

Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School



Wood Road Chaddesden Derby DE21 4LY

Monday 10th October 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we are now approaching the October half term holiday. Children's last day at school will be Thursday 20th October. **Thursday 20th October will be a non-uniform day**. Children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a **£1** charity donation. Our rules regarding sensible footwear and no jewellery must continue to be followed. This year, we will be sending the money we raise to <u>Children with Cancer UK</u>. Many families know that one of our families continues to be affected by childhood cancer. Our donations will raise awareness, fund research and support families in need. As always, we continue to send lots of love and positive energy to Mason who continues to show incredible bravery and resilience.

We hope that you will be able to join us for our first craft afternoon of the year on Wednesday at **1:45pm**. We can only welcome <u>one visiting adult</u> per child into school and we are not able to accommodate any siblings. At 2:45pm, you can choose whether to leave school early with your child or stay for the end of the day story time. Please ensure that mobile phones are turned off and not used when you are in school. Thank you.

The Nursery children are now able to start using their new outdoor play equipment. Mrs Howett, Mrs Orme and the Nursery team have begun teaching the children how to use the equipment safely. Thank you for keeping your children off this area before and after school.

The Key Stage 1 children are now able to start using the new trim trail. This play equipment will be well used during the school day, except on wet days. Again, the children will be introduced to the equipment and shown how to complete each challenge safely. We are looking forward to seeing the children's physical skills develop.

It is likely to be after half term when the Reception children can begin using their new play equipment as there is still some outstanding work to complete before the area is safe to use.

We are expecting to receive tree saplings from the Woodland Trust in November. Every child in school will be able to 'plant a tree for the jubilee' as we continue to develop our beautiful school site.

We have been incredibly disappointed to discover that the bike shed cover has been damaged and cannot be repaired. We assume that a child (an Infant or a Junior) has kicked the cover so hard that it has cracked and broken. Please do keep your children with you at the end of the day and teach them to respect and care for our school site. In school, we always expect children to have kind hands and kind feet. We also expect children to use kind words. I have asked Mrs Tague, Junior Principal, to communicate this message with the Junior community too. Thank you to all the wonderfully caring parents and carers who always ensure that their children are well-behaved on the school site.

Thank you for your fantastic support this half term as we have been working together to help children settle into their new classes. We have achieved so much already and there is a really positive feeling in all our classes. The children have all made so much progress within all areas of the curriculum.

If you have any queries or feedback, please get in touch so that we can work together to make our school the best that it can be for our community. If you have a concern, we will deal with it thoroughly and work in partnership with you to secure a positive outcome. Thank you for your continued positivity, support and understanding – it is very much appreciated. Take care.

Kind regards, Mrs C Diffin Headteacher

In school, we are busy implementing the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds systematic, synthetic phonics programme. This scheme is inclusive and will enable all our children to develop as successful readers. This programme fits well with our Collins Big Cat reading scheme. Next half term, we will invite parents and carers to come into school to learn more our how we teach children to read and how you can help at home. Mrs Asghar is our Language and Literacy Leader.

To enable all our children to develop as successful mathematicians, we use the Mastering Number programme and the Power Maths scheme. In the spring term, we will invite parents and carers to come into school to learn more our how we teach mathematics and how you can help at home. Mrs Merriman is our Mathematics Leader.

Thank you very much for contributing food towards our Harvest display. Together, we filled our stage in the hall! The children have been learning about where food comes from and why Harvest is a time to be grateful for the food that we eat. All the food was collected on Friday by the Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance (01332 346266) and will be used in Derby to support individuals and families in need. Thank you for your generosity.

We expect our Parents and Carers to:

- Respect the ethos, vision, and values of our school.
- ✓ Work together with staff in the best interests of our children.
- Treat all members of our school community with respect, kindness, and good manners.
- Set a good example to our children with language and behaviour.
- \checkmark Seek a peaceful solution to all issues.
- Correct their own child's behaviour (or those in their care) where it could lead to conflict, aggression or unsafe conduct.
- Approach the right member of staff to help resolve any concern calmly.









Do you need any help with childcare before or after the school day?

