



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School
Newsletter 11

Monday 26th February 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a wonderfully busy first half of this school year. Thank you for working with us to enable all our children to thrive.

I hope that you've enjoyed a good half term break. I have been planning my next home improvements and confirming our 2024 family holidays. My Blossom will be going to Sri Lanka in July with her sixth form to carry out voluntary work in schools and to save little turtles on the beach! I will miss her so much, especially on her 17th birthday but I'm so proud of the awesome young lady that she is. My Tabitha is excelling with her netball and now trains with the Derbyshire squad as well as thriving in a Loughborough Lightning Hub. She trains and plays most days and accesses her own strength and conditioning coach! My little Nelly-Tiger continues to be my super cute baby! Life is full and busy! I hope that you are all well too.

Last half term, the children all enjoyed their exciting topics. School is calm, routines are strong, expectations are high, timetables facilitate high quality learning throughout the day, and relationships are respectful. For 24 years, I have enjoyed coming to our school every day.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our coffee morning and maths workshops. It's always good to see you in school and learning more about your children's experiences of life in school in 2024.

Miss Marley's baby Albie Charles was born safely (and quickly!) on 15th February. They are both well and enjoying bonding and making wonderful family memories. Orlagh is the fantastic big sister that we knew that she would be. Sending them lots of warm wishes from our school community. Mrs Roberts and Mrs Mills will continue the great work in Class 6.

As Mrs Roberts will be working in Class 6 full time now, we have appointed a teacher who will work in school four days a week to provide teaching cover across school. Miss Bradley joins our team tomorrow and will be mostly working in Years 1 and 2. I know that you will make her feel welcome. Miss Bradley is an experienced teacher who will bring lots of strengths and positives to our team.

As a school we have been providing an increasing amount of 'school-to-school' support to a range of schools across Derby City. We are proud of our school expertise and always willing to help others. Collaboration opportunities provide us with support and challenge as we continue on our own improvement journey.

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,



We love to see you arriving at school ready for a day of learning with your friends. Thank you for the polite greetings, the smiles and the waves. School is a happy and safe place for us to work as a team and reach for the stars every day.

On Thursday 7th March, it's World Book Day. You can come to school in your pyjamas for a day of bedtime reading fun. On Friday 15th March, the book fair will arrive at school and you will be able to buy a new book.



On Tuesday 5th March PCSO Isla Smith will be visiting all year groups to deliver her 'Road Safety' assembly. Please remember not to ride your scooter or bike at school.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x

Please remember that parents and carers collecting children at 4:10pm from football, art, gardening, Jumping Clay and dance club are not allowed to park on site.

Please can all parents and carers who drive to school allow time to park safely and considerately in the community.



We have 15 hour and 30 hour places to offer in our excellent two teacher led Nursery in September 2024. Get in touch with us to secure a place.

Do you have or know a young child who was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021?

We have two nursery open evenings this half term on Wednesday 6th March and Wednesday 13th March from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. Please come and visit us.



This term's parents' evening is on Thursday 14th March from 3:00pm to 6:15pm. We would like all parents and carers to attend to hear about the progress that their children are making with their learning and personal development.



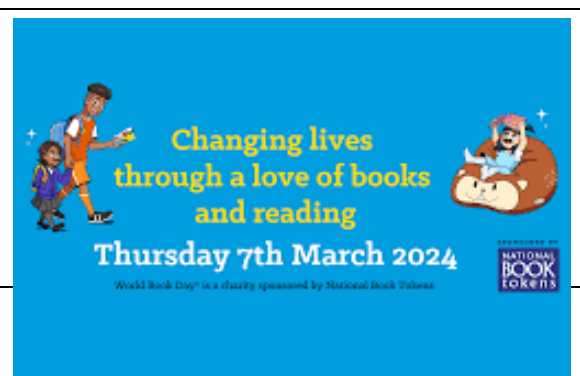
This half term, parents and carers are invited to join us in school for an Creative open morning or afternoon on Wednesday 27th March.



Nursery and Reception parents and carers will be invited to come either from 9:00am to 9:45am or from 2:15pm to 3:00pm.

Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers will all be invited to come from 2:15pm to 3:00pm.

It's World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. Children can come to school in their pyjamas for a day of bedtime reading fun. We have a Scholastic book fair arriving at school on Friday 15th March for a week.



Please continue to prioritise finding time to read at home with your children

2023.24 Academic Year Diary for Parents and Carers

Spring Term 2 2024

Monday 26th February to Thursday 28th March

Friday 1 st March	St David's Day – Patron Saint of Wales
Tuesday 5 th March	PCSO Isla Smith is visiting all year groups with her Road Safety presentation assembly
Wednesday 6th March	Nursery September 2024 Open Evening 3:30pm to 4:15pm
Thursday 7 th March	World book day. Children can come to school in their pyjamas for a day of bedtime reading fun.
Friday 8 th March	England football's biggest ever football session
Wednesday 13th March	Nursery September 2024 Open Evening 3:30pm to 4:15pm
Thursday 14th March	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents' evening (3:00pm to 6:15pm)
Friday 15 th March	Scholastic Book Fair arriving at school for a week
Monday 18 th March	Compass Changing Lives are visiting all year groups with their Mental Health and wellbeing assembly
Wednesday 27th March	Creative open morning and afternoon for parents and carers (9:00am and 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	The Junior Academy have an INSET day. We do not. Nursery and Infant children should attend school as usual. Children break up for the half term holiday
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Summer Term 2 2024

Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd 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 23rd July	Children break up for the summer holiday

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.
- ✓ 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** 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 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 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:



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 class. 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. Thank you

Safety on Wood Road and in our local area



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 occasionally 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 learn how to be super star learners.

 <p>1. We think of good ideas.</p> <p>2. We think of different ways to do things.</p>	 <p>3. We are confident to try challenges.</p> <p>4. We learn from mistakes.</p>	 <p>5. We always try our best.</p> <p>6. We are resilient, we keep on trying.</p>	 <p>7. We enjoy finding out and exploring.</p> <p>8. We ask clever questions.</p>	 <p>9. We ask for help when we need it.</p> <p>10. We are happy to teach our friends.</p>
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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.

 <p>We show respect to everyone.</p>	 <p>We choose kindness.</p>	 <p>We remember to use good manners.</p>	 <p>We do what adults ask us to do.</p>
 <p>We show respect to everything.</p>	 <p>We know how to feel calm and ready to learn.</p>	 <p>We make safe, healthy, and happy choices.</p>	 <p>We are Attendance HEROs (Here Every day Ready On time).</p>

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

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

Mrs Roberts, Mrs Mills

Respectful Robins

Mixed Year 1 and 2 Class

Class 4

Mrs Asghar, Miss Richardson, Miss Flynn

Resilient Rabbits

Year 2 Classes

Class 7

Miss Luke, Mrs Edwards

Brave Badgers

Class 9

Miss Harker, Mrs Taylor

Dynamic Deer

Key Stage 1 Teacher: Miss Bradley

Higher Level Teaching Assistant: Mrs Smalley

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	2:50am
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



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. Polite 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, Mrs Roberts)

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**

