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A MESSAGE FROM CAVENDISH GOVERNORS

Many of you will be aware of the accident that happened at the crossroads of Lapwing Lane and Burton Road on Tuesday morning at the start of the school day. A Cavendish Reception pupil was knocked over by a car that drove through a red light. That car then drove off from the scene. Parents, staff from the school, as well as the emergency services and a neighbour who turned out to be a paediatrician, reacted efficiently and the child was quickly taken to hospital. She was shocked and luckily didn't suffer any serious physical injuries. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved in helping during what must have been a traumatic incident for those that were there.

This also seems an appropriate time for us, as Governors of the school, to write to you about the issue of the school run and commuter traffic around the school that has created such anxiety recently. The Governors, most of whom are also parents of pupils here, are responsible for overseeing all aspects of our brilliant school. This includes ensuring that the children are progressing well in their learning, that the school is resourced effectively to provide for that learning, and that the school community is a happy and thriving one. We are so proud to be part of such an inspiring place. **However, our first priority is to ensure the safety of all Cavendish children and this is at the centre of the concerns about the traffic.**

We all know that the fundamental issue is that Cavendish is an Edwardian school built at a time when travelling to school by car was virtually unknown. Times have changed. Some of the roads and pavements are narrow and crowded, traffic on the roads travels quickly because drivers are in a hurry, and the number of children arriving at school is increasing as the school grows. At the same time, there is a continued growth in the number of commuter cars that use Lapwing Lane/Cavendish Road as a route by which to access Princess Road and the M56. Rest assured that Ms Marland and the leadership of the school are in regular contact with the council to try to put in place as many extra measures as we can to ensure that the roads around the school are as safe as possible. In the past this has resulted in the installation of the pelican crossing, traffic calming measures, new barriers, and parking enforcement officers, and we will keep you in touch with any further developments.

We are proud of Cavendish and we are sure your children love attending the school. We will continue to do all we can to ensure that the journey into school is as free of anxiety as the life of the children when they are at work and play inside the school.

Thank you.

LATEST NEWS REGARDING THE PTA GREETING CARD PROJECT

We were due to send out all the forms this week for you to order your home made children's greeting cards online. However, the company which administers the project for us (Art Projects for Schools) has had a massive I.T failure, and as a result has taken the decision this week to resort back to the traditional, offline ordering system that they have previously used.

What does this mean for us?

1. We have a new collection date of **Friday the 18th November**. Please make a note of this new date and ensure all your artwork has been returned to the office by this date.
2. Instead of administering your order and making payment online, it will have to be done as per last year. This means you will return your artwork to the office in an A4 envelope, with an order form attached to the back of your child's artwork and the correct payment enclosed.
3. Cheques, made out to Cavendish PTA, and correct cash only please.
4. The traditional order forms are being dispatched to school by APFS. As soon as we receive them we will circulate them. We will use a range of methods to get them to you, including email, where you can print off a copy, hard copies in book bags for those without access to email, and copies left in reception for those without access to a printer. Please look out for them.

Sorry for the last minute changes. We appreciate it's not ideal. We're guessing the CEO of Art Projects for Schools has had many a sleepless night over the past month! On a positive note, we have an extended deadline to get the children to perfect their greeting card designs, which we look forward to seeing.

NEXT WEEK AT CAVENDISH

The school photographer is in on Monday and Tuesday. She will be taking individual photographs on Monday, and sibling groups on Tuesday.

Reception classes are visiting Z Arts on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Miss Critchley's class will be going to Marie Louise Gardens on Monday morning.

Mrs. Monaghan's class will be going to Marie Louise Gardens on Tuesday morning.

Year 5 will be visiting the Imperial War Museum North on Tuesday.

We're holding an information session on Thursday at 6pm in the hall in the Rhodes Building to tell you more about the teaching of grammar in the National Curriculum. All parents/carers are welcome.

Year 6 go to Robinwood Outdoor Activity Centre in Todmorden on Friday, and will spend the weekend there.

OTHER NEWS

Mrs. Fayyaz had an emergency C-section during the half term break and has had a baby girl weighing 3lbs 7oz. Mum and baby are still in hospital but both doing well. We send our love, best wishes and many congratulations to the family!

Following her wedding at half term, Miss Threlfall has returned to school as Mrs. Threlfall-Smith.

Local MP Jeff Smith hopes that lots of Cavendish children will enter his Christmas card competition. They need to use paint, pastels or felt tip to create a Christmas design. Jeff will use the winning design for his constituency Christmas card, so it will be seen in thousands of homes. Your child could be a bit canny and use the same design that they create for the PTA card, or of course they can choose to do a completely different one! It needs to be on A4 paper, portrait way up. Please send all entries into school by **Thursday 17th November**.