Breakfast Club	From 7:45am
After School Club	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 fantastic provision by emailing Mrs Roberts.	

Clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

Every day at school counts

Enable your child to achieve their best educational outcomes by being an...

Attendance <u>HERO</u>.

Please do not book any term time holidays during this academic year as holiday absence will be unauthorised and parents/carers risk being fined by Derby City Council.

Securing good attendance and punctuality is a key priority for our school this year.

Mrs Asghar is our Attendance Leader, and she is carefully tracking children's attendance where it falls below our school target of 96%.

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Term Dates for 2022.23			
Autumn Term 1 2022			
Thursday 1 st September to Friday 21 st October			
Wednesday 12 th October	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Parents and carers are invited to craft and story time in school at 1:45pm – Join your children in their classrooms (See flyer from Miss Harker who is our Art & Design and Design & Technology Leader)		
Tuesday 18 th October	Parent/carer meetings for Reception children with Special Educational Needs		
	Reception NHS Health Checks		
Wednesday 19 th October	Parent/carer meetings for Year 1 children with Special Educational Needs		
	Reception NHS Health Checks		
Thursday 20 th October	Parent/carer meetings for Year 2 children with Special Educational Needs		
	Non-uniform day in return for £1 for Children with Cancer UK		
Thursday 20 th October	Children break up for the half term holiday		
Friday 21 st October	INSET day 2 : School is closed to children for staff training		
Autumn Term 2 2022			
Monday 31 st October to Thursday 22 nd December			
Wednesday 9 th November	School photographer		
Thursday 10 th November	School photographer		
Week beginning Monday 14 th November	Anti-bullying week		

Monday 14 th November Odd socks day – Children can come to school wearing odd socks to			
	embrace diversity		
Friday 18 th November	Friday 18 th November Non-uniform day in return for £1 for Children in Need		
Wednesday 30 th November	St Andrew's Day		
Friday 2 nd December	Beauty and the Beast Pantomime performance in school		
Monday 12 th December	Monday 12 th December NHS <u>Flu</u> vaccination team in school.		
	Rock Steady Concert for parents and carers – Please note change of date		
Wednesday 21 st December	St Mary's Church visit us for a Christmas assembly		
Wednesday 21 st December	Children break up for the Christmas holiday		
Thursday 22 nd December	INSET day 3 : School is closed to children for staff training		
Spring Term 1 2023			
Monday 9 th January to Friday 17 th February			
Thursday 16 th February	Children break up for the half term holiday		
Friday 17 th February	INSET day 4 : School is closed to children for staff training		
Spring Term 2 2023			
Monday 27 th February to Friday 31 st March			
Friday 31 st March	Children break up for the Easter holiday		
Summer Term 1 2023			
Monday 17 th April to Friday 26 th May			
Friday 26 th May	Children break up for the half term holiday		
Summer Term 2 2023			
Monday 5 th June to Friday 21 st July			
Monday 3 rd July INSET day 5: School is closed to children for staff training			
Friday 21 st July Children break up for the Summer holiday			
INSET day 1 Thursday 1 st September 2022 These dates are the same as Cavendish Close Junior			

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INSET day 2	Friday 21 st October 2022	Academy
INSET day 3	Thursday 22 nd December 2022	This date is different from Cavendish Close Junior
		Academy
INSET day 4	Friday 17 th February 2023	This date is the same as Cavendish Close Junior Academy
INSET day 5	Monday 3 rd July 2023	This date is different from Cavendish Close Junior
		Academy

Term Dates for 2023.24

Autumn Term 1 2023

Monday 4th September</mark> to Friday 27th October

Please ensure that your children are ready to return to school at the beginning of September 2023.



Dear Cavendish Close Children,



I really enjoyed singing with you about Harvest time. We have all been thinking about where our food comes from. We are thankful for the food that we eat. Thank you for sharing food this harvest time. You are kind hearted.

On Thursday, I am coming to see you all learning Maths. I will be looking for you trying your very best and solving problems. We all love Mastering Number and Power Maths lessons. Carry on being super learners every day.



On Wednesday, one of your grown ups from home can come into your classroom to enjoy craft time with you. I know that you will show your grown up how we do things at school.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x