



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

# Newsletter 2

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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## Dear Parents and Carers

It is now October and the children are all very settled in their classes. Our school timetable provides predictability and a perfect balance between whole class teaching and enquiry-based learning. Every classroom is a happy and positive environment for children to thrive personally and academically. The children have been enjoying PE in the hall and this week, I will lead our year group Harvest celebrations in the hall. I am so proud of the children's behaviour as they move around school calmly and happily. Last week, during our Fire Practice, the children were incredibly grown up – we were very proud of them. It's been an amazingly positive start to the new school year, and we are already impressed with the progress that children are making in the curriculum.

The Reception children will all complete the government's new Reception Baseline Assessment with their teacher. During the weeks beginning 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, there will be an opportunity for you as parents and carers of children in Nursery and the Reception classes to meet with teachers to find out more about your child's learning and development. We would like to share your child's strengths and areas for improvement with you. There will be an opportunity for you to share information from home and to ask questions. Most appointments will be telephone consultations.

The parent and carer meetings for Key Stage 1 children (Year 1 and Year 2) will take place after half term in November.

Teachers have reviewed Support Plans for children with Special Educational Needs. Review meetings with parents and carers will take place before half term.

We are still not yet able to host events in school with parents and carers and so we our English and Maths teams will be reaching out to you to tell you about how we teach Reading and Maths in school and sharing with you how you can support your child's learning at home.

If you or anyone you know would like to be a relief kitchen assistant, midday supervisor or cleaner, please ring Mrs Kelly in the school office for more information. 01332 662239.

Our school grounds are looking very 'green' but there is still some outstanding work to take place before they are handed back over to the school following our rebuild in 2019. We have ordered fencing so that we can 'zone' our outdoor spaces. As a priority, we will be extending the Nursery outdoor space and the Year 2 playground to include the wonderful field.

Our first floor Key Stage 1 'Enchanted Woodland Retreat' library area is such a fantastic space for our children to learn in. The Literacy team are busy spending the sponsor money and purchasing high quality books to fill the shelves. Our fabulous families raised £2549.91 in the summer term. Our ground floor Early Years Foundation Stage 'Wonderland Snug' will be installed in November.

Thank you very much for contributing food items for our great Harvest display in school.

If you have any queries or feedback, please do get in touch so that we can work together to make our school the best it can be for our community.

**Finally, I would like to reach out to our special friend Mason from Class 7. Mason begins hospital treatment today and he won't be able to come to school for a while. Mason – We miss you and we are extremely proud of the strong, brave and awesome boy you are. I am sending you and your lovely family a great big smile and hug from all your friends at Cavendish Close. You're a real-life hero.**

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher



## Our School STAR Expectations



Our children are all STARS.  
Together, every day, we reach for the stars.  
Together, we can all shine.

## Our School Ethos (Part 2)

At our school...

We expect the adults in our school to...

- ✓ Have high expectations
- ✓ Be effective communicators
- ✓ Build strong relationships
- ✓ Connect to children's lives and interests
- ✓ Make every child feel valued
- ✓ Model self-awareness and self-regulation
- ✓ Be calm and patient
- ✓ Be positive and consistent
- ✓ Be nurturing and encouraging
- ✓ Be empathetic and responsive
- ✓ Model our **STAR Expectations**, our **Behaviour Values**, and our **Learning Values**.

**We will alert you if a member of your child's class tests positive for Coronavirus and your child may have been a close contact. We will ask you to do the right thing for Derby by taking the steps listed below:**

- Visit the [Government website](#) or call 119 to get a free PCR test whether your child has symptoms or not. You can book a test at a Local Testing Site or request a home testing kit.
- Isolate if anyone in your household develops symptoms or tests positive and inform the school. If you have to isolate, the [Derby Community Hub](#) can provide support.
- Get fully vaccinated as soon as you can if you are eligible. You can book your vaccination on the [NHS website](#) or by calling 119.
- Keep washing your hands. At this time of year, common respiratory illnesses (coughs, colds and flu) are circulating and hand washing is a key way to stop these spreading.
- Consider limiting contact with people who are at [higher risk](#) of serious illness from COVID-19.
- Try to meet people from outside your household outdoors rather than indoors.

## 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](mailto:safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

I 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.



## Curriculum

Each year group has their own exciting topic each half term. We would like to share with you what your children will be learning at school this half term. Today, we will also send you a plan so that you can see what your children will be learning in each subject this half-term.

