



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 10

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term. We have a busy six weeks planned in school, leading up to the Easter holidays and Spring is now on the horizon.

On Thursday 13th February, we held a special assembly in school to say thank you and goodbye to Mr Power. Each class made him a special card and each year group sang him a special song. The Nursery children joined us and it was fabulous to have the whole school in the hall (over 300 children). There was a great feeling of 'togetherness' and pride in our school.

Our new caretaker Mr Roberts will be starting with us on Monday 9th March. Please take time to greet him and to make him feel welcome.

I would like to share Mrs Merriman's wonderful baby news: Baby Toby was born on 10th February weighing just less than 10lbs!

Miss Marley plans to start her maternity leave at Easter. We have appointed Miss Brown to teach in Class 2 with Miss Cunliffe during the Summer Term. Miss Brown will be starting with us on Monday 23rd March so that she can work alongside Miss Marley for two weeks before taking over as the class teacher after Easter.


I hope that you found Parents' Evening a positive and informative experience and that you understand how you can support your child's learning and development at home. We will always find time to answer your questions so please do ask us if you would like any further information about your child's education or personal development.

If you ever have any concerns about any aspect of school life, please do approach us so that we can work together to find a resolution.

Thank you for your continued support and for working in partnership with us to enable your children to thrive at our school.

Kind Regards Mrs Diffin Acting Headteacher

Our School Ethos

 Our ethos is what makes us unique and special. I have attached a copy of our reviewed ethos for your information. It has been developed with contributions from staff, children, parents, carers and governors. You will see that there is a section about what we expect from our parents and carers. This is the standard that many parents and carers set every day:

- ✓ Respect the ethos, vision and values of our school (More information to follow).
- ✓ Work together with staff in the best interests of our children.
- ✓ Treat all members of our school community with respect, kindness and good manners.
- ✓ Set a good example to our children with language and behaviour.
- ✓ Seek a peaceful solution to all issues.
- ✓ Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care) where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct.
- ✓ Approach the right member of staff to help resolve any concern.

Please work with us to keep our school community a safe and positive environment for us all.



Our School Site

This half term we are expecting permanent fencing to be installed around our playgrounds. When this work has been completed, the heras fencing can be finally removed. As we approach Spring and the weather improves (hopefully), the landscaping contractors will be back on site to finish what will be our grassed areas. In the meantime, we continue to struggle with soil and silt sliding down the muddy banks and onto our paths and in our drains. This is very frustrating for us and we continue to report our concerns to the Department for Education, who are responsible for rectifying these issues. As you know, heavy rain is causing many issues on site. Thank you for your patience. We are very much looking forward to a finished site. We have been informed that the gullies and man holes on site will be cleared again after school today.

We have had the temporary fencing replaced today with timber posts and plastic mesh and we are hoping this will be a more substantial alternative. Please continue to keep your children with you at all times when you are walking to and from school. The children must not touch the fencing or go on the muddy areas.



CCTV

During the half term holiday, we have had CCTV installed on site and in our Reception area. Our surveillance system will enable us to maintain high levels of safety and security for all members of our school community. Unacceptable behaviour and language on school premises will not be tolerated.



Coronavirus Advice

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching this virus. The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with the Coronavirus.

In school, we encourage children to use tissues to catch sneezes and to cough away from other people. Regular hand washing with soap is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Spring Term 2 2020 – 6 weeks – Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April

Thursday 5th March – **World Book Day** (Wear pyjamas to school and bring a teddy bear)

Thursday 12th March – An opportunity for Parents and Carers to come and find out about 'R Time' (**Relationships and Health Education**). An information sharing session in the hall at **2:00pm** and then you can join your child in their class for an 'R Time' lesson at 2:30pm. Please join us for this new opportunity. Invitation to follow this week.

Friday 13th March – Sport Relief Day (Wear sporty clothes to school and bring a charity donation)

Friday 20th March – **Class 6's Assembly** (Miss Luke) for Parents/Carers at 9:10am

Friday 27th March – **Class 5's Assembly** (Miss Harker) for Parents/Carers at 9:10am

Wednesday 1st April – **Easter Craft Afternoon** for Parents/Carers at 1:45pm

Summer Term 1 2020 – 6 weeks – Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May

Wednesday 29th April – **Class Photographs**

Friday 8th May – **Bank Holiday** – School closed

Summer Term 2 2020 – 8 weeks – Monday 1st June to Friday 24th July

Monday 1st June – **INSET day 4** School closed to children

Friday 3rd July – **INSET day 5** School closed to children