



## BEEVER NEWSLETTER No.161

### ***Welcome to the Summer term!***

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break- we have a very busy Summer term to look forward to, with trips planned, exams and assessments to be taken and coronation festivities being put in place.

### **TERM DATES**

#### **Summer term**

Year 4 visit to Castleshaw: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April

Year 2 visit to Castleshaw: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

May day holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Bank holiday (Coronation): Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Key Stage 2 SATS week: from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 Robinwood Residential: Weds 24<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> & Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May

School closes for half term: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

School reopens: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

School closes for Summer: Weds 19<sup>th</sup> July @ 3.15pm

### **Holiday Pattern (2023-2024)**

#### **Autumn term**

School opens: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

School closes for half term: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

School reopens: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

School closes for Christmas: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

#### **Spring term**

School opens: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

School closes for half term: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

School reopens: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February

School closes for Easter: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Summer term**

School reopens: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

May day holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

School closes for half term: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

School reopens: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

School closes for Summer: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July @ 3.15pm

### **TRAFFIC AROUND SCHOOL**

I have written numerous times before about traffic around the school site. It really is becoming a dangerous situation, too many cars are parking on the pavements, meaning access to parents with prams and push chairs is hazardous or even impossible, whilst cars undertaking u-turns in the road are causing a huge issue.

Collectively we all need to do better and consider whether it really is necessary to park as close to the school gates as possible. There are ample parking spaces in front of the shops on Egerton street, while other places on Mortimer street in front of the Rugby club could be used. We are not talking about a 5 mile hike if you park your car there- I will ask for your consideration to ensure that the roads close to the front of the school are safe for everyone.

### **STAFFING CHANGES**

Mrs. Thompson has joined us this term, supporting the children in Year 2, whilst also in this class we have a change of name, with the former Miss Cocker becoming Mrs. Beevor after her wedding during the Easter holidays. I am sure you will wish to share your congratulations with her.

### **ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY**

Our attendance data for from the beginning of September to the end of the Spring term is below. Before COVID, the national average attendance for all schools was just over 96%.

	Attendance	Lates
<b>Year 6</b>	91.9%	203
<b>Year 5</b>	94.3%	165
<b>Year 4</b>	94.0%	81
<b>Year 3</b>	93.6%	212
<b>Year 2</b>	93.7%	183
<b>Year 1</b>	91.9%	307
<b>Reception</b>	93.0%	101
<b>OVERALL</b>	92.9%	

### **BIRTHDAY TREATS**

Over recent months there has been a trend towards children who are celebrating a birthday in school, bringing in cakes and sweets to share their celebration.

Although this is a lovely gesture, and I don't want to come across as a Scrooge, can I suggest that parents choose another kind of gift to share instead.

Many of our children have specific dietary requirements or allergies which can cause issues when unknown ingredients are brought into school. We do want to celebrate birthdays in school so can I ask parents who would like to bring gifts in for their child's class to choose something non-edible please. Items such as pencils, rubbers or party bag toys such as whistles or bouncy balls are an example of things that are equally well received.

Your help in this will be greatly appreciated.