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## FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

Welcome back.

Welcome back everyone, it's been a fantastic few days and I really appreciate how welcoming children, parents and staff have been. I'm excited about leading the dedicated team at Beechwood Primary and working, learning and supporting your wonderful children.

Although it's only been 3 days, the children have settled well into their new classes and got to know the adults that they will be learning with and their classmates.

Along with Mr Randall and Mrs Rama-Dominguez, I aim to be available each morning in the school grounds where hopefully we can answer any questions or queries you may have.

Feel free to pop into reception if you'd like to see me.



I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our parent meetings on **Wednesday 13th September** in our school hall.

### Just a quick reminder about uniform.

This week has been typical back to school type weather, very warm and very sunny.

Thank you for ensuring that your children are wearing the appropriate school uniform, the children look incredibly smart.

Unfortunately, the wearing of cycling shorts is not school uniform and therefore please can you ensure that skirts, uniform shorts or trousers are worn instead. Thank you.

I hope you have a good weekend and all at Beechwood look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

Paul Arnold

Senior Head of school.

## DIARY DATES TO REMEMBER

**WEDNESDAY 13TH  
 SEPTEMBER-3.30pm  
 onwards**

**WELCOME MEETINGS FOR  
 PARENTS - MAIN HALL**

**THURSDAY 5th OCT -  
 INDIVIDUAL CLASS PHOTOS**

**MON 23RD OCTOBER-FRIDAY  
 27TH OCTOBER  
 HALF TERM**

**MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER-  
 FLU VACCINATIONS R-YR6**

**FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER  
 NON PUPIL DAY**

**WEDNESDAY 20TH DEC -  
 TUES 2ND JANUARY  
 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK**

**MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY-  
 MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY  
 (INCLUSIVE)  
 HALF TERM**

**FRIDAY 29TH MARCH-  
 FRIDAY 12TH APRIL  
 EASTER HOLIDAYS**

**MONDAY 6TH MAY-  
 MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

**MONDAY 27TH MAY- FRIDAY  
 31ST MAY  
 HALF TERM**

## **PE SESSIONS AT BEECHWOOD**

It has been decided that children can wear their PE kit to school on their allocated PE days.

PLEASE ensure that your child wears the correct PE uniform to school on these days, this is:

White t-shirt

Black shorts

Black trainers/plimsolls

Thank you for your support

## **PE DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-**

**Foundation Classes– Friday**

**Year 1-Monday and Friday**

**Year 2– Tuesday and Thursday**

**Year 3-Monday and Wednesday**

**Year 4 –Tuesday and Thursday**

**Year 5—Thursday and Friday**

**Year 6 - Monday and Wednesday**

## **MEDIA COVERAGE CONCERNING RAAC CONCRETE IN SCHOOLS**

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result

We do not have any confirmed RAAC in our buildings and have not been asked to close any areas. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published

The change in guidance is precautionary in nature, and only affects education premises where the presence of RAAC has been confirmed. The DfE is offering us access to surveyors who are helping schools to undertake additional checks if needed.

Thank you for your understanding.