



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School
Newsletter 17

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of another busy half term, this newsletter reflects on some of our great achievements. Staff have continued to work tirelessly to enable our children to succeed personally and academically. Every day, we continue to find ways for our children to make progress with their Reading, Writing and Maths skills. Our hard work has been recognised as we have recently been awarded the national '**Quality Mark for English and Maths**'. The Quality Mark is a widely acknowledged accreditation supporting and celebrating excellence in English and Mathematics provision. We are looking forward to proudly displaying our plaque and certificate.

Miss Luke, our Science Leader, has shared a feature on our successful Science week earlier this half term. Our children love being curious and 'hand on' investigative scientists.

Miss Harker, our Art and Design Leader, has shared a feature on our involvement in the '**Derby Museums Derby Ram Trail**'. Amazingly, out of all the entries from across Derby, the Infant winner was from our school and so were two of the runner ups. This is fabulous, and we have very much enjoyed celebrating our success. Our children love being creative and expressing their wonderful ideas.

Our new Nursery children are settling well and learning the routine well – it's great to see them smiling and making new friends. Our older Nursery are 'getting ready' for school with lots of incredible writing and drawing – so clever! Our Reception children have been learning about and caring for minibeasts. Our Year 1 children will be dressing up as aliens on Friday to finish off their exciting topic in style! Our Year 2 children have been selected to take part in the prestigious '**Derby Book Festival Children's Picture Book Awards**'. School is a happy and calm environment in which all our children are blossoming.

The '**NHS Chat Health**' team were on site one morning before school last week. Thank you for making them feel welcome. They supported about 80 parents and carers providing advice and sign posting support about health-related queries. Mrs Orme, our dedicated Personal Development Leader and Designated Senior Lead for Mental Health continues to work in partnership with our highly effective Safeguarding Team to support our children and their families. Together everyone achieves more (TEAM).

Our new canopies have been well used as we have seen a lot of rain so far in May! Please continue to send your children to school in named waterproof coats with hoods.

Our staggered start and finish times will continue to be in place for the remainder of the school year. Our siblings plan will continue to support parents and carers with more than one child at our school. We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support with our COVID safety measures. Thank you for being so understanding and respectful. As we plan ahead to the next academic year, we are reflecting on our arrangements for the start and end of the day, dinner time and PE. Some elements of our COVID safe arrangements have been so positive that we are considering what to keep. As our plans develop, I will seek the views of parents and carers.

I hope that you have a good half term holiday with your children. Surely it will stop raining soon! My youngest daughter, Tabitha will be away in Dorset on a residential trip, and so it will be noticeably quiet in my house! Plans for this year's home improvements are developing and I'm still being pressured about us having a puppy every day! Please take care. Thank you for your positivity and support.

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher

Our School Ethos (Part 1)

At our school...

We create indoor and outdoor environments that are...

- ✓ Welcoming
- ✓ Positive and happy
- ✓ Safe and calm
- ✓ Orderly
- ✓ Inviting, stimulating, and engaging

We are committed to developing high quality continuous provision with accessible, relevant, and open-ended resources that promote enquiry-based learning.



Breakfast Club and After School Club

Our Breakfast Club is thriving, and we are now finalising plans to reopen our After School Club on Monday 14th June. During this academic year, we will maintain our class and family bubble approach.

After School Club is led by Mrs Roberts and run by our experienced and caring Teaching Assistants. It will be available for children from their class bubble finish time until 5:45pm. This will mean that our extended school childcare offer will be available for all our children from 7:45am to 5:45pm, 10 hours a day. Nursery children can also access extended days. Parents and carers collecting children will be able to park in the school car park.

After School Club will be run from our school hall with opportunities for children to be active outdoors as well. A healthy light tea will be served, and children will be able to enjoy a wide range of interesting activities in a safe and familiar environment.

Mrs Roberts will continue to communicate with parents and carers about places. Mrs Roberts can be contacted using our club email address: clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

Breakfast Club is from 7:45am until class bubble start times, including breakfast: £5.50.

After School Club will be from class bubble finish times until 5:45pm at the latest, including tea: £9.50.



Summer school uniform

With warmer weather on the way (hopefully), children are starting to take off their jumpers and cardigans to keep cool. Please ensure that your child's clothes are labelled with their name.

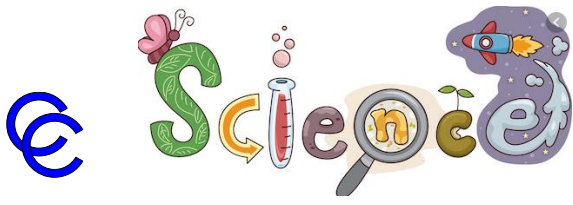
Your child needs a named sun hat in school every day to protect their head, face, and eyes from the sun's harmful UV rays. We are a Sun Safe School, and we will provide sun cream where consent has been given. Protecting young skin consistently will reduce the risk of skin cancer in later life.

