



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

# Newsletter 1

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## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the new school year. A special welcome to all our new families. We're delighted that you have joined our school community. If we can do anything to help or support you, please ask.

I hope that you had a lovely summer, spending time with the people that you love and enjoying the activities that make you happy.

It was a busy summer in the Diffin house as we collected Nelly Tiger, a cockapoo puppy, on the first day of the holidays. Nelly is now 15 weeks old, and she is very settled and happy.

It has been wonderful to welcome back all our Year 1 and Year 2 children into our 6 first floor classrooms. The children are so happy to be back in school with their friends. They have all made a fantastic start in their new classes. We are delighted with how well they are remembering the school routine and our safety measures. We are enormously proud of the children; they are using excellent listening skills and good manners. There is a happy and purposeful atmosphere upstairs. The Key Stage 1 team have worked incredibly hard to welcome back the children safely, to meet their emotional needs and to assess their reading, writing and Maths skills. It has been a very positive start to the new school year.

In our 4 ground floor classrooms, Nursery and Reception children have attended final introductory visits and many have now started school and more will be starting nursery this week. The visits have gone incredibly well, allowing quality time to build relationships and share information. The children look so smart in their uniform, and they have been confidently talking to staff, which is great. The Foundation Stage team have been learning lots of names and making children feel welcome and settled.

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher

## Our School Vision



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INFANT SCHOOL

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## 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.



### Staffing News

Miss Carroll has now started her maternity leave. I'm delighted to share with you that Baby Harry was born at the end of the holidays. We are all looking forward to meeting him and hearing about him growing and developing.

Congratulations to our families who have welcomed a new baby this summer as well.



### Safety at the start and end of the day

If you need to drive to school, please park safely and considerately away from school and walk. Our neighbours will appreciate this. Thank you.

Please walk all the way to school if you can. Children are not allowed to ride bikes or scooters on school premises as it is just not safe. Adults and children should stay on the paths as the grassy areas can be slippery and they are uneven underfoot in places. With over 250 children coming to school every day, the paths are mostly busy. If we are all considerate and patient, then we can ensure that the start and end to each school day is safe, calm, and orderly. Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie are always outside and willing to help, receive feedback or answer questions. It would be really helpful if only one adult came on site to drop off or collect your child. Minimising numbers on site will again make our site safer for everyone. Parents and carers should not bring friends or extended family members on site unnecessarily.

At the end of the day, our secure line gates will not be opened until the Nursery children are ready to go home just before 2:50pm. Parents and carers should not come on site unnecessarily early.

The children have been coming into school beautifully. Thank you for supporting their independence.



### PE kits

Indoor PE will resume from the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September for children in Years 1 and 2. Children should keep a simple PE kit in school. Children need a drawstring bag (not a rucksack) with a white T-shirt and a pair of black or navy shorts – both named. Pumps will not be required as children will go to the hall in their shoes and take part in PE with bare feet. Reception children will start PE lessons in the coming weeks when they are settled and ready.



### School meals

We encourage as many children as possible to have a 'free' school dinner. Our meals are made on site by our catering team. You can access our menu so that you and your child know what to expect for dinner every day. Our [menu](#) is based on our children's favourite and healthy meals. Children are well supported at dinner time. If there is a day where you know your child will not enjoy a school dinner, they can bring a healthy packed lunch and a drink.



### Relief Support Staff

We currently have a vacancy for a Catering Assistant advertised with Derby City Council. We are also looking to build up a list of relief support staff – Catering Assistants, Midday Supervisors and Cleaners. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Kelly in the school office. If you know anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact us. Thank you. 01332 662239



### Autumn Weather

Please ensure that your child comes to school everyday with a sunhat and a coat with a hood. School shoes should be sturdy and appropriate for daily outdoor PE. All clothing should be labelled clearly with your child's name. Thank you for your support.

<b>Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead</b>	Mrs Diffin	<a href="mailto:leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk">leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk</a>
<b>Deputy Headteacher and Early Years Foundation Stage Leader</b>	Mrs Howett	01332 662239
<b>Assistant Headteacher and Key Stage 1 Leader</b>	Mrs Asghar	
<b>Inclusion Leader (Special Education Needs Coordinator)</b>	Mrs Vincett	<a href="mailto:senco@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk">senco@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk</a>
<b>Personal Development Leader</b>	Mrs Orme	01332 662239

Please share any queries or concerns with us so that we can work together to keep your children safe, happy, and learning at school. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

<b>Early Years Foundation Stage</b>		
<b>Nursery</b>		
Nursery	<b>Mrs Howett, Mrs Brown, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Bee, Mrs Roberts</b>	Happy Hedgehogs
<b>Reception</b>		
Class 1	<b>Mrs Carter, Mrs Gadsby</b>	Sociable Squirrels
Class 2	<b>Miss Brown, Miss Cunliffe</b>	Bold Butterflies
Class 3	<b>Mrs Orme, Mrs Birkinshaw</b>	Curious Caterpillars

<b>Key Stage 1</b>		
<b>Year 1</b>		
Class 4	<b>Miss Doxey, Mrs Edwards</b>	Flexible Foxes
Class 5	<b>Mrs Merriman, Mrs Hemmings, Mrs Taylor</b>	Determined Dragonflies
Class 6	<b>Miss Marley, Mrs Mills</b>	Respectful Robins
<b>Year 2</b>		
Class 7	<b>Miss Luke, Mrs Redfern</b>	Brave Badgers
Class 8	<b>Mrs Asghar, Miss Flynn, Miss Richardson</b>	Resilient Rabbits
Class 9	<b>Miss Harker, Miss Stafford</b>	Dynamic Deers

