



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School  
**Newsletter 25**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

We have now reached the end of the school year and it's time for us all to take a break from the school routine. It's been an incredible year in school which has been full of fantastic achievements. Together, we are such a great team.

Thank you to our superb teaching team for their dedication, high expectations and excellent teaching.

Thank you to our incredible teaching assistants for providing superb care and support to our children.

Thank you to the lovely Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie, our Learning Mentors, who are always willing to help and support everyone where they can.

Thank you to our fantastic office team for being so bright, cheerful and hard working.

Thank you to our kind midday supervisors who help our children to have a safe and happy dinner time.

Thank you to Mrs Carter and the great kitchen team for feeding us a healthy and tasty meal every day.

Thank you to Mr Roberts and the wonderful cleaning team for keeping our school clean and tidy.

We are so fortunate to have such an amazing staff team who work tirelessly all year round to make our school the best that it can be.

Thank you to our dedicated board of governors who provide excellent support and challenge to the school, enabling us to continue improving.

Thank you to our hugely supportive parents and carers who work in partnership with us to enable children to succeed academically and personally. The greetings, kind words and helpful feedback are very much appreciated.

Thank you to our awesome children who arrive at school every day 'full of beans' and 'raring to go'. You make us smile and feel happy every day. We care for you all so much and we are so proud of all your achievements.

Good luck and goodbye to our brilliant Year 2 children who are leaving our school today. It's been a pleasure watching you grow and learn. You are all so incredible!

What a brilliant school community we are. Wishing everyone safe and happy summer break. Please take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher

Cavendish Close  
Infant School (CCIS)

## Our School Vision

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



# Dear Cavendish Close Children,



What an amazingly fantastic year we have had at school this year. We have achieved so much and we have had so much fun along the way. Thank you for being so awesome everyone.

Stay safe this summer and have a great time. Don't eat too many ice-creams! Remember to be kind and helpful at home and keep on reading. See you in September. Farewell Year 2s!



I am looking forward to a great summer with my family and friends. I am so grateful for everything that I have. I will love spending lots of time with my girls – Blossom, Tabitha and Nelly-Tiger. Take care. I will see you in September.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x

## A reminder of key useful information

- ✓ We have a **Breakfast Club** from 7:45am and an **After School Club** until 5:45pm. Email Mrs Roberts for more information. [Clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:Clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)
- ✓ Children are **not allowed to ride bikes or scooters** on school premises for safety reasons.
- ✓ Your child needs a **waterproof coat with a hood** and a **sun hat** every day. Please ensure that all your child's clothes are named.
- ✓ Your child will need **sturdy school shoes** every day. Heels, slip on shoes and sandals are not allowed as they are not safe for outdoor play and PE.
- ✓ Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children need a PE kit in school every day. Children need a **drawstring bag** (not a rucksack) with a **white T-shirt** and a **pair of black or navy shorts** – both named. Pumps are not required as children will go to the hall in their shoes and take part in PE with bare feet.
- ✓ Children are **not allowed to wear jewellery** to school. Only one single pair of studs is allowed.
- ✓ Your child should not bring any belongings, toys, or resources into school from home.
- ✓ Your child needs to bring their **bookbag and diary** to school every day. Please use our wallet style bookbags with small handles. Avoid buying your own bulky satchel style bag with a strap as these do not fit in drawers easily. Your child can have **one keyring** on their bookbag if they would like.
- ✓ Your child has their own **water bottle** and a **piece of fruit** is available every day at snack time. Your child should not bring any drinks or snacks from home.
- ✓ We encourage as many Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children as possible to have a 'funded' **school dinner**. Our meals are made on site by our catering team. You can access our menu so that you and your child know what to expect for dinner every day. Our menu is based on our children's favourite meals. Your child will be well supported at dinner time. If there is a day where you know your child will not enjoy a school dinner, they can bring a healthy packed lunch and a drink.
- ✓ Children are encouraged to **read daily** at home with an adult signing the reading diary so that children can progress on the Reading Rainbow. To build children's fluency and independence, it is helpful for them to read their books more than once.
- ✓ Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children can access **Numbots** and **Education City** using their own log in details and continue learning at home.

