

Cavendish News

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WELCOME BACK!

The summer holidays are now a distant memory and a new school year has begun - it was great to see everyone back on Tuesday. We welcome Ms Ferregnano to teach French in KS2, and Ms Devine begins her new role as Assistant Headteacher. We are delighted to have the new Reception children join us and they will all be in school full-time from Monday 10 September. Our Nursery starters will have a staggered start but all 90 will be in by October. We also have several children who have joined other classes in Years 1 to 6 – a very special welcome to them all. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank the site team, cleaning team, grounds maintenance contractors, and administrative officers – they don't get a long break because they are busy making sure that Cavendish is clean, shiny, safe, sorted and tidy for when we return and we very much appreciate their work. We are grateful also to our Holiday Club providers – we are a community school and it is wonderful to know that local children are accessing our facilities all-year-round. We are all looking forward to making 2018-19 a wonderful year at Cavendish!

It is quite likely that we will have an Ofsted inspection this year, any time from next Tuesday! We are given less than 24 hours of notice and most inspections now last only one day. The inspectors therefore have very little time in which to meet with you to find out your views about the school. To get round this they have an on-line facility called Parent View, which you can access here: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Once you have registered, you will be asked to respond to 12 questions using a simple five-point scale. This is a way in which you can let an inspection team know your thoughts about our school. Please complete the questionnaire if you can – it's quick and easy to do and ensures that your voice forms part of the inspection process.

HARVEST COLLECTION FOR THE FALLOWFIELD AND WITHINGTON FOODBANK

Last year we collected in an amazing number of food/drink donations that were used by our local foodbank to help families in need. We were humbled by your generosity. We would like to run the same kind of Harvest appeal this year as follows:

Week beginning 17 Sept: donations of UHT milk and fruit juice (squash, pasteurised, UHT – but not perishable fresh juice please).

Week beginning 24 Sept: donations of tea, coffee and biscuits.

Week beginning 01 Oct : donations of tinned fruit, tinned custard, and tinned rice pudding.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR HARVEST APPEAL IF YOU CAN.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We have already set some key dates, and we'll send out more once they are decided, including those for the Nursery, Reception and Years1/2 Christmas plays. Here we go:

07 Sept	Years 1 to 6 visiting Gulliver's World for a BIG ADVENTURE!
09 Sept	School open from 10.30am to 1.30pm for Heritage Sunday
11 Sept	First cross country meeting 4.00pm in Chorlton Park
11 Sept	PTA annual general meeting 7.00pm in the Rhodes Building (that's the one opposite the Nursery) – come along and find out how you can support the magnificent work of the PTA
17 Sept	Harvest appeal for UHT milk and non-perishable fruit juice
18 Sept	Teaching Reading meeting for new Reception parents 9.15am in the Rhodes Building, repeated at 6.00pm
18 Sept	Year 6 high school application advice drop in session 3.30pm to 6.00pm in Year 6 classrooms
18 Sept	Cross country 4.00pm in Chorlton Park
20 Sept	Y5/6 football match v Old Moat 3.30pm
21 Sept	Y3 trip to Manchester
24 Sept	Harvest appeal for tea, coffee, and biscuits
24 Sept	Y5/6 girls' football at PWS 3.20pm
28 Sept	PTA Film Night, more details to follow soon
01 Oct	Harvest appeal for tinned fruit, tinned custard, and tinned rice pudding
01 Oct	Flu vaccines for YR to Y5
15 Oct	Y5/6 girls' football at PWS 3.30pm
16&17 Oct	Parent/carer/teacher meetings
19 Oct	Y3 magnets workshops
20 Oct	Wear It Pink Day – fundraiser for Breast Cancer Now

OCT 22 TO 29 INCLUSIVE IS HALF TERM. CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER

02 Nov	Y6 residential trip to Robinwood
02 Nov	PTA bonfire
05 Nov	Individual school photographs taken
06 Nov	Y5 World War 1 show
06 Nov	Mini tennis trip to Levenshulme HS
09 Nov	World War 1 commemorative event, more details to follow in due course
19 Nov	Y5/6 girls' football at PWS 3.30pm
20 Nov	Y2JL trip to Portland Basin
21 Nov	Y2MT trip to Portland Basin
22 Nov	Y2CC trip to Portland Basin
29 Nov	Athletics heats at Levenshulme HS
04 Dec	Y4 trip to Catalyst Museum, Warrington
07 Dec	PTA Christmas Fair
12/13/14 Dec	Performances of Y3/4 Christmas show 2.00pm each day
20 Dec	Christmas Dinner day, all welcome to join in!
21 Dec	Last day of the autumn term. We re-open on Mon 7 January 2019.

MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER FOR YEARS 3 AND 4, MS. DEVINE

This November marks 100 years since hostilities in World War 1 ended and we are very honoured to be part of the There But Not There 2018 Armistice project for the charity Remembered. Remembered has three simple but significant aims:

- To commemorate the fallen through highlighting the sacrifices made. The 2018 Armistice Project, There But Not There, will be the Centenary Commemoration for the end of the First World War.
- To educate all generations, particularly today's younger generation, born nearly 100 years after the outbreak of WW1, to understand what led to the slaughter of 888,246 British and Commonwealth men.
- To help heal those suffering from the hidden wounds of post-traumatic stress disorder and other lasting legacies of combat, by raising funds for our beneficiary charities. Today, the mental health taboo of Post Traumatic Stress, or 'shell shock' as it was known in the Great War, is being broken and Remembered aims to play a significant role in helping to build better futures for veterans and those suffering from mental illness.

Through the armed forces covenant fund, we will be receiving some perspex silhouettes of soldiers which will be displayed both at school and at Christ Church in West Didsbury. As part of the project, we will be holding a community event at Cavendish on **Friday 9 November** and the children will also be participating in activities in the lead up to this. This is part of our commitment to ensure that today's younger generation develop an understanding of these historic events. We will send out details of the event nearer the time and hope you will be able to join us. If you would like to know more about the There But Not There campaign there is information on the There But Not There website: <https://www.therebutnotthere.org.uk/>

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE – CHANGING FROM SCHOOL LUNCH TO PACKED LUNCH

If your child currently has school lunches but would like to switch to packed lunch or vice versa, please complete a school meal changeover form and send it in to the office. This is to enable us to change the meal pattern on the SIMS system, update the Lunch Hound system, and it enables us to know which children need to make a sandwich choice on trip days etc.

MESSAGE FROM MR. KING

If your child brought home one of our red sports t-shirts last term, please can you check to make sure that they have returned it to school? We are a few short of the full set and suspect that some may be lurking in the darkest recesses of children's bedrooms in West Didsbury!

The Friends of Marie Louise Gardens

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The Friends of Marie Louise Gardens welcome you to join us for

A Guided Tree Walk

Saturday 15th September
11.00 am

The Walk will be led by two arboricultural experts from the City Council – so if you or your children are tree lovers and want to learn about the trees in Marie Louise Gardens – some are very rare - this is your opportunity. And it's FREE.

Meet us at
The Marie Louise Gardens shelter
in the park on Holme Road, Didsbury, M20 2UP