Daily PE lessons will continue to be outside for the rest of this school year. Children need to wear sturdy, secure and flat school shoes that are appropriate for running and games. Cotton socks and school shoes will be appropriate for the rest of the school year. Please don't buy sandals or slip-on shoes for school as these will not be safe for outdoor PE and play.

For safety reasons, children should not wear any jewellery to school. Only one single pair of stud earrings can be worn. Hooped or drop earrings are not safe for school.

Thank you for sending your children to school looking smart every day.

We have places in all year groups if you can promote our school in the community, please. Thank you



I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all the children at Cavendish Close Infant School for being the most amazing super scientists!!

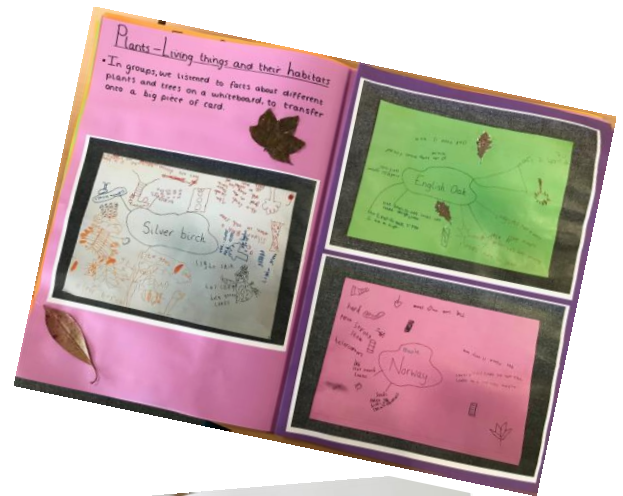
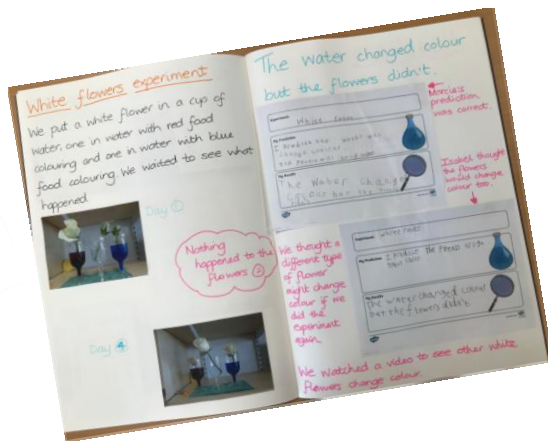
We held a Science Week at the beginning of the Summer Term and I have been lucky enough to see all

of the photographs taken in school. From the very youngest of our curious learners in Nursery all the way up to our oldest scientists in Year 2. As we are all aware, things have been very different this year in school but the enthusiasm and excitement for science has been second to none! There have been investigations, experiments, classifying (animals and food groups), rich discussions and even a tree survey on our school grounds. I have included some photographs of the children's fabulous work.

Thank you to all the adults in school for making science week fun and exciting, but most of all thank you to all the children for being keen scientists. Children of Cavendish Close – keep up the good work!

Take care, stay safe and keep being curious.

From Miss Luke.



We were delighted that Cavendish Close Infant School was chosen to take part in the Derby Ram Trail. Every child in KS1 drew a detailed design on the theme of 'What Is Important To Me, Right Now'?

3 designs were carefully chosen by Mrs Diffin based on their thought-provoking ideas and artistic skill. This was a difficult job as there were so many fantastic designs! The 3 children then painted their designs onto a mini porcelain ram.



Derby Museums, together with education partner Rolls-Royce, recently announced that:

Brynnlee Jenkins-Treece in class 8

is the winner in the 5-7 category from all the schools across the city! We are immensely proud of him and we know he is too. Well done Brynnlee for creating a unique and thoughtful design that caught the eye of the judges.

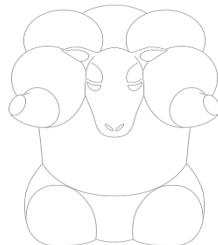


"5-7 years: Brynnlee Jenkins-Treece (Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School)

Brynnlee's ram (called 'Patty') shines like gold to echo those who are kind and helpful to each other. This was inspired by the children being back in the classroom together after the last partial school closure, talking about what is important to them now."

In addition to Brynnlee's success we are thrilled to announced that the other 2 rams have also been chosen to be on display in the museum and art gallery. This is wonderful news.

Joshua Mee in class 9



Tia McNeill in class 4

You are all very talented and totally deserve to have your spot on the trail! Cavendish Close Children have made us proud as they were shortlisted from many other rams. These wonderful winning designs will be on display for visitors to enjoy in Derby Museum and Art Gallery throughout the summer in a colourful 'Mini Ram Trail'. It is running in conjunction with the main [Derby Ram Trail](#), where artists have created extra-large rams. This exhibition will run from 27 May until 22 August 2021. Why not visit the trail and see if you can spot Cavendish Close Infant School children's striking ram designs?

