



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School
Newsletter 15

Monday 29th March 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers

The Easter holiday is fast approaching, and we are all ready for a break with our families. It has been a year of restrictive safety measures, partial closures and reinventing our systems, approaches, and curriculum. The vaccination and testing programmes give us hope that we can make sustained progress controlling the virus. We must continue to be patient and cautious as we follow the roadmap out of lockdown. Please take care and stay safe this Easter.

I will be enjoying family time, time at home and some safe outdoor 'meet ups'. It's not long until I can go to the hairdressers again, but I won't be able to go into my parents' home until at least 17th May. I have 2 books to read at Easter – the Librarian of Auschwitz and Martin Kemp's autobiography! Lots of fresh air, hopefully some sunshine, fun and laughter are definitely part of my plans. My girls will keep up their education with learning time and piano practice every morning before 'free choice' in the afternoon. I know that they have planned lots of baking, pampering and family badminton competitions!

Please limit your child's screen time, prioritising social time, communication, and outdoor time. Young children should always be supervised using the internet – 'pop ups' can be concerning. Please only allow your children to play and watch age-appropriate games and films. Minimum age limits are to keep children safe from inappropriate content. Please keep your children safe by looking carefully at age limits. Children should not play or watch games that they are not old enough for.

This week, we will be sharing information with you about Derby City Council's 'Beat the Street' active challenge. Children can earn points and win prizes by finding beat boxes and using their contactless cards or fobs.

We have now welcomed back Miss Marley following her maternity leave. Miss Marley will be taking over as the class teacher in Class 1 after Easter. Mrs Smalley will continue to start the week on a Monday and then Miss Marley will be in school from Tuesday to Friday. Mrs Smith will continue another role in school, covering teachers for leadership and planning time. Thank you to Mrs Smith for giving the children in Class 1 a brilliant start to their education. Mrs Smith has fitted so well into our team, bringing optimism, experience, calmness, and a passion about high quality Early Years education.

Well done to the Key Stage 1 children who entered the Derby Ram competition. The designs were amazing, and it was really hard choosing the winners to progress in the competition. There were class winners and three overall winners who will now paint their design on model rams before entering the Derby competition. Thank you to Miss Harker for coordinating this competition.

Wednesday 31st March will be a colourful day in Nursery as the Nursery children can dress in as many colours as possible to celebrate their learning about colour. They are having a special 'Elmer' day. This is just for the Nursery children.

I would like to publicly thank Mrs Marie Willis for her service to our school community as a school governor. Marie is a wonderful lady – she is kind-hearted, cheerful, caring, friendly and committed to serving her community and supporting others – what an inspiration to us all. Marie makes the best Victoria sponges ever and we will miss her very much. Marie and her husband Rob will always be welcome at our school. Thank you for being a remarkable governor for so many years. Take care.

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher

Our Cavendish Close 10 Learning Values

These are the 10 learning behaviours that we value the most at school. We model, expect, and reward these learning behaviours every day in school. The Power Maths characters – **Flo, Astrid, Dexter, Ash and Sparks** – help us to be Super Star Learners every day.

Flexible Flo

- ✓ We think of good ideas.
- ✓ We think of different ways to do things.

Brave Astrid

- ✓ We are confident to try challenges.
- ✓ We learn from mistakes.

Determined Dexter

- ✓ We always try our best.
- ✓ We are resilient, we keep on trying.

Curious Ash

- ✓ We enjoy finding out and exploring.
- ✓ We ask clever questions.

Sparks the Cat

- ✓ We ask for help when we need it.
- ✓ We are happy to teach our friends.



Coronavirus Safety Measures

Please continue to support our COVID Safe Site Expectations:

- **Only one adult can drop off/pick up** – We must minimise the number of people on site.
- Follow the one-way system on site – Keep left and keep moving.
- **Wear a face mask on site** - This is in addition to social distancing.
- **Stay 2 metres away from other parents and carers** – Respect social distancing rules.
- **Minimise your time on site** – Don't come on site unnecessarily early or stay on site after collecting your children – Leave the site as soon as possible – Move on

Testing

Twice weekly home **Lateral Flow (LF) Tests** are freely available and **strongly encouraged**. This is such a helpful safety measure. If you are not currently engaging with this opportunity, please consider getting your family and bubble (if you are entitled to one) involved for the safety of your family and our school community. **Around one in three people with Coronavirus have no symptoms, and so finding and isolating these hidden cases quickly will help to stop outbreaks before they get a chance to develop.** All eligible members of staff test themselves twice a week before work. We have also got the adults in our households and bubbles, where we are eligible, testing twice a week as well. Please do all you can to keep everyone safe.

