



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School  
**Newsletter 12**

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**Dear Parents and Carers**

Today, school will break up for a half term holiday. It has been an incredibly challenging but rewarding half term as we have worked tirelessly to support over 100 children in school and over 150 children and their families at home. Your kind words and feedback when we have seen you or during phone calls and in emails have been greatly appreciated. Thank you very much for your good communication.

We are proud of our daily Home Learning Plans and we know that they have been used to good effect to keep familiar learning going at home. We also know that Education City remains popular and that Collins Big Cat eBooks are being used to keep children reading every day at home - This is simply brilliant! It's great to hear that children are motivated to do their best work in their new workbooks. The Nursery children have been gifted a Maths book this time and the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been gifted a Handwriting book. We are looking forward to seeing the super numbers and neat handwriting. Mrs Howett and the dedicated weekly delivery team of local TAs have been ensuring that paper packs enable children to continue learning at home. Digital devices that we have loaned to families have been used effectively to support home-schooling. As a team, we have done all that we can to promote the education and emotional wellbeing of the children in our school community.

As a team of teachers and TAs, we would like to say a huge thank you and well done to all the parents and carers who are engaging so well with our offer – You are doing a fabulous job! Thank you for enabling your children to complete the activities on the daily home learning plans. Thank you for the emails and for enabling your children to speak to their teachers on loudspeaker. We would also like to congratulate our Key Worker parents and carers who have continued working, volunteering, and caring throughout this period of national lockdown. Feel proud that you have done your best. Thank you for prioritising safety, education and well-being.

We are serving hot meals in school and we send weekly supermarket vouchers to families at home who are eligible for Benefits-Related Free School Meals.

We know that school will remain partially closed until at least Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The government have not yet published the plan for opening schools more widely and so we cannot plan for more children returning to school yet. Our daily Home Learning Plans will resume on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February after the half term holiday.

Some families have told us that they are continuing with their home-schooling routine during half term – This is amazing! Some families have told us that they are going to 'catch up' with home learning and some families have told us that they are going to have a complete break and that they plan to enjoy family time and games, being creative and getting active in the fresh air. We know that you will do what is right for your family. Please enjoy the week at home and stay safe.

I have plans for my garden and will be starting to plan for my next home improvement project! My oldest daughter Blossom has recently chosen her GCSE options and so we're going to be preparing for courses and exploring book lists and history topics. My youngest daughter Tabitha is desperately trying to convince me to commit to a family dog which could also be a school therapy dog! Cavapoos are top of her list! We also have a film night and a spa day planned with lots of home cooking and baking.

Please take care and hopefully it will be safe enough for us all to be together again next half term.

**Stay Home**

**Protect the NHS**

**Save Lives**

Kind regards,

*Mrs C Diffin*

Headteacher

Dear Cavendish Close Children,



I am so proud of all the hard work that you have been doing at home. Well done Super Star Learners.

Remember to make safe, happy, and healthy choices at home. Find time every day to be creative and to be active outside.



stay   
healthy  
helpful  
& calm

CAN'T WAIT  
TO SEE YOU

A cartoon illustration of a blonde girl's head and shoulders, smiling broadly. She has long blonde hair and is wearing a grey top.

Soon it will be safe for everyone to be at school together again. Until then, keep reading and keep smiling.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x