



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 7

Monday 27th November 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we've reached the end of November already. If you celebrate Christmas, I'm sure that you've started preparing at home. Hopefully your children aren't asking Santa for too many presents this year! Winter is definitely on the way; it's been colder with a noticeable chill in the air over the last week. It's a good idea for your children to come to school with a hat and gloves along with their winter coat, all named please.

Have you seen the new football goals on the Year 1 playground? They are well used every day by all year groups by our budding football stars. In the new year, we will return our focus to saving for our 'outdoor gazebo' for the Willow Garden. We are so lucky to have such a great school with such an impressive site.

Some children have been poorly recently with childhood illnesses. In school, we maintain good hand hygiene, good ventilation and regular cleaning to fight away germs. Thank you for your understanding as we have managed staff absences across school this term. Our staff team are so positive and flexible, and we always find solutions to keep children safe, happy and learning. Mrs Manners keeps trying to secure a visit from the flu immunisation team for us, however, they just don't have a date to offer us yet.

We are looking forward to Friday's pantomime performance of Snow White. Thank you to all the parents and carers who made the payment as requested. Children can come to school on Friday wearing their Christmas jumper with their school uniform.

I would like to politely remind all parents and carers that children should not ride bikes or scooters on the school site. This rule applies to everyone and is to keep us all safe.

The new school menu is proving popular, especially the winter warmer puddings. A funded meal is available for all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. In addition to the meal choices, the salad bar is busy every day. As well as a great variety of salad, there is bread available and often pasta, rice or cous cous for example. I enjoy a dinner with the children most days, chicken pie day is my favourite!

It's St Andrew's day this Thursday and the children will enjoy learning about Scotland. The children will all take part in a bagpipes and Scottish dancing workshop. Thanks to Miss Doxey, our Music Leader, we will have a piper in traditional Scottish costume in school for the day.

Thank you for the friendly greetings every morning. Please come and approach me if you have any queries or suggestions. This is my 24th year at our school, each one happy and full of great people.

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 to all the children who get off their bikes and scooters at the Wood Road gates. You are not allowed to ride your bike or scooter at school. You must get off and walk next to your bike. We need to work together to keep everyone safe at school.

Are you finding time to enjoy reading at home every day? Where are you on the reading rainbow? The more you read, the more words you will learn and the more you will know.



Friendship



Thank you for all the good choices that you make at school every day. I especially love your good manners and your friendly smiles. Thank you for showing kindness and being a friend to everyone.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x



December is fast approaching...

I will be sharing our 'Christmas in School' plan with you before the end of the week. Please note the Christmas jumper days and the day and time of your children's Christmas performances in this newsletter's diary section.

We are holding an open evening for prospective 'Reception 2024' families on Wednesday 6th December 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

All nursery parents and carers need to apply to Derby City Council for a school place between 3rd November 2023 and 15th January 2024.

If you know any family, friends, colleagues etc in the local area with nursery aged children who are due to start school in September 2024, please share this opportunity and encourage them to contact, visit and choose us.



Mrs Orme met with the school council last week – there is a 'Cavendish Close Champion' representative from every class. The children were discussing fundraising ideas for the new year. Watch this space... We are saving for an 'outdoor classroom gazebo' for in our Willow Garden.

So far, we have raised about £2000 from our summer nature challenge.

Please park considerately in the local area at the start and end of the school day.

We have been disappointed to hear about unsafe parking recently. Please leave sufficient time to park safely and considerately near school.



Supporting your children's reading at home regularly makes such a positive difference to their reading progress in school. Please find time in your busy daily routine to prioritise reading together. Bedtime stories with young children are so precious – enjoy this time together.

2023.24 Academic Year Diary for Parents and Carers

Autumn Term 2 2023

Monday 6th November to Friday 22nd December

Friday 1 st December	Snow White pantomime production in school. All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents/carers to contribute £7 (per child) via Parent Pay for this experience Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform
Wednesday 6 th December	Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform
Wednesday 6th December	Reception 2024 open evening for children and their families who are due to start school in September 2024 – 4:00pm to 5:00pm
Week beginning Monday 11 th December	Christmas nativity performances for parents and carers

Nursery

Mrs Orme's Holly Group	Mrs Bee's Ivy Group	Mrs Mosley's Acorn Group	Mrs Howett's Ivy Group
2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm	2:00pm
Monday 11 th December	Tuesday 12 th December	Thursday 14 th December	Friday 15 th December

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 9
9:30am	10:30am	9:30am	10:30am	9:30am	10:30am	9:30am	10:30am
Monday 11 th December	Tuesday 12 th December	Thursday 14 th December	Friday 15 th December				

Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas dinner day Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform
Monday 18 th December	Rocksteady concert for club parents and carers
Tuesday 19 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas parties – Children can come to school in party clothes with sensible, sturdy footwear
Wednesday 20 th December	Nursery and Reception Christmas parties – Children can come to school in party clothes with sensible, sturdy footwear
Friday 22nd December	Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform 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 24th May

Children break up for the half term holiday

Summer Term 2 2024

Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July

Monday 17th June

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

Monday 1st July

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

Tuesday 23rd July

Children break up for the summer holiday



Contacting School 2023.24

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

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**