

Cavendish News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We want to wish all of our Cavendish families a very happy new year. We hope that 2019 will be a healthy and happy year for you. We are already nearly halfway through January and the children have made great starts to their new topics. Year 5 pupils were excited about their visit to a planetarium this week which kicks off their science project about space, and next week our Year 3 children will be visiting the John Rylands Library in town as part of their history work about Egyptians. Our two Y6 classes will be visiting a synagogue in Hale in a few weeks' time to support their learning in RE about Judaism. Life at Cavendish is always busy!

LOST PROPERTY

There is a lot of lost property on the trolley in our main building. Some of it is named, in which case it has been folded up and displayed with clearly written post-it notes displaying the owners' names. Check our Facebook page to see if your child's name is visible in the photos – if it is, please come in to school to collect the items. We will also be putting out lost property in the Rhodes Hall on Fri 18 January – pop in after school to have a search for any other items your child has lost. We say a **HUGE** thank you to Helen Bridgestock who regularly sorts through all the lost items and helps to get them back to their owners – Helen, you are a star!

CAR PARKING AND SAFE DRIVING BEHAVIOUR

We had only been back in school for about 40 minutes on Monday when we got the first reports of problems with parking and driving. The basic problem is simple – too many people try to park as close as possible to school, clogging up narrow residential streets such as Vicker Grove, Leopold Avenue, Cavendish Avenue etc. People vie for the 'best' spots and this leads to dangerous driving, inconsiderate parking, loss of temper, inappropriate behaviour, and also causes great inconvenience to local residents.

We would like to remind you all that The Metropolitan kindly allows Cavendish parents/carers to use their car-park in the mornings when the pub is shut and the space is not being used by their customers. There are also plenty of spaces to park up at the bottom of Cavendish Road. You'll need to allow a few more minutes to walk the short distance to school, but surely it would be a calmer and therefore more enjoyable start to your day?

TERM DATES 2019/20

The term dates for next school year are overleaf and also now on our website.

Please be aware when booking holidays that we do not authorise family holidays during term time.

PARENT/CARER/TEACHER MEETINGS

We will be holding this term's parent/carer/teacher meetings on Tues 12/Weds 13 February. You can book an appointment slot via the gateway. Let your child's teacher know if you can't make either of those dates – we try to be flexible where possible and make different arrangements if necessary.

Cavendish Community Primary School Academic Year 2019/20

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**DATES SHADED IN RED ARE THE DAYS
WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED**

NEWS FROM MISS DEVINE ABOUT HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Healthy Schools - Priority Area

Every year our school works with Manchester Healthy Schools to improve our health provision across five key areas ranging from Healthy Lifestyles to Relationships education. Recent studies show 1 in 9 young people in the UK aged between 5 and 15 years old experience mental health problems. We have therefore decided that our focus this year will be on **Mental Health and Wellbeing**.

We are using this as an opportunity to be fully prepared for the upcoming requirements that all schools have comprehensive health education by 2020.

Healthy Schools recommends a whole-school and community approach to this agenda. Therefore, throughout the year our school will aim to improve the wellbeing of:

- Our students
- Our staff
- Our parents

We will do this by:

- Creating a school policy on Mental Health and Wellbeing which will be available to view on our website by **Monday 25th March 2019**.
- Having a designated senior member of staff who is Mental Health Lead. At this school it is our LKS2 Assistant Headteacher **Miss Devine**.
- Making sure adequate curriculum time is dedicated to mental health awareness and strategies for our students to take care of their own mental wellbeing across all key stages.
- Creating free extra-curricular opportunities for our students that focus on mindfulness.
- Developing staff wellbeing through training and an open door policy.

We would love your participation in this agenda and look forward to seeing you at our wellbeing events.

If you would like to know more about how to look after your own wellbeing as well as your child's, please visit: <https://www.annafreud.org/parents/>

Yours sincerely,
Helen Devine

CAVENDISH PTA NEWS

The first events of 2019 will be the **Cavendish PTA KS1/KS2 film nights**. These are taking place on **Friday 25th January from 5.15pm to 7.15pm**. The children are voting on the films at school today and tickets will be available on the Gateway next week. Keep your eyes on your in box and/or the Cavendish PTA Facebook feed for further details.

You all know how many fabulous events we run each year at Cavendish. From bonfires to bbqs, film nights to Father Christmas's grotto – the work of Cavendish PTA greatly enhances the sense of community and family that we have in school. We can only continue to do this if lots of you get involved. You don't have to help at every event, but if we have a large team of people who each commit to helping with 2 events across a year it spreads the workload and enables us to run things well.

The next PTA meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday 12th February – please come along, find out about the rest of this year's events, and try to support a couple of them. Meetings take place in the Grove Suite in our Rhodes Building (more or less opposite the Nursery). The money raised by Cavendish PTA is ploughed straight back into school. It helps to reduce the cost of trips for all families, it provides great experiences for the children such as raising live chicks in spring, it supports the sporting endeavours of our teams by paying for kit and transport, it helps us to raise the cultural capital of all children by providing experiences such as going to hear the Halle orchestra...at a time of diminishing school budgets, we appreciate the work of our fabulous PTA more than ever before - we hope you will join them.

COMMUNITY SINGING

Some of you know that Miss Marland loves to sing. There is nothing her colleagues enjoy so much at the SLT morning briefing than when she bursts into a song from the shows* (swiftly followed by Mrs. Day it has to be said!). There is more and more evidence that singing really supports emotional and mental well-being, and Manchester's very own Halle is encouraging people to sing. They are offering to run singing meet-ups in communities across the city for groups of between 20 to 100 people. If this is something you would like to see happen at Cavendish, please get in touch. You might also have friends who don't have children at Cavendish but would love to come along and sing – they would be very welcome. We have a large hall and a keyboard – we now just need you. We'd love to make this happen at school!

** Admittedly, this is a lie. There is lots they like better than her singing songs from the shows ;-)*