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> November, here at Beaver Road, we will be encouraging positive Maths talk across the school to fire interest in a subject which can open so many doors to learning. We are so proud of how our children collaborate and apply their deep knowledge through models and images at our school. This week, they will get the chance to celebrate their confidence in the subject. Our Maths ambassadors will be launching a nationwide competition on our online platform Mangahigh; there will be 'puzzle clues in the corridor'; active Maths sessions to boost Maths learning through PE and a chance to showcase (and win book vouchers!) for fabulous Maths journaling and recording across all year groups.



## Attendance



Due to a drop in children's attendance over recent years, largely because of covid-19, we are working together with the City Council to improve attendance across our school this year. In line with the new City Council attendance strategy, we have a renewed school attendance policy and procedure that we will implement this year. Please see our school website for a copy of the new policy.

<https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/page/policies-and-procedures/54115>

We ask you to make every effort to ensure your children arrive on time every day. Thank you.

As part of our focus on improving attendance, we will be launching a competition for the children to get involved in. We are inviting the children to design an attendance postcard which will be given out at the end of every half term to those children who have achieved **98% and above**, or those children who have **significantly improved** their attendance. Mrs Reeve, alongside the SLT, will be judging the competition, with the winning designs being professionally printed. There will be an assembly in school to launch the competition, in which the children will be given more information and a post-card template for their design.





## Road Safety

As we work with the children to promote road safety, we would specifically like to encourage the children to travel actively to school. Many of you choose to either walk to and from school, or park further away from the school grounds and then make a short walk. This is excellent for children's health, as well as road safety for children when crossing roads to access our school grounds.

Unfortunately however, there are still a small number of parents and carers persistently parking or dropping children off inconsiderately and illegally on the roads outside of our school premises. This includes unauthorised and illegal parking at the medical centre next to our Junior School. These actions are causing dangerous traffic situations as well as limited access and visibility for children and families crossing roads. Endangering the lives of children in this way is completely unacceptable and unnecessary. In addition, we have yet again received complaints from the medical centre and other local residents and therefore we would like to appeal to parents and carers to please use the park and stride scheme at both schools.

- If you are that parent/carer who is parking or stopping directly outside school at the beginning or the end of the school day – please think of the safety of other children and stop!
- If you know a parent/carer who is parking or stopping directly outside school, please inform the school or politely encourage them not to park there.
- Please do not use the Barlow Medical Centre or Didsbury Baptist Church car park. This is only for parents and carers attending the Medical Centre or the Marion Scott Playgroup. If you are a junior school parent, please ensure you use the park and stride scheme we have in place with 'The Didsbury' car park. Parking passes are available from the Junior school office.
- If you order a taxi to pick you up from school, please ask them to meet you at another location nearby and not directly outside the school grounds.
- Please be a positive role model to your children in this matter and talk to them about the importance and benefits of walking or travelling actively to school.



Many thanks in advance for your cooperation in this matter, and for helping to keep our whole school community safe on the roads around our school.

## Parent Governor Vacancy



There is a parent governor vacancy and we are looking for a committed parent to serve on our Governing Body. A letter will be sent out soon giving notice of the election. It will

explain more about the role, how you can be nominated to stand for election or how to nominate another parent.

Huge thanks goes to Jane Carroll for her wonderful contributions to the governance of our school over the last 4 years as a parent governor. She will be missed when her term of office ends later this month, but we know she will continue to support the school in many other ways.







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

We are so fortunate to have such an active and supportive PTA. At our Annual General Meeting this week it was wonderful to reflect on the incredible achievements the PTA have made to our school community. We are extremely thankful to Samantha Crowe for her superb leadership as Chair of the PTA over the last 4 years. She has made an amazing difference to the team, to our children and families. Sam will be greatly missed as she has to step down from her role as Chair, but she has left a huge legacy that will last a lifetime – thank you Sam! Thanks also goes to Siobhan, who is stepping down as Secretary and to all the other members of the PTA team – we really could not do everything we do without you!

We are delighted to welcome Tilly Barfield-Jones as our new Chair of the PTA and Tiffanie O'Neill as our new Secretary. With all of your continued support, we are confident the work of our PTA will continue to go from strength to strength. Please see the PTA newsletters for more detailed information and if you are able to help in any way, please let us know via the school office or email [beaverrdfundraisers@outlook.com](mailto:beaverrdfundraisers@outlook.com)

Have a fun and safe bonfire night if you are planning to enjoy some fireworks this weekend and 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 12 (respect for the views of the child)** - Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.