



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 6

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Dear Parents and Carers

It's been an eventful and busy few weeks since we returned to school after half term. Due to two positive cases of Coronavirus in our school community, we have seen the Nursery and Class 9 bubbles close with a number of staff and children now in self-isolation. We hope that everyone in self-isolation remains well and able to learn – We are missing you!

With our Kitchen team also in self-isolation, children have all brought to school their own packed lunches. The dinner hall has had an 'excited' feel this week as the children have been eager to look at and talk about their food, drinks and lunch boxes! Each class accesses their class bubble area in the hall and they have 30 minutes to eat their meal. It's been great to see so many sensible and healthy packed lunches – Thank you very much for your support with this.

On Wednesday, we had a one minute silence to commemorate Remembrance day and the children were all proudly showing off their wonderful poppies all day. All of your donations have been passed on to the Royal British Legion – Thank you.

On Wear it Pink day, we raised £227.61 for Breast Cancer Awareness and today we have raised £151.77 for the Children in Need appeal. Thank you for your kindness. The children all look amazing today in their colourful clothes.

National restrictions are now in place until at least 2nd December. Please make safe choices and follow the rules. Be alert to Coronavirus symptoms and take the necessary action. You should minimise time spent outside your home and when around other people ensure that you are two metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

We will continue to communicate with you using the 'Teachers2Parents' text messaging service. If you have the Teachers2Parents app but are experiencing difficulties accessing the messages when we send them, we suggest that you delete the app. Without the app, you will receive a direct and instant text message.

We have almost finished the last of our parent/carer telephone consultation meetings. It's been great to hear so much positive feedback about children's progress and our school. Our teachers have worked incredibly hard to make returning to school a success. We are always willing to listen to feedback about how we can improve and so please do contact us to share your views.

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher



Staffing

Mrs Panter, from Class 9, has now started her maternity leave and Baby Panter is due anytime which is very exciting.

Mrs Dalton's last day in school with Class 7 will be Thursday 19th November. Mrs Dalton has decided to leave the teaching profession to focus on raising her family and so she will not be returning to our school. I would like to thank Mrs Dalton for her contribution to our school community since she joined our team in September 2018. We will miss her calming influence and relaxed approach to life and we know that she will make a lovely mummy. Farewell and good luck from us all.

Mrs Merriman has been building up to her return to work following her maternity leave. She will take over as the teacher in Class 7 and will be meeting the class next week. We are very much looking forward to her return to school.

Miss Marley is keeping in touch with us and her photographs of Baby Orlagh make us smile every week. Miss Marley will return to school during the Spring term and will join the Class 1 team.



Year 2 Phonics Screening Check

All of the children in Year 2 will complete a 'Phonics Screening Check' with their class teacher. The Phonics Screening Check usually takes place in June in Year 1, however, this could not happen due to school being partially closed. Throughout the country, Year 2 children will be taking the reading 'check' to confirm whether they have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard. Many of our Year 2 children have already completed this assessment, including children from Class 9. Some children may not be able to access this assessment due to absence. We will share with you your child's result. More information will follow from Mrs Asghar and the Year 2 team.



Remote Education

If your child is well but not able to attend school due to a Coronavirus reason, we will provide home learning and support for your child.

We are working on one plan for when the whole class are learning at home. This is likely to be in response to a positive case within the class bubble. In this case, the class staff, if well, can focus their working time on providing remote support.

We are working on another plan for when individual children are learning at home but class staff and children are learning in school. In this case, the class staff will be busy all day working in school.

Parents and carers can contact their child's class teacher with any queries by email:

nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Howett)

reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Smith, Miss Brown, Mrs Orme)

year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Miss Doxey, Mrs Unwin-Rose, Miss Luke)

year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Dalton/Mrs Merriman, Mrs Asghar, Miss Harker)



Photographer

We usually arrange for individual and family group photographs to be taken this term. Due to COVID restrictions, we have rescheduled with our school photographer and agreed a provisional date in the summer term when hopefully it will be safe to proceed.



