

# Cavendish News

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## ROAD SAFETY

One of our parents came into school last week to tell us that she had had to perform an emergency stop on Meltham Avenue when 2 Cavendish children shot out into the road in front of her. They were travelling on a scooter and didn't stop at the kerb to check whether or not the road was clear. This week, some of our staff have seen older children in school running across the junction of Cavendish Road/Burton Road/Lapwing Lane whilst the traffic lights were on green. This is obviously very concerning and we certainly don't want to see any of our children involved in traffic accidents. School crossing patrols have been cut over recent years and the children should be obeying the green man/red man controls.

As you know, we take the children out of school on a regular basis. We are meticulous in how we demonstrate the use of pelican crossings, in how we stop at the kerbs on minor roads, and we ensure that all children who want to can participate in 'bikeability' courses in Y5. We even have a cycling club so that children can begin to learn how to cycle safely from a young age, because we know just how busy our local area can be. Please help us to get the message across to them by talking to your child to re-iterate the importance of safe behaviour on the roads.

## COLLECTING CHILDREN FOR APPOINTMENTS

Please be aware that we only let children out of school early for medical appointments or other *urgent* business. Please bring their appointment card with you when you come to school to pick them up. Please **don't** ask to pick your child up early for haircuts, shoe shopping, birthday parties or other similar things, because our answer will be 'no'!

## LATE PICK UPS

We are experiencing some problems with children being collected late from school or from after school activities/after school club. School finishes at 3.20pm, club finishing times are on the website so please check at the time of booking, and after school club closes at 6pm. The staff who run after school activities have their own family commitments and many of them have to collect their own children when they have finished working at Cavendish for the day. We don't think it's fair that they have to wait for latecomers. We will always understand when there exceptional circumstances, but exceptional circumstances happen only rarely.

## NEXT WEEK AT CAVENDISH

Year 2 are having a Victorian day on Wednesday – we'll post photos on our Facebook and Twitter accounts for you. Our Y4 classes will be visiting John Rylands Library on Wednesday and Thursday for Chinese New Year workshops. Children from Years 5 & 6 will be competing in an indoor basketball tournament on Thursday, and on Friday we are having lion dancing assemblies and a special Chinese lunch as we get our Chinese New Year celebrations off with a bang! Another busy week – just how we like it.

## PARENT/CARER/TEACHER MEETINGS

Please check that you have received the letter sent home this week about appointments for these important meetings. We hope to see as many of you as possible on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>.