



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 4

Monday 2nd October 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The autumn weather has been kind to us with more mild, pleasant days expected. At October half term, we are expecting further work to be completed in our outdoor areas. Our Reception area at the back of school will see a new play den, mark making easels, a mud kitchen area and a science area. On the Year 1 playground, our football pitch will be finished and on the Year 2 playground, our four way shooter will be installed in the target circles.

Please note the dates that I have added into today's newsletter. More information will follow soon regarding our school photographer visit and upcoming parents' evening. Every year, we invite a professional pantomime production to visit school, this year the story will be 'Snow White.' We will be asking for parental contributions after half term for this wonderful experience.

If parents/carers drive on site to drop children off at our breakfast club, they must drive slowly (5mph). Please use the car parking spaces immediately to the left of the car park as you enter, so that staff can arrive and park in their usual spaces without delay. The disabled spaces should not be used unless parents/carers are blue badge holders.

I am delighted to share with parents and carers that Mrs Bonner's baby has arrived and that they are both safe and well. We are looking forward to meeting baby Isla, who looks so adorable.

You may have seen Mandy the autism assistance dog on site with her family. Mandy is a fully trained working dog who is calm and gentle. We have talked with the children in school about Mandy and how clever she is. Please come and share any positive comments and/or worries with us so that we can work together to help everyone feel safe.

Please help your child to complete their weekly homework challenges. Your support will enable your child to make as much progress as possible with their learning. Thank you for coming to our reading workshops last week. The children coped so well with an audience, they were very excited! 😊

Thank you to all the parents and carers who set an excellent example for their children on site every day. We really appreciate the respectful and polite behaviour and communication shown by the vast majority of parents and carers every day.

The children are all making excellent progress with their learning in school. The new school year has started very positively.

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 properly 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

Cavendish Close Infant
School (CCIS)

Our School Vision

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

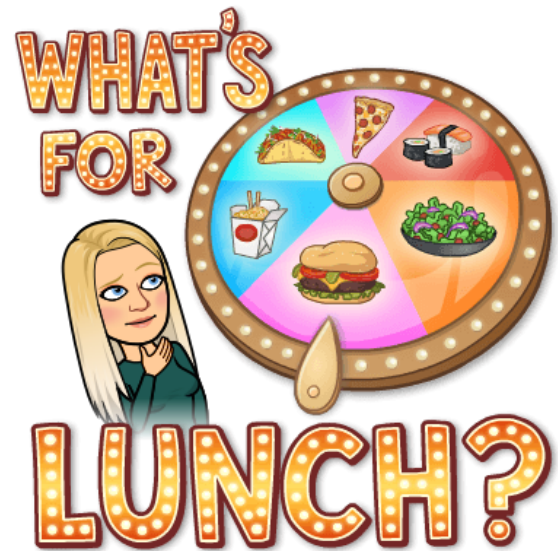


Dear Cavendish Close Children,



Thank you for walking to school and coming into school so sensibly, and for saying 'Good morning' to the grown ups who are outside waiting to greet you. We love the smiles, the waves and the good manners. Thank you.

Mrs Carter and the super kitchen team make fresh and tasty school dinners for us every day. We are so lucky! Have a look at our menus and see which food you like. There is so much to choose from every day.



Many Thanks!



We have been learning about Harvest time. Please bring some tins and packets of food into school for our Harvest display in the hall. We will be kind and share the food with other people in Derby who are hungry. Thank you.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x

Harvest Festival Celebration

We would like to invite all families to contribute food items for our Harvest Festival display in the hall. Please send in tins and packets of food by tomorrow Tuesday 3rd October. Thank you



After our Harvest Festival Celebrations, we will be donating the food to the Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance.

The Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance supports people in Derby who are experiencing food poverty, through food provision, signposting, education and advice. If you need assistance, call 01332 346266.



Children are not allowed to ride bikes or scooters on our school site. Please help us to keep our paths safe.

If children come to school on a bike or scooter, they must dismount at the Wood Road gates and walk on the school site.



If you drive to school, please park safely away from school and walk. Please do not block driveways or mount pavements. Respect our neighbours and prioritise keeping children safe.

If you drive on site to drop off or collect children from a club, drive very slowly and park in a designated parking space.



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children can have a 'free' school dinner every day. Costs are covered by the government. Our meals are cooked freshly every day and you can prepare your children for what they will choose by looking at our menus.



Please find time every day to read to and with your children. Enjoying reading together will help your children to develop as confident readers who choose to read. We hope that you found last week's reading workshops helpful and that you feel motivated and able to help with your child's reading at home.

Help your child to be a Reading Rainbow Champion.



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
- ✓ 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 indoor PE with bare feet.
- ✓ Children are **not allowed to wear jewellery** to school. Only one single pair of studs is allowed. These will need to be removed or covered with micropore tape for PE
- ✓ Your child should not bring any belongings, toys, or resources into school from home.
- ✓ All children in nursery and school need a book bag. Please use our wallet style bookbags with small handles, they can be purchased from our school office. Your child needs to bring their **bookbag and diary** to school every day. Your child can have **one keyring** on their bookbag if they would like to personalise it.
- ✓ Your child has their own **water bottle** in their classroom 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. Please find time for regular reading at home.
- ✓ 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 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 will be carefully tracking children's attendance where it falls below our school target of 96%.