Lateral flow testing is not for children under the age of 11 (Secondary aged children).

Lateral flow testing is not for young people or adults who have Coronavirus symptoms. If someone in your household or bubble develops Coronavirus symptoms, then they must book a **Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test** at a testing site immediately. The whole household and bubble must self-isolate immediately.

If a member of staff tests positive using a LF test, then they need to isolate their household and bubble and book a confirmation PCR test at a testing site immediately. Close contacts in school will be identified and this could involve closing a class bubble early in the morning and asking staff and children to self-isolate as they could have been in close contact with someone who could have Coronavirus. If the PCR test result is positive, then the 10-day period of self-isolation is confirmed. If the PCR test result is negative, then close contacts will be told that they no longer need to self-isolate.

Your child could be asked to self-isolate at short notice, in line with government guidance. Please prepare for this eventuality. We are grateful when parents and carers are calm, polite, and understanding. These rules are to keep us all safe. We will continue to communicate by text message.

We must all continue to be alert to the main Coronavirus symptoms:

1. A high temperature
2. A new and continuous cough
3. A loss of smell or taste

If anyone in your household develops a Coronavirus symptom, the household **must** isolate, and a PCR test **must** be booked immediately. **Please communicate household symptoms and test results with us as soon as possible.** Stay safe and follow the rules. Please do all that you can to keep our school community safe. We will respond quickly to positive test results and you may need to collect your children from school to begin a period of isolation. Self-isolation is one of the most important things we can do to help stop the spread of the virus and help protect our friends, family, and our community.

If your child develops Coronavirus symptoms on Friday 2nd April or Saturday 3rd April, you must email the leadership team as we are still required to carry out contact tracing during this period of time.

If your child is well but absent from school for a Coronavirus related reason, then they should switch to home learning. We are continuing to send home a weekly home learning plan for each year group on a Monday morning. This plan mirrors the learning that is happening in the classroom.



Safety on Wood Road

We are working in partnership with Derby City Council, our local ward councillors, and our safer neighbourhood policing team to make Wood Road safer at the start and the end of the school day.

Please play your part and help to keep our school community safe.

- ✓ **Please drive slowly on Wood Road. Do not make a 'U-Turn' on Wood Road outside school – this is not safe or considerate. Do not stop in the middle of the road to drop off adults and children. Do not mount the kerbs to park on the pavements.**
- ✓ **Please park considerately away from school and walk. Do not park in front of the gates or on the zigzag lines. Do not park on corners, on pavements or blocking driveways. If you need to drive to school, then park safely and considerately away from school and walk.**
- ✓ **Please keep moving when walking and keep the paths clear. Do not gather or wait by the gates – this is not safe or helpful. This is not a safe meeting point. Keep moving and maintain social distancing.**
- ✓ **Please do not stand and smoke by the Wood Road gates. This is not the welcome we want for our families. Please be considerate.**

Derby City Council Public Protections Officers and members of our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team are hoping to be able to visit us regularly so that we can challenge parents and carers who do not drive, park, or behave safely on Wood Road.



Clubs

Our Breakfast Club has been successfully open all year from 7:45am each day. It is a calm, healthy and happy start to the day for many of our children. Our Teaching Assistants provide our children with a safe and secure environment with the consistency of school expectations. We are able to provide high-quality childcare at the start of the day to nursery and school-aged children. We are also able to support Junior Academy siblings.

→ Please can Breakfast Club parents and carers drive slowly on site and park at the back of the car park, allowing staff to arrive and park in the staff bays.

We are now beginning to plan to reopen our After School Club on Monday 7th June for the final half term of the year. We will share further information after Easter. We are unable to take bookings yet.

We are hopeful that it will be safe enough for us to restart a programme of Extra-Curricular Clubs in September 2021. We have established partnerships in school with 'Premier Sports', 'Jumping Clay' and 'Rock Steady' music lessons. Our Teaching Assistants are also able to offer Art Club, Reading Club and Cookery Club. We have also discussed our own Football Club and Gardening Club. It has been such a challenging and restrictive year for us all but hopefully children will be able to start attending clubs and activities again soon.



School Dinners

We would love all children to eat and enjoy a hot meal at school every day. We have been asking the children at school about the food and meals that they enjoy and would like to eat at school. We have also been talking to the children about trying new foods and making healthy choices.

We are hoping to have a full kitchen team after Easter, and we feel able to extend the menu. Mrs Carter is working on two weekly menus that would alternate. She is also working on two meal options each day with a served salad bar. We will send the menus home before the end of the week so that you can prepare your children for having dinners in the summer term.



