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DIDSBURY FESTIVAL



This year's Didsbury Festival takes place on **Saturday June 8th**. The procession theme is Space and Stars. We hope that lots of Cavendish pupils will dress up as stars for the occasion and walk with the school banner through Didsbury village. We will meet at St. Catherine's Primary School on School Lane at 10.30am, ready to set off at 11am. We'll send reminders nearer the time, but start planning your star costumes now!!

Cavendish PTA is looking for volunteers to help run their stall in Didsbury Park throughout the day - please contact the PTA via their website, or contact me at school if you can lend your hand for an hour. Also, please let me know if you would be happy to act as a safety steward during the procession as we need a few extra hands for that too.

Message from Mr. Griffiths

MATHS WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Some of the methods we use to teach maths are quite different to those used when most adults were at school and we realise that this can cause confusion when you are trying to support your children at home, especially with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

At school, we have worked on a **CALCULATIONS POLICY** which sets out how all teachers should teach each written method of calculation, so that children are less likely to be confused as they move up through the school. This policy is available on the school website at <http://www.cavendish.manchester.sch.uk/download/file/Cavendish%20calculation%20policy.pdf>

We will also be holding sessions, during which we will work through each strand of the policy, giving the opportunity to ask questions and practise some of the calculations yourself (if you want to!).

I will be sending out a separate letter with a reply slip nearer to the time so that I can get an idea about how many people to expect, but wanted to give as much notice of the dates as possible. So here they are:

ADDITION	SUBTRACTION	MULTIPLICATION	DIVISION
12/06/2013	19/06/2013	26/06/2013	03/07/13

There will be 2 sessions on each of these dates at **9:15-9:45am** and **5:30-6:00pm**. Everyone is welcome and I hope to see lots of you there.

Mr Griffiths



Sale High School Summer School



Sale High School will be holding a 5 day performing arts summer school during the week commencing Monday 29 July 2013.

The Summer School is open to pupils aged between 9 - 16 from all schools in the area, including West Didsbury. This is a fantastic opportunity for children who love the performing arts and for parents who work and are looking for a good value, quality activity for the week for their child(ren). Further details are available from our school office.

Vouchers for Schools

We are still collecting vouchers for schools from Sainsbury's and Tesco, so please ask for them at the checkout when you do your shopping. If the person in front of you in the queue doesn't want theirs, why not ask for them? I do this all the time in Tesco in Stockport and the checkout assistants are always very happy to let me have them!

Visiting Author

Author and actor George Layton will be visiting us on May 23rd to work with our older children. George has written 3 children's books: The Fib, The Swap, The Trick. They are set in the 1950s but have themes that are relevant to children in 2013. You can find out more on his website at:

www.georgelayton.com

He will have some copies of his books to sell (The Fib and The Swap are £5.99, The Trick is £6.99) and he will of course sign them for the children. He also welcomes any parents/carers who would like to come in and listen to him speak.

Next Week in School

Year 6 SATs take place in all maintained schools in England next week - the timetable was in last week's newsletter. If your child is in Year 6, please be extra vigilant in getting them to school on time - it's bad enough having formal tests to start the day, but children get very worried if they arrive late and have to complete the SATs separately to their class mates. You will understand that once a class has begun the papers, we cannot let latecomers into the room as it would be very distracting. We do all that we can in school to ensure children are as prepared as possible, and you can help us by getting them into bed early each night for a good night's sleep. Get them up a few minutes earlier than normal so that they don't start the day in a rush.

Year 6 pupils will end the week with a long awaited trip on Friday to Eden Camp in Yorkshire. This will support their World War 2 topic. We will be setting off early at 8.30am, and arriving back late at approx 5.30pm - it will be a very enjoyable day.

Year 2 children are already well into their Key Stage 1 SATs. They do tests in reading, writing and mathematics, but the testing is not carried out in a formal way as it would be inappropriate to the age and development of the children to do so.

Reception will be visiting Formby beach on Tuesday 15th May. Fingers crossed for fine weather, maybe even a little sunshine! I'm sure there will lots of fun building sandcastles, scrambling up and down the dunes and maybe having a paddle in the sea!

