

# Cavendish News

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## ROAD SAFETY NEWS

We met last week with several officers from MCC, ward councillors, GMP, and Director of Education and Skills John Edwards. We discussed the ongoing issue of road safety on the school run. Here is a quick summary:

MCC will be installing new high visibility signage on Lapwing Lane, so that motorists know there is a school on the other side of the junction, and refreshing worn line markings.

The council's Neighbourhood Team has negotiated with management staff at The Metropolitan that parents/carers who drive to Cavendish will be able to use the pub car park between 8.15am and 9.15am. Vehicles **must** be removed by 9.15am.

The Neighbourhood Team will request that the free parking period at Withington Hospital be extended to 30 minutes, which would allow for you to park up, walk to school, see your child in and get back to your car before the time expired. The decision will be made by the parking contractors.

Our friends at Blaggs have said that they will not display open Christmas trees or other goods on Cavendish Road until after 9am, and we have requested that MCC takes action over the bins that also cause a major obstruction.

MCC spoke to Tesco, who said that they do not take deliveries prior to 9.30am. If you see deliveries taking place during the school run in the morning, please take a photograph of the vehicle and let us have a copy so that we can deal with it.

We have committed to the Park and Stride initiative for January, and the children will be involved in this. Alongside this, we will introduce a school parking charter to highlight safety concerns to all families. This will be issued to parents and carers, and the children will be taught about it.

One issue raised was that at this time of year especially, the line markings on roads can be covered by leaf litter. Apparently, MCC clean leaf litter on request only. We didn't realise this, having assumed that it was a regular, rota-based service in areas of need. If you think your street needs a good clean to get rid of fallen leaves, let the council know by following this link:

[http://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/100006/environmental\\_problems/5319/street\\_cleaning](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/100006/environmental_problems/5319/street_cleaning)

It is important for everyone to accept that we can only make the roads around school safer if we accept collective responsibility to drive, park and cross over safely. The photographs show vehicles parked on double yellow lines, and children

running across the road rather than using the pelican crossing. These are the kinds of things that put children in danger. Do you **need** to park so close to school? Can't you spare another minute to wait at the crossing? REALLY?

We ***all*** share the responsibility of keeping children safe.



## CAVENDISH PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR



You should all have received raffle tickets via the children's book bags or school bags. Please return all sold ticket stubs and cash to the school office. You can get more books from the office to sell, and don't forget to look out for ticket sellers around school at drop off and pick up times.

Father Christmas's Grotto: pre-book your grotto slot by selecting and paying for your preferred time slot on the School Gateway. Limited tickets will be available on the day, but pre-booking means you spend less time queuing and have more time to spend enjoying the rest of the fair.

Thank you for all your donations for the chocolate tombola. They are being stored securely, i.e. well away from Mr. King! Our next non-uniform day is on the day of the fair, **December 9**. In return, please bring in a bottle, either alcoholic or non alcoholic, to support our drinks tombola stall. Members of the PTA will be on hand in the playground that morning to collect in the bottles and store them safely.

## REMINDERS



The children will be having their flu nasal sprays on Tues 6 Dec. Cavendish staff have also been offered the opportunity to have flu protection; unfortunately, the adult dose is only available via a needle!

A letter has already been sent to families whose child usually has a packed lunch. If they would like to have the school Christmas dinner as a one-off, please return the slip by **Fri 9 Dec**.

## CHRISTMAS AT CAVENDISH

Members of Mr. Lee's choir will be singing at LightsFest. The event takes place by the Co-op on Burton Road tomorrow, Sat 3 Dec, at 4pm.

Children from Nursery to Year 4 will be involved in Christmas productions, which take place as follows:

### **Nursery:**

Weds 14 Dec at 9.30am, repeated at 2.30pm

### **Reception:**

Mon 12 Dec at 2.00pm

Tues 13 Dec at 10.00am

*(this is a change from the original times but parents/carers in YR should have received a letter about it)*

### **Years 1 and 2:**

Weds 21 Dec at 2.40pm

Thurs 22 Dec at 2.40pm

### **Years 3 and 4:**

Thurs 15 Dec at 2.00pm

Fri 16 Dec at 10.00am

Christmas pantomime day is Mon 19 Dec. Nursery's Christmas trip to Stockley Farm is on Weds 21 Dec.

We are having our traditional school Christmas dinner on Thurs 22 Dec.

School closes on Fri 23 Dec.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generosity in helping us to raise £148.00 for the British Heart Foundation, and £538.69 for Children in Need.