



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 8

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Dear Parents and Carers

Despite all of the challenges that we have faced this term, it is important to acknowledge and celebrate everything that we have achieved together as a school and to praise the resilience shown by staff and children alike. School continues to be a safe and happy environment for children to develop and learn.

For children to have settled as positively as they have and for them to have made such progress in their learning is a tribute to their resilience and to the support of yourselves, as parents and carers.

I would also like to pay tribute to all Cavendish Close staff, who have worked tirelessly to keep school open and to continue supporting children to progress academically and emotionally.

We are lucky as a school to have the support of the majority of our parents, carers and the wider community. Thank you to those who follow our safety measures everyday by wearing a face mask, not gathering and moving on as soon as possible. We are incredibly grateful for the respect that you have shown. We will continue to communicate our expectations and to address concerns appropriately.

This term, we have received excellent feedback from our Local Authority Improvement Officer about how we are developing our school. The work that we do to support children's development as Speakers and Readers has been commended along with our excellent provision for children with additional needs.

Please do continue to be alert to Coronavirus symptoms and access a test promptly. The Department for Education require school leaders to continue contact tracing 48 hours after the end of term in response to a positive case. Please do email leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk if your child develops symptoms and tests positive for Coronavirus.

I would like to wish all our families a safe Christmas holiday after an extraordinary year. I am extremely proud of your wonderful children and all that they have achieved this term. I will look forward to seeing all of our families in the New Year on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher

Our School STAR Expectations

At Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School, all our children are STARS.

Together, every day, we reach for the stars.

S	Super star learners
T	Try our best
A	Able to make safe, healthy, and happy choices
R	Respectful and kind

Together, we can all shine.



Staffing Update

I am delighted to share the wonderful news that baby Panter has now been born. We would like to wish Mrs Panter and baby Eadie all the very best as they begin to make lots of magnificent family memories together. Baby Eadie is lucky to have Mrs Panter as her Mummy. It's Mrs Dalton's turn next!

Miss Notcutt will be leaving school at the end of term as she is leaving Derby and relocating to be nearer to her family. Miss Notcutt has secured another Teaching Assistant position and will continue her career supporting children with additional needs. Miss Notcutt is a highly skilled and nurturing Teaching Assistant. She is able to effectively identify and meet children's needs and she always finds ways for children to succeed. Miss Notcutt will be missed but we would like to wish her every success with the next chapter of her life. We are grateful for her work with some of our most vulnerable children over the years. Goodbye and good luck.

Mrs Smith will continue to be the Class 1 teacher; however, she will be reducing her days in school next term. Mrs Smalley will provide continuity and consistency for the children along with Miss Carroll. Miss Marley will be joining the Class 1 team when she returns from her maternity leave in the Spring term.

Now that we have more than one member of the kitchen team back at work, we have been able to resume our meal service by redeploying staff and using agency relief staff. We have begun a recruitment process as we continue to work on our contingency planning. Thank you so much for making packed lunches for your children during the times that we were not able to provide meals.



Governing Board Update

Following a recent election, we have welcomed two new Parent Governors onto our board – Mr Wright and Mrs Parker. We are looking forward to working in partnership with our new governors as we continue to improve our school. We have also welcomed a new Co-opted Governor, Mrs Petronzi from the University of Derby onto our board. Mrs Petronzi began her teaching career at our school, some families will remember Miss McAllister who was a Reception teacher at our school.



Christmas 2020

It will be a different Christmas for us all this year as we must continue to limit who we mix with for the safety of ourselves, our families, and our community.

In school, we have missed our Christmas assemblies and performances very much, but staff have worked incredibly hard to capture the true meaning and magic of Christmas across school. Everywhere you go, there are children singing, Christmas trees, cheeky elves, and Christmas joy. The Christmas jumpers are superb, and we are looking forward to Christmas dinner today and parties tomorrow. Every class has decorated their classroom door and they look splendid as you walk around school. The class Christmas card display has been a source of enjoyment and pride and the children have been working on safe surprises for their families – Coming your way soon!

Santa visited school yesterday to wave to the children outside. He was accompanied by two jolly elves who were ringing bells and dancing. The children heard Santa saying "Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas" and Santa left a special letter and present for everyone. Every child has their own special present bag to support home learning and a love of reading in 2021. Please encourage your child to treasure their bag, pencil case and stationery, exercise book, workbooks, and story book. Together, we can make sure that our children keep learning. Story books have been carefully selected to support our curriculum and love of reading. Children will be able to take their present bags home before the end of the week.

Please take care this Christmas and follow the Christmas and local tier rules with caution. Stay safe.



Coronavirus Safety Measures

It is now clear that our temporary staggered start and finish times will need to continue until at least Easter (1st April 2021) as we continue to respond to challenges associated with the pandemic. All children are in school for 6 hours a day – 5 hours of learning and a 1-hour dinner time.

We will continue to support families with more than one child at our school with our 'siblings plan'.

- **Do not arrive on site earlier than you need to.** Aim to be on time. Avoid gathering. Move on when you can.
- **Only one adult can bring your child to school.** Avoid bringing older siblings on site where possible.
- **All adults on site should wear a face covering in addition to social distancing at 2 metres.** Be respectful. **Do not enter our Reception area or approach a member of staff without wearing a face mask.**

Our Breakfast Club has been open all term and we have been able to safely maintain our class bubble system. At Breakfast Club, children calmly enjoy their breakfast, followed by table-based activities.

