



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 5

Monday 20th December 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a long and busy term in school. All our new children in the Early years Foundation Stage have settled so well and it's great to see them being super star learners – talking, exploring and learning together every day. Upstairs in Key Stage 1, the children have been working incredibly hard to be amazing readers, writers and mathematicians. As a staff team, we are incredibly proud of the children's achievements. School is a happy, safe, caring and calm environment which is filled with smiles, enthusiasm and a determination to succeed every day.

We have captured the magic of Christmas in school and it's been a wonderfully positive end to the term. The Cinderella pantomime was thoroughly enjoyed by staff and children. It was fantastic to see our children enjoy a live theatre performance. The acting, singing and dancing were all great and the children joined in very enthusiastically with the fun and laughter. Christmas party day was another day filled with joy at school. Santa, Rudolph and two cheeky elves came to visit all the classes outside. It was magical seeing the delight in the children's faces. Mrs Slaughter and the kitchen team made us all a delicious Christmas dinner with a tasty Christmas tree choc ice for pudding. In the afternoon, each class had a fun party and all the children won a Christmas prize. The Christmas assemblies have all been really special, we are pleased that visiting family members could enjoy seeing the children perform as a team. Each class filled the hall with happiness. A special thank you to Miss Doxey, our talented flute player and Mrs Asghar and the Year 2 choir who sung families off on Friday afternoon – a beautiful carol service with a guest appearance from Miss Luke! There is a present for all children from Santa and the full staff team – another book to treasure and a special star reflector for coat zips to keep us safe this winter. I hope you were able to see all the photos from our school in the Derby Telegraph Christmas special – We are famous! Mrs Howett's Christmas Club has also been a great success – thank you for my cake.

We would like all children to complete three days of home learning before school reopens on Monday 10th January 2022. Your child's home learning plan has been sent to you as a text message this morning. You can also find it on our school website in the home learning section. You will find the plan and supporting resources on your child's year group page. There are lots of links to fun challenges, games and stories to keep your child learning this Christmas. Please support your child's education. In addition to the home learning plans, children can access Education City, Numbots and Collins eBooks. If you would like any help with home learning, please email your child's class teacher before 3:45pm on Wednesday 22nd December.

Please stay safe and take care this Christmas. Thank you for your ongoing support and kindness.

To the children who were not well enough to join us for the Christmas festivities – don't worry, Santa left you a present. To the children with Coronavirus who couldn't come to school – don't worry, Santa left you a present too. Class 4 will lead an assembly for their parents and carers next half term. Miss Doxey might even let them have a winter party!

A final message to our special friend Mason. Well done for being so brave with your treatment. You are an incredibly strong and resilient boy. We feel proud that you are part of our school community. Hopefully in the new year, you will be able to visit us at school. We've missed you. Take care.

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. Thank you for your positivity and understanding.

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher

Dear Cavendish Close Children,



Do you remember the snowy day we had at school? Everywhere looked so beautiful. Enjoy a break from school and we will see you soon.

I hope that you enjoyed all the Christmas fun that we had at school. Our Christmas dinner was delicious and the Cinderella pantomime was fantastic. Can you remember seeing Santa and his friends?



I hope that you have a very Merry Christmas with your family. Remember to use your good manners at home and find ways to be helpful. We will see you back in school in January. Take care.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x



Working together to keep children safe

The best interests of children continue to come first for our Safeguarding Team. We have many helpful packages of support in place to meet the needs of our 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

I am our Designated Safeguarding Lead. I oversee all communication with parents/carers 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



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. Your feedback and your suggestions are always welcome.

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 Gibson)

Safeguarding Team

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

Inclusion Leader

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(Mrs Vincett)

Year Group Class Teachers

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(Mrs Howett)

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(Mrs Carter, Miss Brown, Mrs Orme)

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(Miss Doxey, Mrs Merriman, Miss Marley)

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(Miss Luke, Mrs Asghar, Miss Harker)

Breakfast Club and After School Club

(Mrs Roberts)

clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

You can ring us at school up until 3:45pm on Tuesday 21st December 2021 when the office team will switch to working from home. After 3:45pm on Tuesday 21st December, our school telephone will not be answered again until 8:00am on Monday 10th January 2022. Answerphone messages left after 3:45pm on Tuesday 21st December will not be listened to until 8:00am on Monday 10th January 2022.

Staff will continue to respond to emails from parents and carers up until 3:45pm on Wednesday 22nd December. Emails received after 3:45pm on Wednesday 22nd December will not be read until 8:00am on Monday 10th January 2022.

The [leadership@](mailto:leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk) and [safeguarding@](mailto:safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk) email addresses will be monitored by myself regularly.

Our Behaviour Values

We are proud that children's behaviour at our school is good.



School Places

Mrs Howett and I have been promoting our school by asking local childminders and private, voluntary and independent early years settings to give their families information about our school. We have also been busy advertising our nursery and school locally as well as meeting prospective parents and carers. Please support us by promoting our nursery and school in the community where you can. Our promotional videos on our website are a great starting point to learn about our fabulous nursery and school.

We have places in all year groups in school (Reception, Year 1, and Year 2). To secure places, parents and carers need to ring the Derby City Admissions team 01332 642730.

All current Nursery parents and carers need to apply for a Reception place in school for September 2022. This must be done directly with Derby City Council.

All Year 2 parents and carers need to apply for a Junior (Year 3) place in a new school for September 2022. This must be done directly with Derby City Council.

The closing date for applications is **14th January 2022**. The quickest and easiest way to apply is online. www.derby.gov.uk/primary You can also apply by telephone on 01332 642730. National Offer Day is 18th April 2022. If you need any help, please ask.

We have now filled our nursery places for this year. We understand that this is disappointing news for families with children who have had their 3rd birthday since 1st September 2021. We would love to be able to admit more children, but unfortunately our nursery can only accommodate 39 children at any one time. Places for September 2022 can be requested by completing a form which can be found in our Reception area. Mrs Howett is our nursery teacher, and she is an Early Years specialist. The quality of education in our nursery is outstanding and it really is the best possible environment for your child to start their education. In the future, we would love to expand our nursery provision.

I would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones this Christmas.

Thank you so much for the fabulous support that you give our school – it is very much appreciated by the staff team. We are a school community full of kindness, positivity and ambition.

May this season be full of light and laughter for you and your family. Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes from everyone at Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School.

