

Cavendish News

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PROBABLE SCHOOL CLOSURE – THURSDAY JULY 10TH

Cavendish will probably be closed on Thursday 10th July. This is due to industrial action being taken by several unions including Unite, Unison, GMB and the NUT. We will confirm this next week, but we felt advance notice would be helpful to enable you to make alternative arrangements for your child/children for that day.

Year 3 Trip to The Royal Exchange

Year 3 are learning all about plays at the moment and what better way to enhance their learning than a trip to the theatre.

So, on Tuesday, all the children in Year 3 hopped on the tram and went to town to see a production of *The Pardoner's Tale* by Chaucer. It was such a wonderful, engaging production which had the children absolutely enthralled and really got them thinking, as they demonstrated in the Q&A session with the cast at the end.

As ever, it was a real treat to accompany our children on a trip out of school and their behaviour was outstanding – by the time we arrived at St Peter's Square we had already received 3 compliments from members of the public!



RAMADAN AND FASTING

Ramadan is about to start and our thoughts will be with our Muslim families during this special time for them. It is a time of increased religious devotion for Muslims and this takes many forms, for example recital of the whole Qur'an during Ramadan; an increase in charitable activities like food drives for the poor or volunteering and of course fasting.

We understand that our older Muslim children may want to join in with their older relatives and fast during the day, however, all the advice we receive is that fasting is not necessary until children enter puberty. If children are keen to experience fasting, then please restrict it to a few hours at a time at the weekend. School is an active, busy environment to be in and places mental and physical demands on little bodies. It is essential that they eat if they are to do their best and enjoy their school day, which is of course what we all want.

NO PARKING
KEEP DRIVEWAY
CLEAR
THANK YOU

Parking

Pulling into the school grounds to drop off or pick up your children is not allowed. Some drivers are developing a habit of pulling in to the entrance of the car park and waiting at the barrier while they drop off their children. This is resulting in staff not being able to access the car park so they can get in to school to start work and it is causing tailbacks onto Cavendish Road which is then more dangerous for everyone.

There are plenty of parking spaces just a short walk along Cavendish Road – please use them.

CAVENDISH PTA SAUSAGE SIZZLE

It's the **Sausage Sizzle** on Friday 18th July, 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 prizes you have sent in with the children.

Fingers crossed we get a positive weather forecast.



UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As I'm sure you already know, from September 2014, the government is funding provision of a free school meal for all children in reception, year 1 and year 2. There are so many benefits for your child in having a school dinner and we expect there to be a huge demand from you for this, but at the same time, we know that it will not be for everyone.

All schools across the country are trying hard to prepare for this huge change – we have spent 3 days this week trialling a new split timetable so that we can accommodate the extra dinners we anticipate. **We are also sending out a letter on Monday to all parents and carers of children in nursery, reception and year 1 asking whether you intend to take up the offer of a free school meal.** Please can you respond to this letter as it will be a great help as we get ready for September.

OTHER TRIPS AND VISITS THIS WEEK

We think we are very lucky to live in such a vibrant, multi-cultural city like Manchester and we try to use what the city has to offer as much as is possible to bring our curriculum to life. As well as the trip to the theatre, the following has also been going on...

Y2 went to The Cliff for some football training from Manchester United.

Nursery had their sports day.

Y6 had squash lessons at The Northern Lawn Tennis Club.

We were invited to a specialist sports coaching session at Parrs Wood in recognition of our participation in competitions this year.

Y5 visited Chorlton High School for a transition morning.

Y6 visited The Bridgewater Hall to take part in the annual Big Sing.

Many thanks to all colleagues for putting in the extra effort to help make all this happen.



SPONSORED SKIP

Next Wednesday, we will once again be raising money for the British Heart Foundation by taking part in a sponsored skip. Look out for the sponsor forms tonight. If your child would like to bring in any skipping ropes they might have at home then that would be very helpful.

