

Cavendish News

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CONGRATULATIONS CAVENDISH!

During the summer holidays, 141 Cavendish pupils (that's 23% of our school population) completed the 2016 Summer Reading Challenge. Altogether they read a very impressive 846 books! This was the best response of any school in Manchester and **WE HAVE WON FIRST PRIZE!!!!** Author and illustrator Nick Sharratt will be coming to spend the day with us on Friday October 21st – yippee! We'll keep you posted about what he'll be doing.

Well done to all the children who took part and kept reading over summer, and thank you to all parents and carers who supported their efforts. We'd also like to thank Ms Cooper who promoted the competition in school so effectively. Reading is one of the most important things we teach in school, but it's not just about passing tests; we want the children to read for pleasure as well and it seems that many of our children have spent a lot of time doing just that, which delights us.



THE CAVENDISH BONFIRE IS BACK!!!

We are delighted to announce that the Cavendish Bonfire will take place on the school field on **Friday November 4th**, so get that date in your diaries! Cavendish PTA will be sending out further information quite soon.

NEXT WEEK AT CAVENDISH

Our Reception classes will be visiting Burton Road Mosque on Monday and Tuesday mornings. This trip is part of their topic work on 'My Family, My Community, Myself'.

As you know, Cavendish is a multi cultural school and we have children from strong faith backgrounds, and from no faith too. We are very committed to our ethos of mutual respect and understanding, so teaching the children about each other's beliefs and way of life is a huge part of that. Religious education is exactly what its name implies – it's teaching children about different faiths so that they understand why someone's mummy wears a hijab, or why their friend can't have beef for dinner, why a daddy wears a skull cap, or letting them take part in the Christmas play to understand why and how Christians celebrate Christmas. It's also about helping children to understand that some people choose not to have a faith.

We believe that RE is an important element in helping children to work and play harmoniously alongside each other. We don't do religious instruction – we leave that to you as their parent/carer, to the places of worship that you attend, and to faith schools.

GOOGLE EXPEDITIONS

Next Friday, all of our KS2 children will be going on a school trip....without even leaving the building!

We are going to be visited by the team from Google Expeditions who will bring with them 2 class sets of virtual reality headsets. These will transport the children on a journey to see Roman ruins, The Pyramids at Giza or any one of 200 different expeditions.

We are very excited about trying out a new opportunity to further enrich and enhance learning at Cavendish and are sure the children will love it. Have a little look at what they will be getting up to:

<https://www.google.co.uk/edu/expeditions/#about>

SNACKS AT BREAK TIME

As part of our commitment to being a healthy school, we have a healthy school policy. In the policy it states that children are only allowed to have fruit or veg for their morning snack. In KS1, this snack is provided for them. In KS2, children are allowed to bring in a piece of fruit or veg from home or purchase one from the canteen at a price of 35p.

If your child brings a snack to school, please ensure that it follows our guidelines. They will not be allowed to have it otherwise.



OTHER MESSAGES

All parents need to be aware that we cannot allow adults access to use the toilets in school. We have had an increasing number of people coming to the office to ask if they can use our facilities. We're sorry, but our admin team have not got the time to chaperone you around school (which we have to do for safeguarding reasons). Also, if your child needs to use the toilet, they are perfectly capable of going independently and you must not accompany them to toilets at the start or end of the day, again this is for safeguarding reasons.

Year 1 children will revert to lining up in the fenced off area by the annexe from Mon 3rd October. ***Please will all parents/carers step away once the bell goes and the children have joined their class line. If you stand with them it is very hard for the teachers to get the children's attention and get them into school efficiently and safely. Please do not attempt to accompany them to the doors as this adds to the confusion.***

We hope that last week's serious message about road safety has hit home. We have been told by MCC that Cavendish Road and Vicker Grove are now identified as 'hotspots' and therefore have an increased amount of warden activity. 14 fixed penalty fines were issued to Cavendish parents/carers last week. If you want to help keep our pupils safe on their journeys to and from school, and avoid the possibility of being fined as well, we'd advise you to park a short distance away and walk the rest of the way in.