Here

Every day,

Ready and

On time

Every day, our children work towards our STAR expectations:



Safety on Wood Road

Please play your part and help to keep our school community safe.

- ✓ 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 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 keep moving when walking and keep the paths clear. Do not gather or wait by the gates – 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. Smoking and vaping are not allowed on the school site.

Derby City Council Public Protections Officers and members of our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team do visit us where possible so that we can challenge parents and carers who do not drive, park, or behave safely in the local area.

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 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. Mrs Vincett is our Inclusion Leader. 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

Class Teams for 2023.24

Headteacher: Mrs Diffin

Inclusion Leader: Mrs Vincett

Early Years Foundation Stage Leader: Mrs Howett

Mrs Howett is our **Deputy Headteacher**

Nursery Class

Nursery	Mrs Howett, Mrs Orme, Mrs Mosley, Mrs Bee	Happy Hedgehogs
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Reception Classes

Class 1	Mrs Carter, Miss Cunliffe	Sociable Squirrels
Class 2	Miss Brown, Mrs Gadsby, Miss Carroll	Bold Butterflies
Class 3	Miss Doxey, Mrs Redfern	Curious Caterpillars

Key Stage 1 Leader: Mrs Asghar

Mrs Asghar is our **Assistant Headteacher**

Year 1 Classes

Class 5	Mrs Merriman, Miss Stafford	Determined Dragonflies
Class 6	Miss Marley, Mrs Mills	Respectful Robins

Mixed Year 1 and 2 Class

Class 4	Mrs Asghar, Miss Richardson, Miss Flynn	Resilient Rabbits
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Year 2 Classes

Class 7	Miss Luke, Mrs Edwards	Brave Badgers
Class 9	Miss Harker, Mrs Taylor	Dynamic Deer

Higher Level Teaching Assistants: Mrs Roberts and Mrs Smalley

Mrs Roberts and Mrs Smalley cover classes across school.

Learning Mentors: Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie

Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie support classes and children from all four year groups. They lead our dinner time provision.

School Day Timings for 2023.24

In Nursery, children access full time (30 hour) or part time (15 hour) places.

Part time places are offered at the beginning or the end of the week.

Beginning of the week: Monday and Tuesday (full days) and Wednesday morning.

End of the week: Wednesday afternoon and Thursday and Friday (full days).

	Door opens	Registration	Home Time
Nursery Full Days	8:40am	8:50am	2:50pm
Wednesday Morning Half Day	8:40am	8:45am	11:45am
Wednesday Afternoon Half Day	12:10pm	12:10pm	3:10pm

	Doors open	Morning Registration	Home Time
Reception	8:40am	8:50am	3:00pm
Year 1	8:40am	8:50am	3:10pm
Year 2	8:40am	8:50am	3:10pm

Please ensure that your child is an **Attendance HERO**

H	E	R	O
Here	Every day,	Ready and	On time

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

2023.24 Academic Year

Autumn Term 1 2023

Monday 4th September to Friday 27th October

Tuesday 3 rd October	Harvest festival
Tuesday 3 rd October to Monday 9 th October	Scholastic book fair in school. For every book that is purchased by families, we earn books for our classrooms.
Thursday 5 th October	Flu immunisations for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 where parental consent has been received
Friday 27th October	Children break up for the half term holiday

Autumn Term 2 2023

Monday 6th November to Friday 22nd December

Wednesday 8 th November	School photographer taking nursery and reception photographs
Thursday 9 th November	School photographer taking Year 1 and Year 2 photographs Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents' evening (3:15pm to 6:15pm)
Monday 13 th November	Anti-bullying week. Children can come to school wearing 'Odd Socks' to embrace diversity.
Friday 17 th November	INSET day 2 : School is closed to children for staff training
Friday 1 st December	Snow White pantomime production in school
Week beginning Monday 11 th December	Christmas nativity performances for parents and carers
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas dinner day
Week beginning 18 th December	Christmas party week
Monday 18 th December	Rocksteady concert for club parents and carers
Friday 22nd December	Children break up for the Christmas holiday

Spring Term 1 2024

Monday 8th January to Friday 16th February

Week beginning 12 th February	Maths workshops for parents and carers
Friday 16 th February	INSET day 3 : School is closed to children for staff training
Friday 16th February	Children break up for the half term holiday

Spring Term 2 2024

Monday 26th February to Thursday 28th March

Thursday 7 th March	World book day
Thursday 14 th March	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents' evening (3:15pm to 6:15pm)
Monday 25 th March	Rocksteady concert for club parents and carers
Wednesday 27 th March	Creative open afternoon for parents and carers (2:00pm)
Thursday 28th March	Children break up for the Easter holiday

Summer Term 1 2024

Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May

Friday 24 th May	Children break up for the half term holiday
Summer Term 2 2024 Monday 3 rd June to Tuesday 23 rd July	
Monday 17 th June	INSET day 4: School is closed to children for staff training
Monday 1 st July	INSET day 5: School is closed to children for staff training
Tuesday 23 rd July	Children break up for the summer holiday



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

(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

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

Safeguarding Team

safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

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

Inclusion Leader

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

(Mrs Howett and Mrs Orme)

reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Carter, Miss Brown, Miss Doxey)

year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Asghar, Mrs Merriman, Miss Marley)

year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Asghar, Miss Luke, Miss Harker)

Breakfast Club and After School Club

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
- **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