



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

# Newsletter 7

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back to school for the second half of the autumn term. I hope that you have had an enjoyable half term. In between the rain, there was lots of warm and sunny autumnal weather to enjoy. It's a long and busy half term that will take us all the way up to Christmas. The children's last day in school will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Hopefully, we will all stay well and able to attend school every day this half term. A good routine at home helps with good food and plenty of rest. We live busy lives, but we must take time to look after ourselves and enable our children to thrive at school. Thank you for your support.

We will be finalising our Christmas plans in the coming weeks and sharing them with you.

On the last day of last half term, the children enjoyed coming to school in their own clothes in return for a charity donation. Thank you for your generosity. We have sent £193.65 to the Children with Cancer UK charity. Our money will support life saving research and families who are supporting children with cancer. Our next charity day is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November when we will be supporting Children in Need.

Today, the Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) parents and carers will receive information about parents' evening on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs Howett and the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Team (Nursery and Reception) will continue to meet with parents and carers over this half term to talk about how our youngest children have settled into school and to talk about children's learning and development.

I have some extremely sad news to share with our caring school community today. Mason passed away peacefully on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, he was able to be comfortable at home and surrounded by his loving family. Mason's story of hope, bravery, and resilience has inspired us all over the last year. He will be missed greatly but remembered forever for being an incredible young man whose smile melted our hearts every time. We feel so privileged to have been able to see Mason grow and develop during his time at our school. On behalf of our school community, I have sent the family our heartfelt and sincere condolences. We will continue to offer unwavering support and would like to wish them peace, comfort, courage, and lots of love during this time of sorrow. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Take care everyone.



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

## Our School Vision

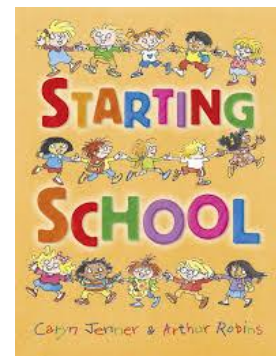
When our children move on from us, we want them to be...



If you are out and about this Halloween and Bonfire Night, please stay safe and look after yourself, your family and your pets.



Was your child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019? Your child will be starting school in September 2023 and you will need to apply for a school place with Derby City Council soon. We will let you know how when the application window opens on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Your child might be in our Nursery, in another nursery setting, with a childminder or not currently accessing any early years education or childcare. We would love your child to come to our fabulous school. Please encourage friends and family that you know in Chaddesden and Oakwood to consider our school. Thank you.



Mrs Asghar is our Phonics and Reading Leader and she is busy planning an opportunity for parents and carers to visit school during the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November to learn about how we teach children to read. Every day, your child takes part in a 'Word Wise' lesson. This is where we teach children to read using the 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' phonics programme. Come and join your child in a lesson before finding out how you can help your child's reading at home. We really hope that you can join us. A letter with further information will follow soon.



The Reception outdoor area is now ready to be used safely (finally!). The children will learn how to use the equipment safely this week and then they can begin to enjoy the learning opportunities on offer.

Miss Marley and I are now busy planning how to develop our playgrounds with playground markings and fixed equipment such as goal posts and a music corner.



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

## Every day at school counts

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

### Attendance HERO.

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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Every day,

Ready and

On time

## Term Dates for 2022.23

### Autumn Term 2 2022

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Nursery meetings with parents and carers of children with special educational needs	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	School photographer – See letter for more information	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	School photographer – See letter for more information	
	Key Stage 1 parents' evening 3:15pm to 6:15pm	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	11am silence for Remembrance day	
Week beginning Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week	
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd socks day – Children can come to school wearing odd socks to embrace diversity	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception parents and carers	Come into school at 10:30am to join your children in their daily 'Word Wise' lesson. Learn about how we teach phonics and reading and how you can help at home - See letter for more information.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 parents and carers	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 parents and carers	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform day in return for £1 for Children in Need	
	Mr Arter will be leading Indian instrument workshops for the Year 2 children	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	The football world cup starts!	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	St Andrew's Day – The children will learn about Scotland. Mr Ward will lead bagpipe workshops for the children	
December	We will share information our Christmas plans and performances soon	

Fridays 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their uniform
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Beauty and the Beast Pantomime performance in school
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Fire Service safety workshops for the Year 2 children
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Glow in the dark world cup football workshops for the children
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	NHS <a href="#">Flu</a> vaccination team in school
	Rock Steady Concert for parents and carers
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	St Mary's Church visit us for a Christmas assembly
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Children break up for the Christmas holiday</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>INSET day 3</b> : School is closed to children for staff training
<b><u>Spring Term 1 2023</u></b>	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Children break up for the half term holiday</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>INSET day 4</b> : School is closed to children for staff training
<b><u>Spring Term 2 2023</u></b>	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Children break up for the Easter holiday</b>
<b><u>Summer Term 1 2023</u></b>	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Children break up for the half term holiday</b>
<b><u>Summer Term 2 2023</u></b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>INSET day 5</b> : School is closed to children for staff training
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Children break up for the Summer holiday</b>

## Term Dates for 2023.24

### **Autumn Term 1 2023**

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

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

Year 1 and Year 2 children will return to school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

# Dear Cavendish Close Children,



I hope that you have had a good half-term break from school. My youngest daughter Tabitha will be 13 soon and so I have been busy buying birthday presents. I have enjoyed taking Nelly for lovely walks in the sunshine too.

It's brilliant to see you outside using our new play equipment safely. The new trim trail looks so much fun! The Nursery children have been very busy in the new mud kitchen. Our new Reception area is ready to use now as well – Enjoy!



In the next few weeks, I have Headteachers and teachers from other Derby schools visiting us to find out about our wonderful school. You might see me showing our visitors around school.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x