- Nursery:        **This is me! Families****  
**Reception:    **What makes me... me?****  
**Year 1:         **What makes our world wonderful?****  
**Year 2:         **Real life heroes and emergencies?****



## 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.



## Site Safety

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 often 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.

We are a No Smoking Site and smoking and vaping is prohibited on site at all times.

Dogs are not allowed on site at any time. Requests to bring assistance dogs on site will be considered by the headteacher.

**Parents and carers are not allowed to drive or park on site.** Breakfast and After School Club parents and carers may drive and park on site if they observe the 5mph speed limit and use the parking bays at the back of the car park. Disabled bays are for blue badge holders only.



### 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.**
- ✓ **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 Offers 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.

Early Years Foundation Stage		
Nursery		
Nursery	<b>Mrs Howett, Mrs Brown, Mrs Bonner, Mrs Bee, Mrs Roberts</b>	Happy Hedgehogs
Reception		
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

Key Stage 1		
Year 1		
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
Year 2		
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.*



### Contacting School

Telephone 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.

#### Senior Leadership Team

[leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto: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

[admin@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

(Mrs Kelly, Mrs Manners and Mrs Gibson)

#### Safeguarding Team

[safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

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

#### Inclusion Leader

[senco@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:senco@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

(Mrs Vincett)

#### Year Group Class Teachers

[nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk) (Mrs Howett)

[reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk) (Mrs Carter, Miss Brown, Mrs Orme)

[year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk) (Miss Doxey, Mrs Merriman, Miss Marley)

[year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk) (Mrs Luke, Mrs Asghar, Miss Harker)

#### Breakfast Club and After School Club

[clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

(Mrs Roberts)

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

Beginning of the week: Monday and Tuesday (full days) and Wednesday morning.

End of the week: Wednesday afternoon and Thursday and Friday (full days).

	Door opens	Registration	Home Time
<b>Nursery Full Days</b>	8:45am	8:50am	2:50am
<b>Wednesday Morning Half Day</b>	8:45am	8:45am	11:45am
<b>Wednesday Afternoon Half Day</b>	12:10pm	12:10pm	3:10pm

	Doors open	Morning Register	Home Time
<b>Reception</b>	8:50am	8:55am	2:55pm
<b>Year 1</b>	8:45am	9:00am	3:00pm
<b>Year 2</b>	8:45am	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. Miss Stafford is our After School Club Lead Teaching Assistant. If you need help with childcare before or after the school day, please enquire about our fantastic 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.

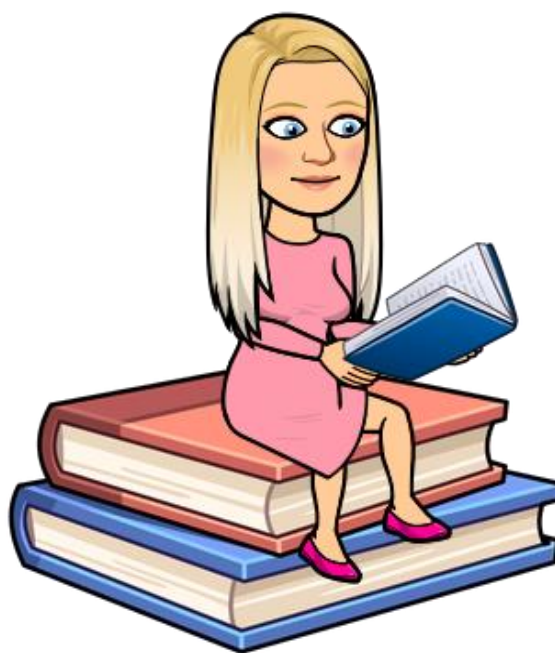
<b><u>Autumn Term 1</u></b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021 to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	
Week beginning Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest celebration week: Children can bring a food donation to school for our Harvest display. Year group assemblies will take place in school.
	Book fair week: Parents and carers can send exact cash, a cheque or pay online for children's books.
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 Educational 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
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need day: Charity donations for Children in Need. Marvellous Maths day. Non-uniform day.
Week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Creative Arts Week. We are hoping that the children will be able to enjoy a Cinderella pantomime on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December.
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,



It's October now and we are in the season called Autumn. You need to wear a waterproof coat with a hood to school every day. You look so smart in your school uniform and sensible shoes.

It's 'Book Fair' in school this week and you might be able to buy a book for home. Please find time to enjoy reading at home every day. You are so clever at sounding out words and remembering tricky words.



## LET'S EAT!



Please have a school dinner with us on Thursday. It's a special meal day and there is a gift for every child. We have ordered ketchup!

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 close 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 on the school website.

**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.**