Applying for School Places for September 2021

For children starting school or transferring from Infant to Junior School in September 2021, the closing date for applications is midnight on 15th January 2021.

All Nursery parents and carers **need** to apply for a place for their child to start at our school in Reception in September 2021. Apply online at www.derby.gov.uk/primary If you have friends or family in the area with Nursery aged children, please do encourage them to consider our school and to make contact with us for more information.

All Year 2 parents and carers need to apply for a Junior School place for their child to start in Year 3 in September 2021. Apply online at www.derby.gov.uk/primary I have asked Mrs Tague, the Acting Principal from Cavendish Close Junior Academy to share information with us that we can pass on to our Year 2 families.



Nursery

We have places in our Nursery that we would like to fill with enquiring and imaginative 3 and 4 year olds in our area. Our School Nursery is led by Mrs Howett, our Acting Deputy Headteacher, who is our experienced and exceptional Nursery teacher. The children who attend our Nursery get off to the

best possible start to their education. They become familiar with our school environment and routines and they make a wide range of friends that they will be with for all of their Primary years and beyond. Our Phonics programme begins in Nursery and Mrs Howett skilfully introduces all of our school approaches into the exciting Nursery curriculum. Mrs Howett is clearly a qualified teacher and so her high expectations and expertise enable us to offer an outstanding Nursery education.

We are developing our Nursery offer to make us the 'Nursery of choice' in our area for working parents who need wraparound care as well as excellent Nursery education.

We offer 30 hour places for families that meet the criteria. Many children attend Nursery every day.

We also offer 15 hour places with children attending at the beginning or the end of the week.

Nursery children can attend our Breakfast Club (currently open) and After School Club (currently not open due to COVID restrictions) as we provide wraparound care between 7:45am and 6:00pm. This provision is run by our school staff.

If you have a 2 or 3 year old child, please do consider what your child could gain by coming to our fabulous Nursery. Please get in touch with us for more information. If we have spaces, we can admit children as soon as they are 3 years old.

If you have friends or family in the area with Nursery aged children, please do encourage them to consider our school Nursery and to make contact with us for more information.



Children entitled to benefits related Free School Meals

Mrs Manners has been busy this week contacting families who have children who are eligible for benefits related Free School Meals. We are offering Morrisons 'packed lunch' food parcels during the closure of our school kitchen to eligible families. Weekly food parcels are delivered directly to homes.

When benefits related Free School Meals children are absent from school for COVID related reasons, we will work with our Morrisons Community Champions to offer weekly doorstep delivery meal packs.

To support eligible families over the two week Christmas holiday, we will be sending a supermarket voucher electronically. Further information will follow to eligible families.

As always, if you are experiencing difficulties, please do get in touch with us as we are likely to be able to signpost support in the community.



Christmas in school

We will capture the magic of Christmas in a new and create way this year. We are busy planning how to make Christmas special as well as safe in school.

Some of our usual Christmas activities will not be able to happen due to COVID restrictions, for example, parents and carers will not be able to come into school for concerts or craft afternoons. Children will not be able to bring in and share out Christmas cards. Although Christmas in school will be different, we will make sure that it is just as magical as it should be for young children.

Autumn Term 2 2020 – Mon 2.11 to Fri 18.12

Monday 16 th November	Anti-Bullying week – Promoting kind hands, feet and words Come to school in ' Odd Socks ' as we embrace diversity Nursery reopens School dinners will be served again INSET day 2 – School is closed to all children for staff training
Thursday 19 th November	
Friday 20 th November	
Week beginning 23 rd November	Information will be shared with parents and carers about how to support our Maths Curriculum – How to enable your children to become Power Maths Champions
Friday 11 th December	Christmas jumper day in school with charity donations being sent to the Save the children Christmas jumper day appeal.

Wednesday 16th December

Friday 18th December

Christmas dinner day in school. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers again.

School breaks up for the **Christmas holiday**