



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents and Carers

Parents and carers will be aware that Mrs Diffin has been the Acting Headteacher of our school since September 2019. Now the board of Governors are absolutely delighted to announce that Mrs Diffin has been successful in her interview and has been appointed as the official Headteacher of Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School. Mrs Diffin had an excellent interview and Governors were impressed by the way she continues to show strong leadership during these difficult and challenging times. It was made very clear to us that the children are always at the centre of everything she does, and we congratulate Mrs Diffin on her success.

Kind Regards the Governing Board of Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Becoming a Super Star Reader



In school, there is a really positive feel about enabling all our children to progress as successful readers. Children take part in 2 daily whole class 'Word Wise' lessons every day, where they learn to recognise phonemes (sounds) and blend phonemes to read words. They also learn to read and spell common exception words. We are very encouraged by the progress children are making. Our new reading books – Big Cat Collins – allows children to practise and apply their skills. The children are really motivated to read every day and to be rewarded for their efforts using our Reading Rainbow and earning special prizes. Thank you for finding time to read at home every day and for writing such positive comments in reading diaries. Your support is very much appreciated.

We are not able to hold our annual 'Reading Meetings' for parents and carers this year. Instead, each year group will send home information about how we can work in partnership to ensure your child becomes a Super Star Reader.

After dinner time, we always start the afternoon with DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read).

Class Bubble Temporary Staggered Start and Finish Times



I would like to thank parents and carers for their ongoing patience and understanding at the start and the end of the school day. Parents and carers are very helpfully managing 'gaps' where siblings have different start and finish times – Your support is very much appreciated by all members of staff. We are planning how we may be able to safely support our parents and carers who have siblings at our school after half term – Information will be shared soon.

We have 180 children who need to access the first-floor classrooms. Each of the 6 classes has a 10 minute safety slot to arrive and leave school as all 6 classes need to use the same entry and exit doors. We must do all that we can to keep class bubbles separate. Every child is in school for 6 hours a day. Before the class bubble start time, teachers are extremely busy preparing for the 5 hours of learning time. Support staff may be working in our Breakfast Club or they may not have arrived in school yet.

The pandemic is still extremely concerning for us all – parents, carers, and staff members. It continues to impact on our everyday lives and cause us inconvenience. We must all continue to play our part for the good of our school community.

From all members of staff, especially the teachers and the Teaching Assistants, we would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU for supporting our staggered start and finish times.



Soap and Hand Gel

Children should not bring their own soap or hand gel from home. The soap we use in school is antibacterial, ph neutral and appropriate for regular use. We always encourage children to dry their hands thoroughly. The hand gel that we use in school is antibacterial and contains at least 60% alcohol. These products are used regularly throughout the day as part of our control measures. We understand that some children are experiencing dry hands, and this is understandable given the frequency of hand washing that is currently required. A neutral moisturiser should help before school, after school and before bedtime.



Derby School Fires

I am sure that you will have seen images from the devastating fires at St Mary’s Primary School and Ravensdale Infant and Nursery School. Members of our school community work at those schools and we can only imagine what a distressing week it has been for them. After all that we have all been through this year, this news has been truly tragic to follow. We have sent our very best wishes to these school communities.



Harvest



We have made a donation of £200 to the Rotary Club of Derby South. The Rotary will use our money to support their local Food Bank projects. In school, the children have learned about Harvest and why we should all be thankful for what we have. The children have thought of ways that they can be helpful and share safely this Harvest. Here is a photo of the Harvest display created by our Key Stage 1 (KS1) children.



Nursery and Reception Places

We have 15-hour and 30-hour places available in our School Nursery. Please get in touch with us as we may be able to support your working hours. If we have available space, we can admit children as soon as they are 3 years old. If you would like further information about our Nursery offer or to register your child for a place, please ring the School Office 01332 662239.

This year, we do have remaining places in our Reception Classes. If you would like further information about our reception classes, please ring the School Office 01332 662239. To secure a place, please ring the Derby City Admissions team 01332 642730.

Please promote our Early Years where you can in the local community.

Autumn Term 1 2020 – Wed 2.9 to Fri 23.10

Week beginning Monday 12 th October	Becoming a Super Star Reader – Information for Parents/Carers
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Autumn Term 2 2020 – Mon 2.11 to Fri 18.12

Week beginning 9 th November	Parent/Carer consultations
Friday 20 th November	INSET day 2
Week beginning 23 rd November	Becoming a Power Maths Champion – Information for Parents/Carers

Spring Term 1 2021 – Mon 4.1 to Fri 12.2

Monday 4th January	INSET day 3
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Spring Term 2 2021 – Mon 22.2 to Thurs 1.4