



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School
Newsletter 12

Wednesday 21st December 2022

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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 Beauty and the Beast pantomime was thoroughly enjoyed by staff and children. It was fantastic to see our children enjoy a spectacular live theatre performance. The acting, singing and dancing were all great and the children joined in very enthusiastically with the fun and laughter. Christmas parties have all been joyous with lots of fun games, cool dancing and prizes to be won! Santa, Rudolph and two cheeky elves came to visit all the classes outside. It was magical seeing the delight in the children's faces as Santa came up the drive with his friends! We gave our letters to Santa and he gave each class a bag of special presents. Mrs Carter and the kitchen team made us all a delicious Christmas dinner, we listened to Christmas music as we ate and talked together. The Christmas performances have all been really special, we are pleased that visiting family members could enjoy seeing the children perform so enthusiastically and confidently as a group/class team. Each nursery group filled the nursery with happiness. Each class filled the hall with joviality. A special thank you to Miss Doxey, our talented flute player and the mini Year 2 choir who sung families off this afternoon – a beautiful carol service with our staff team wishing families well for the Christmas holidays. There was a present for all children from Santa and the full staff team – another book to treasure at home. The Derby Telegraph haven't had the capacity to create a Christmas special this year and so we are creating our own to share with you, thanks to Miss Brown. Mrs Howett's Christmas Club has also been a great success – thank you for my delicious Christmas cake. This year, we 'went to town' with our outdoor Christmas decorations, thanks to Mrs Roberts. Our wonderfully creative outdoor nativity scene was created by Mrs Howett and Mrs Roberts. Every member of our staff team has helped to make Christmas special for our children. Our classroom Christmas door competition is always good fun with classes getting more and more competitive every year! Our festivities have been thoroughly enjoyed by staff and children alike. We are definitely all ready for a break now!

Please stay safe and take care this Christmas. Thank you for your ongoing support, understanding and kindness - it is very much appreciated. It is a pleasure to stand on the front of school and receive such a warm welcome from all our parents and carers. We value highly trusting and positive relationships with all our families. Thank you for working with us to make our school the best that it can be.

To the children who were not well enough to join us for the Christmas festivities – don't worry, Santa left you a present. We hope that you feel better soon.

School will not be open on Thursday 22nd December during our INSET day. Staff groups all have a work plan and will be completing their work remotely at a time that is convenient to them. Some work has already been completed. After 4:30pm on Wednesday 21st December, staff will not be responding to emails or phone calls until 8:00am on Monday 9th January. Please respect that our staff team need and deserve a well-earned break from school life. We all have our own wonderful families and homes to enjoy this Christmas. Take care of yourself and your family.

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher

Dear Cavendish Close Children,



I wonder if it will snow in January. This is a photo from last December. 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 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



Keeping Cavendish Close Children Safe

The best interests of children continue to come first for our Safeguarding Team.

Keeping children safe from harm is our utmost priority.

If anyone feels concerned about the safety of a child, they should act on their concern immediately.

- Parents and carers can speak to or email the Safeguarding team to make an enquiry, to ask for help or to share information: safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk
- **Parents and carers can ring Derby Children's Social Care directly 01332 641172 (Out of hours Careline 01332 786968) to report their concerns first hand**
- Parents and carers can use the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000

The Safeguarding Team

<p><i>Mrs Diffin</i> Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	<p><i>Mrs Howett</i> Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>
<p><i>Mrs Asghar</i> Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	<p><i>Mrs Vincett</i> Inclusion Leader and Safeguarding Champion</p>
<p><i>Mrs Leadbeater</i> Learning Mentor and Safeguarding, Attendance and Behaviour Champion</p>	<p><i>Mrs Dearie</i> Learning Mentor and Safeguarding and Behaviour Champion</p>

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. Wishing you all the very best for 2023.

For our families who do not celebrate Christmas, please enjoy the winter break.

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.

With very best wishes, from Mrs Diffin and everyone at Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

& Happy New Year

Spring Term 1 2023

Monday 9th January to Friday 17th February

Thursday 16th February

Children break up for the half term holiday

Friday 17th February

INSET day 4: School is closed to children for staff training

Spring Term 2 2023

Monday 27th February to Friday 31st March

Friday 31st March

Children break up for the Easter holiday

Summer Term 1 2023

Monday 17th April to Friday 26th May

Monday 1st May

Bank holiday: School is closed

Saturday 6th May

The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III

Monday 8th May

Bank holiday: School is closed

Friday 26th May

Children break up for the half term holiday

Summer Term 2 2023

Monday 5th June to Friday 21st July

Monday 3rd July

INSET day 5: School is closed to children for staff training

Friday 21st July

Children break up for the Summer holiday

Our School Vision

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