



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School  
**Newsletter 17**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Thank you for supporting world book day. The children all looked wonderful in their pyjamas and it was great to have so many cuddly friends in school for the day – they were all very well behaved and enjoyed reading with us! Bedtime stories are such a special bonding experience and calm end to a busy day – find time for them and enjoy them while your children are young. At 13 and 15, my daughters still end every day with a good book. I could get used to wearing my slippers at school all day!

We have been doing all that we can to keep our school open this term. There are two further strike days planned for this Wednesday (15<sup>th</sup>) and Thursday (16<sup>th</sup>), but we plan to stay fully open to all children. Friday's snow didn't present us with too many challenges and by dinner time it was mostly gone! Thank you for sending your children to school with wellies, extra layers, hats and gloves.

When it does snow, please try to avoid ringing school to ask if we are open or if we are closing. This takes up valuable staff time and blocks our phone lines. When well-considered decisions are made, they will always be communicated to you via Teachers 2 Parents. If you have the T2P app, you will need to check the app regularly. If you would prefer to receive a text message, you should delete the app.

Our Key Stage 1 parents' evening will take place this Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March with appointments at the same times. Please rearrange your appointment directly with your child's class teacher if you need to. We are looking forward to connecting with all parents and carers about the great progress that children are making. There will be limited parking on site on Thursday and so it is advisable to allow sufficient time to park safely on Wood Road and walk up to school.

I would like to remind parents and carers that if they need to drive on site they must drive very slowly (5mph) and park considerately. Cars must not block the roundabout or pavements. Please never drive or park on the grassed areas. Thank you for your co-operation and for prioritising safety and respect.

We are hoping to have our playgrounds developed in the Easter holidays. On the Year 1 playground, Miss Marley and I have planned a roadway for our bikes and a mini-football pitch. On the Year 2 playground, we have planned an agility trail. We are really looking forward to these developments.

If you are planning holidays for this summer, please be aware of our [term dates](#) as children should not miss school days unnecessarily. Every day at school counts. Thank you for your support.


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...

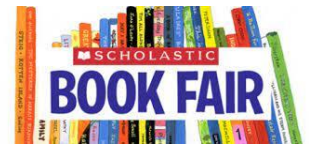


We   
Maths



The Nursery 'stay and play' sessions for parents and carers have been really successful. We hope that Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers will join us for this week's [Maths workshops](#). We would like to share with you the Mastering Number programme that we use in school.

The [Scholastic book fair](#) will be returning to school this week. You can support our school by purchasing books for your children remotely. Children will be able to explore the books in school and find a favourite recommendation. A new book will make a great Easter present, alongside an Easter egg of course!



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Infant and Nursery School



Mel, our school photographer has been in school capturing images of our children learning and playing. She is coming back on a sunny day to capture outdoor images. Where parents have given consent, photographs will be used to update our website and market our school.

The planters around make me smile every day, the daffodils and crocuses are beautiful. Thank you gardening club. We have started to plant our 250 tree saplings on site, three more classes will be helping this week. Thank you to Miss Luke for co-ordinating this project.



Please do all that you can to secure good attendance (96% or above) for your child this half term. Good attendance matters.

## 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, in partnership with our Derby City Council Education Welfare Officer (EWO), where it falls below our school target of 96%.

Here

Every day,

Ready and

On time



## Term Dates for 2022.23

### Spring Term 2 2023

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February** to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring term Scholastic book fair arrives in school for a week <b>Families will be invited to purchase books, earning an allowance of free books for classrooms</b>	
	Year 2 maths workshop	<b>At 10:30am, children will welcome one visiting adult to enjoy maths activities in the classroom</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 maths workshop	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception maths workshop	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's day – Children will learn about Ireland	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 1 children visit Bolsover Castle	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Rock Steady club concert for parents and carers – Information to follow from Miss Doxey	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	St Mary's Church visit school for an Easter assembly	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 parents and carers can attend a meeting about the Year 2 statutory assessments – 9:10am in the hall – Information to follow from Mrs Asghar	
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Children break up for the Easter holiday</b>	