From 27th May you can visit the website to see their work and find out more about the trail. www.derbyramtrail.org Best wishes from Miss Harker (Art and Design Leader)



Derby Book Festival

The 'Derby Book Festival Children's Picture Book Awards' is a fantastic event that supports research that suggests that it is vitally important for every child to read and enjoy books that they can relate to and that they see themselves in. Derby is a diverse city and so this is particularly important for children from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) backgrounds. Diversity is the theme for this year's books awards and publishers have nominated books that advance diversity in a meaningful and sensitive manner.

Following a successful application, we are delighted that our school has been chosen as one of six Derby schools to take part in this year's awards. Our Year 2 children have been busy reading and discussing the three short listed books. This week, the children will all vote for their favourite book and our results will be submitted to the Derby Book Festival team. Soon the winner will be announced, and the 2021 winning author/illustrator will visit each of the award schools later this term either in person or virtually. Our Year 2 children are taking this privilege and responsibility very seriously which is fantastic! I have a definite favourite and I'm looking forward to seeing our school results and listening to the children's reasons for their decisions this week.

The shortlisted books are:

- Super Milly and the super school day, Stephanie Clarkson (Author) and Gwen Millward (Illustrator)
- All kinds of families, Sophie Henn (Author and Illustrator)
- The Boy who loved everyone, Jane Porter (Author) and Maisie Paradise Shearring (Illustrator)



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.

We are launching a Community Safety Campaign in partnership with Cavendish Close Junior Academy after half term.



End of year plans and plans for transition

We are currently finalising our plans for the end of this year and will share information soon.

We are also planning transition opportunities and again will share information soon.

Thank you for your patience.

Summer Term 1 2021 – Monday 19.4 to Friday 28.5

Friday 28 th May	Year 1 Alien dress up day to conclude the topic School breaks up for a half-term holiday
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Summer Term 2 2021 – Monday 7.6 to Thursday 22.7

Wednesday 16 th June	School photographer – Nursery and Reception children
Friday 18 th June	School photographer – Year 1 children
Monday 21 st June	School photographer – Year 2 children
Thursday 1 st July	End of year reports will be sent home
Friday 2 nd July	INSET day 5 – Staff training
Week beginning 5 th July	End of year parent/carer telephone consultation meetings
Thursday 22 nd July	School breaks up for the summer holiday

Autumn Term 1 2021 – The new school year begins on Thursday 2nd September 2021

Year 1 and Year 2 children will return to school on Friday 3rd September 2021.
Nursery and Reception children will receive individual start dates. Start dates will be staggered to allow children to settle calmly and happily.

INSET days 2021/22, as agreed with Cavendish Close Junior Academy:

- 1 - Thursday 2nd September 2021,
- 2 - Thursday 23rd December 2021,
- 3 - Friday 18th February 2022,
- 4 - Monday 23rd May 2022,
- 5 - Monday 4th July 2022

**Contacting School**

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

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Senior Leadership Team

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(Mrs Vincett)

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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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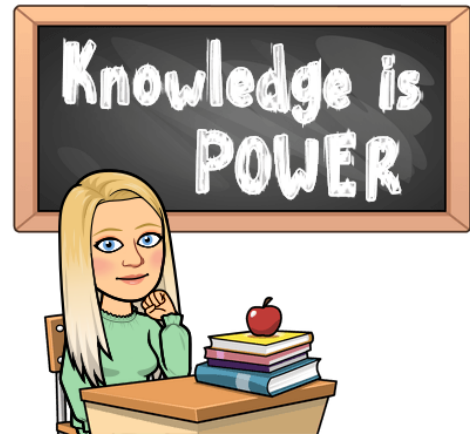
(Mrs Roberts)

Dear Cavendish Close Children,



I am delighted with how hard you are all working to be **Super Star Readers**. The more you practice, the better you get. Keep up the hard work.

I love listening to you talk about your learning. Well done for following our **Learning Values** and being Super Star Learners.



You are all so good at talking about how you are feeling using the **Mood Monsters**. Don't forget to peep in my window to see which mood monster is watching you walk to school sensibly.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x



Maintaining 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 please.

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 household 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 testing twice a week as well. Please do all you can to keep everyone safe.

Lateral flow testing is not recommended 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 develops Coronavirus symptoms, then they must book a **Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Test** at a testing site immediately. The whole household must self-isolate immediately.

If a member of staff tests positive using a LF test, then they need to isolate their household 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 will have been in close contact with someone who could have Coronavirus. If the PCR test result is positive, then a 10-day period of self-isolation will be 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 phone and 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, by calling 119. **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 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.