Sun Safety during the summer term

Please get your child a sun hat ready for the summer term. It is really important that children come to school with a **named sun hat** every day so that they can protect their head, face, and eyes from harmful UV sun rays during the summer months. We are a Sun Safe accredited school for all the great work we do about keeping safe in the sun.

Each class has a sun cream dispenser and, where parents and carers have given consent, children will apply sun cream before going out for their first outdoor PE session in the morning.

During the summer months, children will continue having PE outdoors every day. Sturdy school shoes are required with no heels. Socks must always be worn. Slip on shoes and sandals are not safe for outdoor PE – please do not send your child to school in inappropriate footwear.

Children need fresh air and regular physical activity; we aim to go outside whatever the weather. A **named waterproof coat** with a hood is required every day.

To provide shade from the sun and shelter from the rain, we are having 3 canopies installed on the playgrounds soon.

Text Messages from school to parents/carers



If you have the 'Teachers2Parents' app, then our text messages will go straight into the app and you may not receive a notification. You will need to check the app. This is often a barrier to parents and carers receiving text messages immediately. To prevent a possible delay, we suggest that you delete the app. You will then receive an immediate text message to your phone.

Text messages are not sent to both parents/carers. They are sent to the parent/carer who is the first contact on our system.

Nursery aged children



Do you have a child who was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018? If so, your child can come to our excellent Nursery for high-quality Early Years education in September 2021. We have 15 hour and 30 hour funded places. Please ring us, email us, or come to the school office to secure a place. Give your child the best possible start to their education in a school environment.

If you have a younger child, you can still apply for a Nursery place. This is really helpful and supports our future planning.

Please promote our Nursery where you can in the community. Thank you.

Spring Term 2 2021 – Monday 22.2 to Thursday 1.4

Week beginning 29 th March Thursday 1 st April	***Parent Telephone Consultation Meetings*** Information to follow. School breaks up for the Easter holiday.
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Summer Term 1 2021 – Monday 19.4 to Friday 28.5

Week beginning 19 th April Friday 23 rd April	Science Week. St George's Day.
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Week beginning 26 th April	***Special Educational Needs Support Plan Parent Telephone Consultation Meetings*** Information to follow.
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Monday 3 rd May Tuesday 4 th May Friday 7 th May	Bank holiday. Sun Safety Day. NSPCC Number Day.
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Friday 21 st May Friday 28 th May	INSET day 4 – Staff training. School breaks up for a half-term holiday.
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Spring Term 2 2021 – Monday 7.6 to Thursday 22.7

Friday 2 nd July Thursday 22 nd July	INSET day 5 – Staff training. School breaks up for the summer holiday.
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Autumn Term 1 2021 – The new school year begins on Thursday 2nd September 2021



Contacting School

Telephone and email contact continues to be the safest way for parents and carers to communicate with school. 'Quick' messages can be passed on at drop off and pick up time.

Senior Leadership Team

leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin (Headteacher), Mrs Howett (Deputy Headteacher and Early Years Foundation Stage Leader), Mrs Asghar (Assistant Headteachers and Key Stage 1 Leader))

School Office Team

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(Mrs Kelly, Mrs Manners and Mrs Horsman)

Safeguarding Team

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(Mrs Diffin, Mrs Howett, Mrs Asghar, Mrs Vincett, Mrs Leadbeater, Mrs Dearie)

Inclusion Leader

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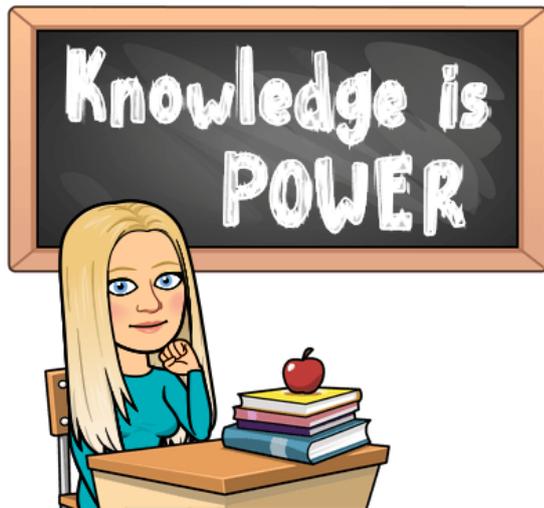
year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk (Mrs Merriman, Mrs Asghar, Miss Harker)

Breakfast Club and After School Club

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(Mrs Roberts)

Dear Cavendish Close Children,



You have been working so hard at school. I have seen amazing Power Maths and very clever writing.

We have a special gift for you so that you can keep learning this Easter. Enjoy being active with 'Beat the Street'.



Have a lovely Easter holiday. We will see you in 2 weeks. Stay safe and be kind and helpful at home. Don't eat too much chocolate!

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x