



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 3

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Dear Parents and Carers

It's been an incredibly busy first half term in school with lots of fantastic learning happening in all year groups. It was great to see the children in their own clothes on 'Wear it Pink' day – Thank you for your kind charity donations. The children have settled well into their new classes and they are always proud to show me and tell me about their work. In our 'Together Time' assemblies, we have been thinking about the behaviours that we value in school. Children are rewarded for making good choices every day. This week, we have been learning about Hindu and Sikh children in Derby that are celebrating Diwali. The children always find the story of Rama and Sita fascinating and in classrooms, I have seen some amazing rangoli patterns. We break up for half term on Friday 25th October and the children return to school on Tuesday 5th November. We would like to wish all of our families a safe and happy half term holiday.

Kind Regards

Mrs Diffin

Acting Headteacher

We are Reading Superstars



Thank you for your support with our recent book fair. A total of £834.80 was spent, earning our school new books. We are looking to invest in new reading books next half term.

It was great to see so many parents and carers at our recent reading workshops. You can make a great contribution to your child's education by finding time to read at home every day. The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health advise that "screen time should not replace sleep, exercise or family time". "Screen time should be avoided the hour before bed for a healthy sleep". Bedtime stories are so important – spending quality time together and enjoying books is the perfect end to a busy day. I treasure this special time with my daughters.

Collecting children from school safely



Please let us know in the morning if someone new or different is collecting your child from school. Staff can only let children go with a parent /carer or an adult that they know about. If collection arrangements change during the day, please telephone school before 2:45pm as after this time the office is very busy and it is difficult to get messages across school. Thank you for supporting our safeguarding arrangements.

Breakfast Club and After School Club



We have some places available at our Breakfast Club and After School Club. Both clubs are run by experienced Teaching Assistants that know the children well. The children enjoy a wide range of fun activities and a healthy meal is included in the cost. Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am and After School Club runs until 6:00pm. Further information is available from the school office. Junior Academy children are able to attend both clubs.

Jewellery



For safety reasons, please do not send your child to school with any jewellery. It is not safe for children to wear any kind of necklace or bracelet. Please save these at home for other occasions. If your child has pierced ears, they can wear small studs. Hoop or drop earrings are not safe for school. For PE lessons, all earrings need to be covered with micropore tape. Thank you for working with us to keep the children safe at school.



Parent Governor

Thank you to the parents that expressed an interest in becoming a School Governor. Rachel Allaway has successfully been elected by our parents and carers to join our Governing Board.



Staffing news

During half term, Miss Richards will be getting married and we will all need to get used to her new married name which will be **Mrs Dalton**. Mrs Bonner is expecting her first baby and will be starting her maternity leave at the end of November. Mrs Merriman is expecting a baby brother for Erin, she will be starting her maternity leave in the new year. **Miss Harker** will be taking over on 5th November as the teacher in Class 5. As staff, we are looking forward to the wedding photographs and meeting the new babies. We are delighted that Miss Harker will be joining our team, she is a highly skilled teacher with a bright and cheerful personality.



St Mary's Church

On Thursday 31st October, St Mary's Church would like to invite all of our families to join them between 5:00pm and 6:30pm for a 'treat'. There will be party bags, sweets and games for the children. Hot drinks will be available for adults. Stay safe at Halloween.



Cavendish Close Junior Academy

Mrs Smith (the Principal at the Junior Academy) has been for a tour of our school this week. She visited all classrooms and talked to the children about their learning. We are looking forward to the two schools working together more closely. We have got lots of great ideas for the Year 2 children in the summer term as they prepare to move into Year 3.



Our School Site

Further delays mean that our school site will not be finished this month. The construction team are prioritising the work on our playground and football pitch. We are very much looking forward to being able to use our new playground. Thank you for your continued patience as we all continue to use the temporary access routes.

Autumn Term 2 2019		
7 weeks – Tuesday 5 th November to Friday 20 th December		
1	w/b Mon 4 th Nov	Monday 4 th November – INSET day 2 School closed to children
2	w/b Mon 11 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week Friday 15 th November – Children in Need Day
3	w/b Mon 18 th Nov	
4	w/b Mon 25 th Nov	Monday 25 th November – Marvellous Maths Workshops for Parents and Carers at 9am Friday 29 th November – Flu Vaccinations
5	w/b Mon 2 nd Dec	Friday 6 th December – Cinderella Pantomime 1:45pm
6	w/b Mon 9 th Dec	Wednesday 11 th December – EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Concerts (9:30am and 2:15pm) & Christmas Dinner Thursday 12 th December – KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Concerts (9:30am and 2:15pm) Friday 13 th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Craft Afternoon for Parents/Carers at 1:45pm
7	w/b Mon 16 th Dec	Tuesday 17 th December – Year 2 Christmas Party Wednesday 18 th December – EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Christmas Parties Thursday 19 th December – Year 1 Christmas Party