We have not been able to open our After School Club for reasons linked to our Risk Assessment. Keeping children safely apart in class bubbles for approximately 3 hours would be restrictive. The priority for the end of the day continues to be the thorough cleaning of school. Our After School Club will remain closed until at least Easter (1st April 2021). We are sorry for the inconvenience that this causes to working parents and carers who would use this facility. We must continue to prioritise safety and well-being.

We are extremely grateful for your patience, cooperation, and understanding. The national and local picture continues to be deeply concerning for staff, and we must all follow our Risk Assessment and COVID expectations for the safety of our school community. Please make safe choices and stay apart where possible. Minimise the time that you are on site for your safety and the safety of others.



Keeping children Safe

The best interests of children continue to come first for the Safeguarding Team. We have many incredible packages of support in place that meet the needs of individual families.

If anyone has a safeguarding concern about a child, they should act on it immediately.

- Parents/Carers can email the Safeguarding team to make an enquiry, to ask for help or to report a concern: safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

The Safeguarding Team will always respond to you. I (Mrs Diffin) am our Designated Safeguarding Lead. I oversee all communication with parents and provide advice and support to the Safeguarding Team as appropriate. Mrs Howett, Mrs Asghar, Mrs Vincett, Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie are our highly skilled and experienced Safeguarding Champions.

- Parents/Carers can ring Derby Children's Social Care directly 01332 641172 (Out of hours Careline 01332 786968).
- Parents/Carers can ring the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000.

Whatever you're dealing with and however you're feeling – support is available.



School promotional Video

We have worked with a professional company to create a 'virtual online open day' to share information with prospective parents and carers about our fantastic school. You will have seen the large banner on the fence as you come up to school which is advertising the videos. Filming took place on Tuesday 8th December and involved interviews with staff, two amazing Year 2 children leading a tour around school and filming in Nursery, Class 2 (Reception), Class 5 (Year 1) and Class 9 (Year 2). We will be sharing the videos on our website and with our feeder Private, Voluntary, and Independent Early Years settings. The videos should be ready by Friday 18th December. Please support us by promoting our school in the community where you can.

Applying for Nursery and School Places

We have 15-hour and 30-hour places available in our School Nursery. Please get in touch with us if you have a 3- or 4-year-old as we may be able to support your working days and 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, contact the School Office 01332 662239.

If you have a 'little one' younger than 3, please register your interest in our Nursery now to support our future planning. Contact the school office 01332 662239.

We have places in all year groups in school (Reception, Year 1, and Year 2). To secure places, parents and carers need to ring the Derby City Admissions team 01332 642730. Please support us by promoting our school in the community where you can.

All current Nursery parents and carers need to apply for a Reception place in school for September 2021. This must be done directly with Derby City Council.

All Year 2 parents and carers need to apply for a Junior (Year 3) place in a new school for September 2021. This must be done directly with Derby City Council.

The closing date for applications is 15th January 2021. The quickest and easiest way to apply is online. www.derby.gov.uk/primary You can apply by telephone on 01332 642730. National Offer Day is 16th April 2021.

We are continuing to strengthen the link between our school (a Derby City Council Local Authority School) and Cavendish Close Junior Academy (a Harmony Multi Academy Trust School).

Autumn Term 2 2020 – Monday 2.11 to Friday 18.12

Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas dinner day in school. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers with their uniform.
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Class Bubble Parties. Children can come to school in party clothes and sensible shoes for outdoor learning and PE.
Friday 18 th December	Children can wear their Christmas jumpers with their uniform. School breaks up for the Christmas holiday.

Spring Term 1 2021 – Monday 4.1 to Friday 12.2

Monday 4 th January	INSET day – Staff training
Tuesday 5 th January	Children return to school for the Spring Term
Friday 15 th January	Admissions applications close – All Nursery and Year 2 parents must apply for September 2021 school placements.
Friday 5 th February	Wear a number to school day. Charity donations will be sent to the NSPCC. Children will enjoy Marvellous Maths in school all day.
Tuesday 9 th February	E Safety day – Children will learn about how to stay safe online.
Friday 12 th February	School breaks up for a half term holiday.

Spring Term 2 2021 – Monday 22.2 to Thursday 1.4

Thursday 4 th March	World Book day. More information to follow.
Friday 19 th March	Comic Relief day. More information to follow.
Thursday 1 st April	School breaks up for the Easter holiday.

Summer Term 1 2021 – Monday 19.4 to Friday 28.5

Monday 3 rd May	Bank holiday.
Friday 21 st May	INSET day 4 – Staff training.
Friday 28 th May	School breaks up for a half-term holiday.

Spring Term 2 2021 – Monday 7.6 to Thursday 22.7

Friday 2 nd July	INSET day 5 – Staff training.
Thursday 22 nd July	School breaks up for the summer holiday.



Wishing you a Merry
Christmas and a Safe
and Happy New Year

Best Wishes

From Santa, the elves,
Mrs Diffin and all of the staff
here at Cavendish Close
Infant and Nursery School