

Cavendish News

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT MRS. LAW

We want to formally announce to all of you that Mrs. Law will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Obviously we will be sending out more information about her retirement over the coming months, but we felt that now was the right point of the year to inform you of her plans. We have started the process of recruiting her successor but we think the whole school community, past and present, would agree that Mrs. Law is an exceptionally hard act to follow! Whilst her retirement is sad news for us at Cavendish, July will see the start of a brand new phase of life for our very much loved and highly respected colleague – one which we know will be happy, enjoyable, and rewarding for her.

ORDERING YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL MEALS AT HOME

Many of you have told us that you would like to be able to help your child choose their school lunches. We know that you want to support them in broadening their tastes, and that it can be a worry when they come home every single day telling you they had a baked potato with cheese and beans! Well, we are delighted to tell you that Lunch Hound, our meals ordering system, will be live for you to use at home from **Monday 4 March**. It should enable you to ensure that your child has a varied diet and learns to be a little more adventurous with their meal choices. You will soon receive all the necessary details from the school office.

HALLE CHILDREN'S CHOIR 2019/20

Manchester's world famous Halle orchestra also has a family of choirs, including their children's choir for children aged 8 to 12 years old (Years 4 to 8). Their recruitment process for 2019/20 has begun and you can find out about it here: <https://www.halle.co.uk/the-halle-family/halle-childrens-choir/>

Five of our Year 6 children, along with one former Cavendish pupil, auditioned last year and were successful, and we'd love more of our pupils to try for it this year – we know that we have some fabulous singers here and we are ambitious for them. The Halle has one of the best children's choirs in the country and it is highly selective – hence the auditions. It's hard work and the Halle's expectations of its young singers are high but if your child enjoys singing and is ready to commit to a more serious and disciplined approach to developing their musicianship, then this could be the perfect opportunity for them. They will work with nationally acclaimed vocal specialists to develop tone, pitch, rhythm and music reading skills. The children's choir rehearses in Ancoats each Wednesday during term time, so you would need to be able to get them there and collect them afterwards. Applications – which can be made online - must be received by **Friday May 3rd**, and auditions will be held in June and early July.

DON'T FORGET...

School is closed all of next week for the February half term break. We re-open on Monday 25 February. Our holiday club will be running throughout the week – details are available via the school website.

CAVENDISH PTA NEWS

We had a great turn out at this week's meeting and a few new faces with some fab ideas, which was wonderful. We agreed to fund over £5000 (we had a few late requests today!) in trips and enrichments for the school which we think is amazing!

NEXT EVENT: Quiz Night - Friday 8th March, 6.30pm Till Late - Adults Only!

Yes - our fabulous quiz is back! Who will take the winning title this year....? Will it be the teachers again, or can our parents outwit them?

Paul Holloway will be playing the tunes and our quiz masters are preparing the questions as we speak!

Tickets are £10 and are on sale via the School Gateway - You can purchase 1 ticket per child at the school. If you need additional tickets these must be paid for via the school office. Ticket price includes nibbles.

There will be a bar at the event stocked by the wonderful Reserve, Burton Road Brewery & Didsbury Gin - we will also be able to accept card payments on the night at the bar this year!

WELLBEING SURVEY FOR PARENTS

Ms Devine would like to remind all parents about the email you have received, which linked to a questionnaire about well-being. Please complete and return it so that we can take into consideration your thoughts and opinions as we develop our mental health and well-being strategies at school.

MESSAGE FROM GLYNIS

As you know, Glynis has been off school since before Christmas – she has had an operation on her arm and is still recovering. She emailed to ask us to say hello to you all and said that she is missing everyone at Cavendish and can't wait to get back to work. Her recovery obviously has to be managed very carefully because of the nature of her job – lots of lifting, shifting, whisking, stirring etc. She is frustrated by this but is taking the advice of her surgeon.

