

# Cavendish News

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## Social Networking - message to all parents/carers

Once again we have had an issue brought into school about unpleasantness between children on Facebook. Inappropriate language was used, which caused offence and upset, and cost my colleagues a lot of time when they had to deal with it in school.

*We'd like to remind all families that the recommended minimum age for children to use Facebook is 13 years. We do teach the children about e-safety, and it was sensible of the children to alert us to what had taken place, but we'd prefer it if they weren't on the site in the first place.*

## Messages

Thanks to all parents/carers who attended the Big Maths sessions held this week. We hope that they gave you a clear understanding of how your children are learning arithmetic. Coincidentally, there was an item in the news midweek telling how lots of parents/carers struggle with their children's maths homework because of the methods children use - partitioning, chunking, grid method multiplication etc. If you sometimes feel worried about helping your child, please come in and let us know. We can always find time to go through the calculation methods with you. I'm around most mornings and am very willing to help.

## Book Club



Today your children will bring home a flyer about a book sale at Scholastic Books. For every £1 you spend, Cavendish will receive 20p back in commission. If you would like to place an order, log onto:

[www.shop.scholastic.co.uk](http://www.shop.scholastic.co.uk)

When you go to the basket there is an option to choose Cavendish to receive the commission. This will enable us to buy more books for our school library. To avoid delivery charges, you can leave the delivery address as school and we will send your order home with your child once it arrives.

## National Story Telling Week

It's National Story Telling Week next week, and Withington Library is holding a free fun afternoon next Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, from 2pm to 4pm. They'll be celebrating all that's good about children's books and stories, so please go along and enjoy the activities on offer.

## Data Forms

On Monday your child will bring home a data sheet. Please update the details we hold for your child and send it back into school as soon as possible. It's absolutely vital that we have the correct medical information and contact details for your child. Heaven forbid, but if your child has a serious accident at school, we need to be able to get hold of you immediately.

## CAVFEST 2013



Exciting news - CavFest 2013 will take place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. A strictly limited 250 'Early Bird' tickets for CavFest will be released on **Thursday 31st Jan**, offering a 25% discount. They are only available to purchase online. Join the mailing list for more details:

<http://www.cavfest.org.uk>

## CAVENDISH QUIZ NIGHT - THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2013

Following the success of the last Cavendish Quiz in November, the PTA are hosting another fundraising "Pub Quiz" night. This is for adults only (18+) and will take place in the school hall.

Entry is £5 per person, which includes your first drink at the bar - payable through Parentpay, Paypal or cash via the school office postbox. Teams must be maximum of 4 adults.

Full details on the PTA website - <http://www.cavendishpta.org.uk/cavendish-quiz-night/>

## Talk of the Town



Many of the children have been discussing the future of Withington Baths this week, and lots of you have asked me about it. If you want to find out more about the proposals and have your say during the consultation period, then go to:

[http://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200024/consultations/5927/options\\_for\\_manchesters\\_indoor\\_leisure\\_facilities](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200024/consultations/5927/options_for_manchesters_indoor_leisure_facilities)

I am not quite sure when the consultation ends, so I'd advise you to have a look at asap.

Some of our pupils have strong views on the possible closure, and whilst they know and are excited about the plans for a new pool at Hough End, 2 years is a long time in a child's life to wait. Lucy in Y4 has written a short article for this newsletter. Whilst her views do not necessarily represent those of everyone in the Cavendish community, as there is always an alternative point of view in issues such as this, I think it's impressive that she has been listening to what's going on in her local area and responded to it so articulately - it's part of being a brilliant citizen! Here's her article:

### Withington Swimming Pool

I'm writing this article because I want everyone to know about the closing of Withington swimming pool.

I feel it is important that everyone knows about this because not only does it mean we lose our local swimming pool but the school has to pay more for the swimming lessons (a.k.a paying for coaches) which means there isn't as much money for books, games, pencils and all other stuff our school is privileged to have.

We also lose the exercise and fresh air from when we walk there. So please if you can bring your child/children to the photo shoot on Sunday morning (Jan 27<sup>th</sup>) at 11am outside the swimming pool. (Please note all the pictures that are taken may be all over the news papers.)

If you have swimming lessons after school, these will also be lost.

Lucy Manning - Y4 MT