

Cavendish News

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POPPY SCATTER – WE NEED YOUR HELP...

We will soon be scattering poppy seeds in the flower beds at the front of school. ***Please help our poppies to grow by keeping your children OFF these beds.*** Quite a lot of them – especially the younger children - use this area as an extra playground when they leave the school site, but we'd like them to stop doing this. Our aim is to have our own lasting memorial of the outbreak of World War 1, and the first crop of poppies should bloom in August.

STAFFING NEWS

Miss Threlfall leaves us today to start her maternity leave. Her baby is due next Friday so she will put her feet up next week and make the most of her last few days of rest! Mrs. Hookes will return from maternity leave on Monday and will take over in Year 4 until the end of term.

Ms. Cooper has been appointed to a TLR post and will lead the development of reading throughout school – congratulations to her.

Our finance officer Michelle Williams leaves us on July 4th, and we have appointed her successor, Mrs. Anne Pimblett, who will join us in September. We have also appointed a new administrator, Mrs. Ann Roscoe, and she too will join the Cavendish team in September. Mrs. Roscoe will be working in the school office from 11am to 5pm, and we hope that this extension of office hours will further improve the service we offer to you.

CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY



Cavendish is expanding, and we will again take 90 children into our Reception unit in September. Pupil numbers will be at a record high of 590. At the same time, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be offered free school meals irrespective of parents'/carers' income. These issues combined mean that we will be cooking and serving more school meals than ever before and we are therefore making changes to the school day which will affect children in **Years 3 to 6**. From September, their lunch hour will run from 12.45pm to 1.45pm. We are trialling this next week for 3 days on June 25, 26 and 27 and wanted to make you aware that they will be eating their lunch later on those days. Please encourage your child to eat breakfast and if possible send them in with a healthy snack to eat in their mid-morning break. We will be setting up a healthy snack tuck shop in due course and we'll send you details of this once everything is finalised.

SPORTS DAYS

Weather permitting, our sports days will be held on the following dates:

Nursery – 24 June 9.30am

Reception - 02 July 9.30am

Years 3 & 4 – 03 July 9.30am

Years 1 & 2 – 04 July 9.30am

Years 5 & 6 – 04 July 1.15pm

Fingers crossed for good weather!



BACK TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS...

Year 5 went to Quarrybank Mill at Styal this week to learn more about the lives of Victorian child workers. It's a trip that always makes children reflect on social change and the huge differences in childhood between now and then. I think most of them are actually quite glad that they come to Cavendish instead of having to get up at 4am to work the dawn shift amidst the clattering looms of a cotton mill!



OUR NEW TROPHY CABINET!

You might not know Gary Ellison – he does a lot of maintenance, repairs and decorating around our school. Gary knew that we wanted a cabinet in which to display our growing collection of sports trophies, but that we were struggling because they are actually very expensive. He has very kindly made us one. It looks fantastic, and we would like to thank him for his generosity. It gives us another reason to pursue sporting success, as there is space on the shelves for several more shiny cups. It's great to see that over 100 children in KS2 have represented the school in competitions this year – long may it continue.



Thank you Gary!

CAVENDISH PTA SAUSAGE SIZZLE

It's the **Sausage Sizzle** next Friday, June 27th, from 4pm to 6pm. If you can help to set up events in the afternoon, or can work on a stall during the event, please let us know – you can contact us at office@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk and we will pass on your details to the PTA.

Many thanks for all the bottles you sent in today, and don't forget that next Friday children can wear non uniform again in exchange for a gift for our 'white elephant' tombola.

SCHOOL VIDEO LINKS – WATCH AND ENJOY!

<http://vimeo.com/98633293> - weather reports in French

<http://youtu.be/IW3wZ-V4Wc8> - Y6 'Sir Duke'

http://youtu.be/KklJ_cf6Hw0 - Y6 'The Locomotion'