TRAFFIC ISSUES

Some of you will be receiving fines shortly for stopping on the zig-zag lines outside of school. We have no sympathy – the lines are there for a reason: **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE**. There are still too many drivers who want to park as close as possible to the building so that they don't have to walk far to drop off or pick up their child/ren at school. If everyone made an effort to park a little further out and walk in, the area immediately around school would be a whole lot safer. There are traffic issues outside every school in the city. It's easy to shift the blame onto the council for not providing enough traffic wardens, but we shouldn't need wardens outside. We just all need to care more about the safety of everyone's child, not convenience for our own. We know that the majority of you do, but there is a hard-to-shift minority of our community that simply won't accept their driving/parking is both dangerous and selfish.

DIARY DATES FOR AFTER HALF TERM

25-27 Feb: Mad Science workshops

28 Feb: Dodgeball final 4pm

04 Mar: Y5/6 music

assembly 10.30am; Y5/6

girls' football PWS 3.20pm

05 Mar: Y5LB trip to Longley Lane; Y5RC/MD trip to Halle concert

06 Mar: Y4 music assembly 10.30am; Y5RC trip to Longley Lane; Y6 trip to Halle concert

07 Mar: Y5MD trip to Longley Lane; Y5LB trip to Halle concert

08 Mar: World Book Day at Cavendish

12 Mar: Y3 singaround trip to Royal Exchange; Y4/5/6 netball 3.30pm

13 Mar: Film Club trip to Central Library

ADVANCE NOTICE: CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON 27 MARCH.

HAVE A GREAT WEEK OFF – WE'LL SEE YOU AGAIN ON MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN NUTS FOR YOUR CHILD'S SNACK OR AS PART OF THEIR PACKED LUNCH. WE HAVE SOME PUPILS AT CAVENDISH WHO ARE HIGHLY ALLERGIC TO NUTS AND IT IS DANGEROUS FOR THEM TO BE EXPOSED TO NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS SUCH AS PEANUT BUTTER. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT ALL FAMILIES COMPLY WITH THIS REQUEST IN ORDER TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.

THANK YOU



MESSAGE FROM MRS. MITCHELL

With half term next week, here are a few ideas of things to do with the children whilst they are at home.

Football mad

The National Football Museum is a great place for the kids to burn off some of their energy by having a kick about and discovering fun facts about the 150-year history of this world renowned British sport. Entry is free but you are encouraged to donate £3 per person which goes towards the running of this charity-run football centre.

Average entrance cost for a family of four: Free

Release your inner bookworm

Take time to unwind with the kids at Manchester's John Rylands Library, which was created 100-years ago as a gift to Manchester and its people. This neo-gothic venue hosts events for children, including dedicated Toddler Tale sessions in a cosy corner of the library where your little ones can pull up a cushion and listen to fun stories. They also offer playtime where kids are encouraged to create a story of their own.

Average entrance cost for a family of four: Free

A Rocky Adventure

Pay a visit to Moss Bank Park in Bolton. where you can let your kids roam free in the great outdoors. Encourage them to blow off some steam by riding the huge model train. Alternatively, they can play to their heart's content in the giant sandpit. And if that isn't enough, the children can practice their cartwheels or have a kick about in the parks extensive grounds which span 34 hectares.

Average entrance cost for a family of four: Free

MOSI:

We have an amazing journey in store for you this February half term. So, get a move on for fun, thrills and laughs!

Climb aboard our Rocket Racers workshop and design your very own train of the future, take a pit stop at the Science Showdown for some live experiment fun, park up at The Great Bridge Build Off and use your skills to bridge a gap between two cities, and for our younger visitors, make sure you collect one of our Early Years Engineers Power Packs from the front desk (though be quick, as availability is limited!)

Plus, be sure to roll up for all the fun of the fair at our [Victorian Fairground](#), and don't forget to say hello to [Stephenson's Rocket](#), one of the world's first train engines, along the way.

There's also the chance to get a job in a cotton mill in our [textiles demonstrations](#), see the machines that made Manchester great in our [Power Hall](#) and lift a Mini, create a hurricane or watch your own skeleton ride a bike in our hands-on gallery, [Experiment](#).