

Cavendish News

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the 2016-17 school year! This week has flown by and the children are happily settled into their new classes and already working hard. We would like say a special Cavendish hello to all the brand new families who have started with us this term. We hope that you already feel like part of the family, but if you have any worries, queries or concerns, don't hesitate to pop in or drop us a line and we'll do what we can to help. Reception children are in full time from today and our new Nursery children start next week, their first steps on what we aim to make a fabulous primary school experience for them. Today, children in Years 1 to 6 are out on this year's Big Adventure, so keep an eye on our social media feed over the weekend for photos of that.

We also welcome some new colleagues: Miss Pettit (Nursery), Ms Tattersall (Reception), Ms Wood (Reception), Miss Hansen (Y3), Miss Foster (Y5), and Mrs. Cole (specialist language teacher). In addition, Miss Newington (Y1) and Miss Dodson (Y3) are working with us this year in collaboration with Teach Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University.

Unfortunately, we also had a resignation this week. Miss Bailey, who works in Years 1 and 2, was contacted by Manchester University. She has accepted a place on their PGCE course to train as a primary school teacher and starts on Monday. Today is her last day, and we would like to wish her lots of luck. We think it speaks volumes about our school that so many graduates come here to work as teaching assistants and are inspired to go on to train to become teachers

EID MUBARAK

We would like to wish Eid Mubarak to all of our Muslim families who will be celebrating Eid ul Adha at the weekend or on Monday.

Eid-ul-Adha celebrates the occasion when Allah appeared to Ibrahim (pbuh) in a dream and asked him to sacrifice his son Isma'il (pbuh) as an act of obedience to God. The devil tempted Ibrahim (pbuh) by saying he should disobey Allah and spare his son. As Ibrahim (pbuh) was about to kill his son, Allah stopped him and gave him a lamb to sacrifice instead.

Today Muslims all over the world who can afford it, sacrifice a sheep (sometimes a goat) as a reminder of Ibrahim's (pbuh) obedience to Allah. In Britain, the animal has to be killed at a slaughterhouse.



FIRST PTA MEETING OF THE YEAR

The PTA will be meeting next Tuesday, 13 September, at 7pm in Miss Tingling's classroom (ground floor, main building). This term's main events are the bonfire and the Christmas Fair, and we will need lots of support to ensure that they run smoothly and successfully. Please come along and find out more about the work of our PTA which raises valuable funds that help us to enrich the Cavendish experience for all children. Any help you can give will be gratefully received.

YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU!

PLAYGROUND INFORMATION

As the numbers of children who attend Cavendish continue to increase, our playground gets busier and busier. We therefore ask all parents/carers to respect and comply with the following:

- ***Keep hold of young children's hands. They can easily slip away from you and wander off through the gate onto Vicker Grove.***
- ***Do not let your child/ren ride scooters on the school site; It's too crowded to have them zipping about at speed so please make sure they get off their scooter at the school gates.***
- ***If you have an older child in Years 5 or 6, send them to wait on the playground outside their own classroom so that the pressure for space on the main playground is reduced.***

MESSAGES FROM MR KING

The local cross-country running heats are next Tuesday and the following one (13th & 20th Sept) at Chorlton Park, from 16:00 - 16:45. Our girls are hoping to defend their crown as Manchester champions and the boys are hoping to improve on last year's 5th place finish. This is the first step! It is open to all Y4, 5 and 6 children who fancy representing Cavendish and running approx. 1.5km around the park. ***Unfortunately, we are unable to provide transport, so parents/carers will need to bring their children down to compete, but I'll be there to meet everyone and make sure they know what to do and when.***

A free lunchtime club will be starting next Friday for any girls in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 who want to play football. No prior experience is needed. We have entered a Y3/4 and Y5/6 team into the South Manchester Primary League this year and the teams will be picked, on a match by match basis, from the girls who attend the club. However, if the girls just want to do the training, that's great - come and have some fun and enjoy one of the fastest growing sports in the country!

REWIRING WORKS

It's been a hive of activity over the summer due to the re-wiring that's taking place. Work will continue until the end of the October half term break, which might cause some minor disruption along the way. Once it's all finished, we'll start the task of re-decoration. Please bear with us during this time; we might look a bit unkempt at present, but we'll soon be ship-shape!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Over the next 2 pages, you will find details of key dates that have already been set for this term. We publish our newsletter on the school website, on both Facebook and Twitter, we email it to you if we have your email address, or send you a hard copy if we don't, and we have spare hard copies available in school. We try our best to give you advance notice of things, but we need you to read what we send home. If we had a pound for every time we've been told "I didn't know anything about it" when details of the event in question had been included in the newsletter, we'd be quite wealthy by now! Please get into the habit of looking out for and reading Cavendish News every Friday - it will keep you in touch with what's happening at school.

KEY DATES FOR 2016/17

1. Parent/carer/teacher meetings

YEAR GROUP	DATE/TIME	WHERE
NURSERY	Weds 19 Oct 3.30 to 6.30pm	Nursery building
RECEPTION	Tues 18 Oct 3.30 to 7.00pm Weds 19 Oct 3.30 to 5.30pm	Reception classrooms
YEAR 1	Weds 19 Oct 3.30 to 6.00pm Thurs 20 Oct 3.30 to 6.00pm	Year 1 classrooms
YEAR 2	Tues 18 Oct 3.30 to 6.00pm Weds 19 Oct 3.30 to 6.00pm	Year 2 classrooms
YEAR 3	Tues 18 Oct 3.30 to 7.00pm Weds 19 Oct 3.30 to 5.00pm	First floor hall
YEAR 4	Tues 18 Oct 3.30 to 7pm Weds 19 Oct 3.30 to 5.00pm	First floor hall
YEAR 5	Weds 19 Oct 3.30 to 7.00pm Thurs 20 Oct 3.30 to 5.30pm	Year 5 classrooms
YEAR 6	Weds 19th Oct 2.30 to 7.00pm Thurs 20 Oct 3.30 to 5.30pm	Year 6 classrooms

2. Christmas productions

YEAR GROUP	DATE/TIME	WHERE
NURSERY	Weds 14 Dec 9.30am, repeated at 2.00pm	Ground floor hall, main building
RECEPTION	Mon 12 Dec 10.00am, repeated on Tues 13 Dec at 2.00pm	Ground floor hall, main building
YEARS 1 & 2	Thurs 22 Dec 2.45pm	Playground
YEARS 3 & 4	Thurs 15 Dec 2.00pm, repeated on Fri 16 Dec at 10.00am	First floor hall

3. Other events so far arranged

YEAR GROUP	DATE/TIME	WHERE
RECEPTION Meeting for Reception parents and carers – how we teach reading	Tues 20 Sept at 6.00pm, repeated on Weds 21 Sept at 9.15am	To be decided according to numbers attending
YEAR 6 Meeting for Year 6 parents/carers – applying for high school places	Tues 27 Sept at 3.30pm, repeated at 6.00pm	Year 6 GD classroom
ALL YEAR GROUPS HAVING INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS TAKEN	Mon 7/Tues 8 November, further details to follow	To be decided by photographer
YEARS 1 TO 6 Meeting for parents/carers to outline the teaching of grammar at Cavendish	Thursday 10 November at 6.00pm	To be decided according to numbers attending

Obviously more dates will be added to the diary as the year goes on and we will keep you posted, so please check Cavendish News each week for new events. Sometimes, trips or other events that are specific to your own child's class/year group will be communicated to you directly by their teacher in a separate letter.

We try not to change dates once we've notified you of them but occasionally we are forced to, usually because of things that crop up at short notice eg staff illness, adverse weather.