### Summer Term 1 2023

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	National Offer Day – Nursery and Year 2 parents and carers will have school places for September 2023 confirmed	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception children visit the National Adventure Farm	
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's day – Children will learn about England	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>Bank holiday:</b> School is closed	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 2 children and their parents and carers can go to the Junior Academy at 3:30pm for a tour – go to the main entrance	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Coronation celebration day in school – Information to follow from Mrs Howett and Mrs Carter	
May	<b>Year 2 children will take national curriculum statutory assessments during the month of May</b>	
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	The Coronation of his Majesty King Charles III	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank holiday:</b> School is closed	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Nursery 2023/24 open evening 3:30pm to 4:15pm	
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Children break up for the half term holiday</b> The Junior Academy have an INSET day but we do not – all nursery and infant children should attend as usual	

### Summer Term 2 2023

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

June	<b>Reception children will be assessed for the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile, which is a statutory assessment</b>	
Week beginning 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Creative Arts week – Information to follow from Miss Doxey and Miss Harker	
Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Year 1 children (and some Year 2 children) will take the Phonics Screening Check, which is a statutory assessment</b>	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr Arter's 'around the world' music workshops for the Reception children	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Mr Arter's steel band music workshops for the Year 1 children	



Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	End of year reports go home	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>INSET day 5:</b> School is closed to children for staff training	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition visit 1 <b>On this day, current Reception and Year 1 children and their parents and carers will find out about classes for September 2023</b> The Year 1 children with Mrs Asghar will stay with Mrs Asghar in Class 4 for Year 2	
	Open afternoon from 3:15pm until 4:30pm <b>Families can visit current classes and new classes</b>	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition visit 2	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition visit 3	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 sports afternoon	<b>Parents and carers can come and join us on the football pitch for sports day fun</b> – Information to follow from Miss Marley
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 sports afternoon	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery sports day	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception sports afternoon	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 graduation event day – Information to follow from the Year 2 team	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Rock Steady club concert for parents and carers – Information to follow from Miss Doxey	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	St Mary's Church visit school for an end of year assembly	
<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**

<b>Autumn Term 2 2023</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023
<b>Spring Term 1 2024</b>	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
<b>Spring Term 2 2024</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
<b>Summer Term 1 2024</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<b>Summer Term 2 2024</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June to <b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024</b>

### Can you help us?

**We have many spaces to fill in our Nursery for September 2023.**

**Do you know any families in the locality with nursery aged children who will start school in September 2024? Please help us to promote our school nursery.**

**Encourage anyone you know with a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 to ring us and arrange a visit.**

**Our Nursery is excellent, we have two experienced teachers, Mrs Howett and Mrs Orme and a team of highly-skilled Teaching Assistants. Our Nursery curriculum is fantastic and our learning environment – indoors and outdoors – is outstanding.**

# Dear Cavendish Close Children,



This week in school is Science week. I know that you will enjoy being a scientist and exploring the natural world. Good scientists use clever science words and ask interesting questions. More trees will be planted on our site this week.

The book fair will be coming to school this week. You will be able to go and explore the books that you can buy. Grown ups will read some of the stories to you. If lots of children buy books, we will earn new books for our classrooms.



## Friendship



Kindness is a very important word in our school. Every day, we must always remember to use kind hands, kind feet and kind words.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x



## **Contacting School 2022.23**

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.

**Please be respectful with your communication and only email us on school days between 7:45am and 5:45pm.**

### **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 Headteacher and Key Stage 1 Leader)

### **School Office Team**

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

(Mrs Tusa - School Business Manager, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Manners – School Business Officers)

### **Safeguarding Team**

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

(Mrs Diffin – Designated Safeguarding Leader, Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie – Safeguarding Champions)

### **Inclusion Leader**

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

(Mrs Vincett) Mrs Vincett is our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)

### **Year Group Class Teachers**

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

(Mrs Howett and Mrs Orme)

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

(Mrs Carter, Miss Brown, Miss Doxey)

[year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

(Mrs Asghar, Mrs Merriman, Miss Marley)

[year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

(Mrs Asghar, Miss Luke, Miss Harker)

### **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

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

(Mrs Roberts – Breakfast and After School Club Leader)



## 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](mailto: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

*Mrs Diffin*

Headteacher and **Designated Safeguarding Lead**

*Mrs Howett*

Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

*Mrs Asghar*

Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

*Mrs Vincett*

Inclusion Leader and Safeguarding Champion

*Mrs Leadbeater*

Learning Mentor and Safeguarding, Attendance and Behaviour Champion

*Mrs Dearie*

Learning Mentor and Safeguarding and Behaviour Champion

*Mrs Carter*

Safeguarding Lead Teacher

*Mrs Roberts*

Breakfast and After School Club Safeguarding Champion