

Cavendish News

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH WEST DIDSBURY

Revd Anne Pilkington would be delighted to see Cavendish families at this weekend's Christmas services, which are as follows:

Sunday 4.00pm – Christingle Service

Sunday 7.30pm – festival of 9 lessons and carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

The Christingle service is especially suitable for children. A Christingle is a Christian symbol and is made from: an orange which represents the round earth; 4 cocktail sticks which represent north, south, east and west; sweets which represent the good things the earth gives us; a red ribbon to represent the blood of Jesus; and a candle to show that Jesus is the light of the world. Children make then take their Christingle with them to church and the candles are lit during the service.

Christ Church West Didsbury is at 35 Darley Avenue, West Didsbury Manchester M20 2ZD.

<http://christchurchdidsbury.org.uk/>



Make a Christingle this weekend!



WELL DONE EYFS

Congratulations to the children and staff of our Early Years Foundation Stage, who put on 2 fabulous shows this week. Reception told the story of how Father Christmas was ill on Christmas Eve and Mother Christmas had to take over. Unfortunately, her round-the-world flights were cancelled due to bad weather so she had to get Rudolph and his friends to come to her rescue! Everything turned out well in the end, and they even managed a trip to the stable in Bethlehem.

On Wednesday Nursery charmed us all with their singing, although there were definitely some sleepy heads at the afternoon performance – it must have worn them out. It's no easy feat to get such young children to perform in front of an audience, and we wish our EYFS staff a relaxing weekend after their exertions.

MARVELLOUS MUSICAL BY YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4

We have been treated to two productions of *The Primary School Christmas Musical* this week and both have been outstanding. We never fail to be amazed by the talent and courage of our children and they once again delivered. The acting was brilliant and there were some comical teacher impersonators on the stage. However, the thing that stood out was the quality and enthusiasm of the singing. Well done to all the children and the adults in school who have worked really hard in a short space of time to create such a high quality show. Miss Marland is a just little worried that her role at school is about to be usurped by Naroa, who was so convincing in the role of Headteacher!

SPORTS NEWS FROM MR. KING

Please let the office (or the club itself in the case of external providers) know if your child isn't going to an after school club. We won't then have to race around our site trying to find them when they don't arrive for their session, and it will save us a few grey worry hairs too!

A quick reminder that Bridget's dance club is held on Thursdays, from 3:30 - 4:30pm, and costs £4.00 per session. Y5 will recently have got letters about the BikeRight course (what used to be cycling proficiency) which will be taking place in March 2017. We only have 36 places, so it's first come first served I'm afraid. Get those reply slips in quickly!



NEXT WEEK AT CAVENDISH

- Mon 19 Dec – travelling theatre company visiting to perform panto for Reception/KS1/KS2.
- Tue 20 Dec – Reception classes visiting Christ Church West Didsbury; NHS completing flu vaccination programme.
- Wed 21 Dec – Nursery children visiting Stockley Farm; Year 1 & Year 2 concert in playground at 2.40pm
- Thu 22 Dec - Year 1 & Year 2 concert in playground at 2.40pm
- Fri 23 Dec - Wear something Christmassy day – see below; school closes for the Christmas holiday

Christmas Jumper Day is organised by Save the Children. Technically it is on Dec 16, but at Cavendish we have postponed it to Dec 23. On the last day of term we want the children to wear something Christmassy. ***It does not have to be a Christmas jumper.*** Our view is that we don't want you to feel pressured into buying a jumper (or any other garment). If your child already has a Christmas jumper and they want to wear it, that's fine, ***but it's not obligatory.*** A tinsel halo, a Christmas badge, a glitter tattoo, festive hair ribbons...all of these will add to the festive flavour in school.

In return for letting the children dress down, we will be collecting donations for Save the Children and to be honest, we'd love it if you donated the money you would have spent on a jumper, or some of it, to our collection. The scenes on the news from Aleppo and Yemen in particular have been desperate, so please be as generous as you can next Friday.