

# Cavendish News

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## WELL DONE AUDREY!

The summer term has got off to a great start here at Cavendish. On Tuesday we heard that Audrey Watt in Year 3 has won Exterior's 'wrap a bus' competition! The bus – bearing her fabulous design – will be coming to school some time before half term and we'll let you know more once we have the details from Exterior. Congratulations to Audrey – all members of the Cavendish community are very proud of her and we can't wait to see her bus travelling around, celebrating so much that is great about our city!

We'd also like to give a special shout out to Rae Green in Year 5, whose design won second place – great effort Rae!



### PROBABLE SCHOOL CLOSURE ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has called an early general election, which will take place on Thursday 8 June. It is therefore very likely that school will be closed on that day because the building will be required to serve 2 wards as a polling station. We will confirm this as soon as we can, but in the meantime we advise you to make contingency plans for childcare on that day.

### MESSAGE FROM MRS. REPPER DAY

Mrs. Repper-Day has given all the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 a login for Duolingo. This is a free app that can be used at home to practise French (and also many other languages if they'd like to try something new!). If they use their login, it will remember where they have got up to and keep track of their progress.

The app can be downloaded for free on smartphones and tablets. It can also be used on PCs and laptops. Your child should have an A4 sheet with their details and instructions on. It should be a great way for the children to keep up with their French in-between lessons!

### PTA NEWS

This year's Didsbury Festival takes place on Saturday 20 May. The theme for the procession is 'Didsbury' and we have decided on the broad theme of 'The River Mersey' which lends itself to some creative options. Get your thinking caps on for costumes, and we'll organise a 'make and do' afternoon where you can come in after school and make costumes/props with your child – more details to follow.

If any arty parents/carers would like to offer a hand, please contact school or the PTA. Also, if anyone is able to offer a hand with stewarding the festival procession between 10am and 12 noon, please let us know.

**DON'T FORGET: PARENT/CARER MEETING: HOW CAN WE KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE IN THE DIGITAL WORLD, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 6.00 TO 8.00PM.**

**This is a free event but you MUST book onto it by leaving a message in the office or emailing David Griffiths on [d.griffiths@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:d.griffiths@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk)**

### NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY £1 TO WEAR BLUE FOR THE CHRISTIE CHARITY

You may have spotted a group of 5 über athletes whizzing around West Didsbury lately... and some of our teachers have been jogging too!

On Sunday 28 May Miss Merry, Miss Marsden, Mrs Mitchell, Miss Frazer and Miss Hansen (who is sacrificing her birthday celebrations the day before!) will all be running the 10k Great Manchester Run for the 2nd year in a row, all in aid of the Christie.

Miss Frazer holds a special affinity with the Christie as a member of her family is currently being treated there, so she has seen first-hand the amazing work that they do. Many of our families will have had similar experiences, so we hope you support this cause.

We thought it would be nice for the children to join in and support the teachers in raising funds for the Christie so on **Friday 12 May**, in exchange for £1, your child may come to school in non-uniform. Please try and wear something blue to match the colour of the Christie. All funds raised will go to the Christie. Last year we raised £400 in school for the NSPCC, so it would be fantastic to try and beat that for a local charity.

The team have their own team page on Just Giving if you would like to sponsor them.

<https://www.justgiving.com/teams/Cavendish2017>

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform policy is gender neutral, quite straightforward, and is available on our website for you to read. We request that all children stick to school colours of red jumpers/cardigans, white shirts, and grey/black trousers/skirts/pinafores. School shoes should be sensible and dark in colour.

We don't allow jewellery, make up, false nails, nail varnish...or any of the other 'accessories' that some of our older pupils have been bringing into school! We have spoken to Year 6 in particular about this and don't expect to see them breaking the rules. We know they like to express themselves, but there is plenty of time at the weekend during school holidays, and on occasional non-uniform days for them to experiment. We've made it clear to them that any future breaking of the uniform rules will get a red card.

**THIS TERM'S DIARY – DATES SET SO FAR**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
April 18	School opens for the summer term
<b>May 01</b>	<b>Bank holiday – school closed</b>
<b>May 04</b>	<b>Training day – school closed for children</b>
May 05	Y6 football friendly v Old Moat, 3.30pm
May 08	Y6 SATs Reading
May 09	Y6 SATS Grammar, punctuation & spelling papers 1 & 2
May 10	Y6 SATS Maths paper 1 (arithmetic); paper 2 (reasoning)
May 11	Maths paper 3 (reasoning)
May 12	Y6 trip to Stockport air raid shelters
May 15	Dodgeball tournament v Old Moat, 3.30pm
May 16	Cycling tournament; netball league; parent/carer meeting: How can we keep our children safe in the digital world, 6.00 to 8.00pm.
May 19	Year 3 trip to Lancashire County Cricket Club
May 20	Didsbury Festival
May 22	Citywide Y3/4 tennis final
May 23	BMX club visiting national cycling centre; Greek History Workshop in Y4
<b>May 29 to June 02 inclusive</b>	<b>School closed for half term</b>
<b>June 08</b>	<b>Probable school closure due to general election</b>
June 09	Y5 Bikeability training
June 12 – 16 inclusive	Y1 Phonics screening
June 16	Y5 Bikeability training
June 19	Y5HD trip to Longendale
June 20	Y5MT to Longendale
June 21	Y5MTS trip to Longendale; Nursery open evening 6.00 – 8.00pm
June 29	Y6 classes out at The Big Sing, Bridgewater Hall (am only)
July 07	PTA Sausage Sizzle
July 18	Y4 trip to Blackpool Zoo
July 19	Nursery trip to Cheshire Ice Cream Farm; Y6 Leavers' BBQ
July 20	Y6 Leavers' trip to Formby
<b>July 21</b>	<b>School closed for teacher training, end of term – HAPPY HOLIDAYS!</b>

*Some dates and times are yet to be confirmed, eg Y6 Leavers' Assembly – we will let you know about these as soon as possible. Please read the newsletter each week to keep up to date with new dates/date changes. Year 2 SATs are not listed because they take place throughout May, not on set days, and are incorporated - as far as possible - into the children's regular routine.*