**Our uniform plays a key role in promoting the ethos of our school. It provides children with a sense of belonging and identity and sets an appropriate tone for education.**

- **School logo jumper/cardigan** (branded) or **Royal blue jumper/cardigan** (generic)
- **White polo t-shirt**
- **Black/grey pinafore dress, skirt, trousers, shorts**
- **Black/grey/white tights, socks**

Seasonal changes:

- Royal blue gingham dresses during hotter weather

## Every day, our children work towards our STAR expectations:



### Children's birthdays



We are always pleased to celebrate children's birthdays in school. Children can wear a birthday badge to school and they can bring a favourite birthday card to share with their friends. We are great at singing 'Happy Birthday' and we love to hear about presents, parties and birthday cakes. Being at school on your birthday is really special.

As part of our commitment to being an accredited Healthy School, we do not allow children to bring sweets, lollies or cake etc into school to share with the class. Please save these sweet treats for home, parties and out of school.

### Safety on Wood Road



We are working in partnership with Derby City Council, and our safer neighbourhood policing team to make Wood Road safer at the start and the end of the school day. Please play your part and help to keep our school community safe.

- ✓ **Please drive slowly on Wood Road. Do not make a 'U-Turn' on Wood Road outside school – this is not safe or considerate. Do not stop in the middle of the road to drop off adults and children. Do not mount the kerbs to park on the pavements.**
- ✓ **Please park considerately away from school and walk. Do not park in front of the gates or on the zigzag lines. Do not park on corners, on pavements or blocking driveways at all. If you need to drive to school, then park safely and considerately away from school and walk. Please allow sufficient time for this.**
- ✓ **Please keep moving when walking and keep the paths clear. Do not gather or wait by the gates – this is not safe or helpful. This is not a helpful meeting point.**
- ✓ **Please do not stand and smoke by the Wood Road gates. This is not the welcome we want for our families. Please be considerate.**

Derby City Council Public Protections Officers and members of our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team are hoping to be able to visit us regularly so that we can challenge parents and carers who do not drive, park, or behave safely on Wood Road.

## Our School Learning Values

Our children all learn how to be super star learners by following our learning values. These are the learning behaviours that we value the most at our school. These characters are from our Power Maths scheme and they help us learn how to be super star learners.



1. We think of **good** ideas.
2. We think of **different** ways to do things.



3. We are **confident** to try challenges.
4. We **learn** from mistakes.



5. We **always** try our best.
6. We are **resilient**, we keep on trying.



7. We enjoy finding out and **exploring**.
8. We ask **clever** questions.



9. We ask for **help** when we need it.
10. We are happy to **teach** our friends.

## Our School Behaviour Values

These are the behaviours that we value the most at our school. Every day in school grown-ups teach and model these values. Children practise and demonstrate these behaviours and they are rewarded for showing good behaviour.

Children's behaviour at our school is good.  
Miss Luke is our Behaviour and Attitudes Leader.  
Mrs Orme is our Personal Development Leader.



We support a number of children with identified social, emotional and mental health needs in school. These children have special educational needs. We have significant expertise in working with families and external agencies to enable these children to succeed at our community school.

Kind hands

Kind feet

Kind words

## 2023.24 Academic Year

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

Please note the term dates for the next academic year, including the dates of our five INSET days.

Please plan any holidays during the school holidays and not during term time.

### Autumn Term 1 2023

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**INSET day 1:** School is closed to children for staff training

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

**Year 1 and Year 2 children return to school, doors will open at 8:40am**

Children starting in Nursery and Reception will be given individual staggered start dates

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Children break up for the half term holiday**

### Autumn Term 2 2023

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

**INSET day 2:** School is closed to children for staff training

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Children break up for the Christmas holiday**

### Spring Term 1 2024

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

**Children break up for the half term holiday**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**INSET day 3:** School is closed to children for staff training

### Spring Term 2 2024

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

**Children break up for the Easter holiday**

### Summer Term 1 2024

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Children break up for the half term holiday**

### Summer Term 2 2024

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June

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

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

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

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Children break up for the Summer holiday**

# 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 the 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.

Mrs Asghar is our Attendance Leader, and she carefully tracks children's attendance, in partnership with our Derby City Council Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

Good attendance is achieving 96% or higher.

Here

Every day,

Ready and

On time





## **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