*Mrs Roberts, Mrs Smalley, Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie will continue to support classes and children in all year groups.*

In Nursery, we offer full time (30 hour) and part time (15 hour) places. Part time places are offered at the beginning or the end of the week			
<u>Beginning of the week:</u> Monday and Tuesday (full days) and Wednesday morning.		<u>End of the week:</u> Wednesday afternoon and Thursday and Friday (full days).	
	<b>Door opens</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Home Time</b>
<b>Nursery Full Days</b>	8:45am	8:50am	2:50pm
<b>Wednesday Morning Half Day</b>	8:45am	8:45am	11:45am
<b>Wednesday Afternoon Half Day</b>	12:10pm	12:10pm	3:10pm

	<b>Doors open</b>	<b>Morning Register</b>	<b>Home Time</b>
<b>Reception</b>	8:50am	8:55am	2:55pm
<b>Year 1</b>	8:50am	9:00am	3:00pm
<b>Year 2</b>	8:50am	9:05am	3:05pm

<b>Breakfast Club</b>	From 7:45am
<b>After School Club</b>	Until 5:45pm

Mrs Roberts is our Breakfast and After School Club Leader.  
If you need help with childcare before or after the school day, please enquire about our provision.  
[Clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:Clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

We are currently planning curriculum clubs for after the school day. They will finish at 4:00pm. More information will be shared with parents and carers as planning progresses. We are hoping to start curriculum clubs after the October half term holiday.

<b><u>Autumn Term 1</u></b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021 to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET day 1: School is closed to children for staff training
Week beginning Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest week: Children can bring a food donation to school for our Harvest display. Tins and packets are preferable.
Weeks beginning Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October and Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery and Reception Teachers will be meeting with all parents and carers to discuss how children have settled and priorities for development. Most meetings will be phone calls.
	Teachers from all year groups will be meeting with parents and carers of children with Special Education Needs to share new Support Plan targets and provision. Most meetings will be phone calls.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	'Wear it Pink' day: Charity donations for Breast Cancer Now. Children can come to school in pink or red: Non-uniform day.
<b><u>Autumn Term 2</u></b>	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November to Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021	
November	Year 2 children will be assessed using the statutory Phonics Screening Check
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery parents and carers can apply for places in Reception in September 2022
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day: Reflection time at 11am
Week beginning Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week: Children can come to school on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November wearing odd socks so we can celebrate what makes us all unique
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	The School Age Immunisation Team will be in school administering the Nasal Flu vaccination to Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 children where consent has been provided to the NHS
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	INSET day 2: School is closed to children for staff training Children will break up on Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December
<b><u>Spring Term 1</u></b>	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET day 3: School is closed to children for staff training Children will break up on Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
<b><u>Spring Term 2</u></b>	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022 to Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	
<b><u>Summer Term 1</u></b>	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	
May	Year 2 children will be assessed using the statutory National Curriculum tests
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday: School is closed
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	INSET day 4: School is closed to children for staff training
<b><u>Summer Term 2</u></b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022	
June	Reception children will be assessed using the statutory Early Years Foundation Stage Profile
Week beginning Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 children will be assessed using the statutory Phonics Screening Check. Year 2 children who did not pass in November will be retested.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET day 5: School is closed to children for staff training

# Dear Cavendish Close Children,



Welcome back to school everyone and a special 'hello' to our new children, you will be very happy at Cavendish Close Infant School.

I hope that you like your new classroom. Over the summer, the teachers set up new furniture and resources for you. It's great to see you working hard on your learning again.



I am really impressed with your super kind behaviour. I have heard lots of good manners and I have seen children being friendly and helpful. You are making lots of good choices and using your words to say how you are feeling.



Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x



# Coronavirus Safety Measures

## What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

- a new and continuous cough
- a high temperature
- loss of or change to normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**If anyone in your household develops any of these symptoms, they must isolate and you should [arrange a PCR test](#).** If your child develops symptoms at school, we will ask you to collect your child as soon as possible.

If the test result is positive, your child will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the day that the symptoms started.

If the test result is negative, your child can continue with normal activities if they are well enough to do so.

We now know that people present with a wider range of symptoms. If anyone in your household feels newly unwell, then please [access a PCR test](#).

If your child is unwell or develops COVID-19 symptoms, please ring us and let us know. We also need to know about test results as soon as possible.

In line with national guidance, children under 18 years old are no longer required to self-isolate if they have been in close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

**People who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 should access a PCR test, whether or not they have symptoms.**

If someone in your child's class tests positive for COVID-19, we will advise you to [access a PCR test](#) for your child.

If your child is well but absent from school for a COVID-19 related reason, then please support your child to access their year group home learning.

**Twice weekly asymptomatic home [Lateral Flow 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.**

**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 tests positive using a LF test, then they need to book a confirmation PCR test at a testing site immediately.

## How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds;
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available;
- wash your hands as soon as you get home;
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze;
- allow ventilation in the house through opening windows;
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

**Please do all that you can to help stop the spread of the virus and help protect our friends, family, and our community. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Stay safe and follow the advice given. Be alert to symptoms and respond promptly.**