

Cavendish News

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WELCOME BACK

It's great to see everyone back safe and sound from the summer holidays. We'd like to give an extra special welcome to all of our new children and their parents/carers. We hope that you will enjoy being a part of our school community and we look forward to getting to know you all. Next week, all of our Reception children will be staying full time and we are delighted that most of them will be having a healthy school lunch. The meals are free for all children from Reception through to Year 2, and we are glad that many of you are taking advantage of this new scheme.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Cavendish News comes out every Friday and it will help to keep you up to date with what's going on in school. We can email it to you if you give us your email address and we also publish it on our website – www.cavendish.manchester.sch.uk

If you don't provide us with your details, your child will bring home a paper copy. Please check each Friday that they have it. If it gets lost, we keep spare copies in the carousel stand outside our main office so please feel free to pop in and collect one.

You can follow us on **Twitter**. We have just changed our account name to: **@CavendishM20**

We're on **Facebook** as well: **Cavendish Primary School West Didsbury**

We hope that you are able to use at least one of these methods to learn more about the life of the school and stay in touch with us.

THIS WEEK AT CAVENDISH

Staff took part in awareness raising training about mental health and well being on Monday. It was tremendously useful for us, both professionally and personally, and we'd like to remind you that we can offer support to children and families in many different ways. Life is stressful these days, and your well being is important to us. Redundancy, housing conditions, the rising costs of everyday life...there are many things that can build up and get you or your child down. Don't ever hesitate to come in if something is worrying you. We can often help you, or signpost you to other agencies for advice and support.

Children in Years 3 to 6 have been getting immersed in our World War 1 project. They took part in workshops on Wednesday, and we hope that they are sharing their learning with you at home.

Our handyman Gary Ellison has been busy over the break. Several of you have commented on the lovely job he has made of repainting the castle in the playground. He has also moved our beautiful copper war memorial to the main corridor. We felt it should be much more visible, especially since this is the centenary of the outbreak of war. Reception and Nursery have both been fully repainted, and paintwork has been refreshed in classrooms in the main building. Site manager Steve Hanley and our cleaning team, and our IT technician Dan Charlson, have also been busy helping to prepare new classrooms as our school population continues to expand. Thanks to all of them for their hard work.

NEW FACES

As well as around 100 new children, we also have new colleagues starting at Cavendish this term. Miss Frazer and Mr. Tate are our new teachers in Year 4 and Year 5 respectively. Miss Chester has started work as a teaching assistant in Year 3. In the office, Mrs. Roscoe is part of our front of house team, and Mrs. Pimblett is our new Finance Officer. We are delighted to have them all join the team. Miss Daragheh got married over the summer and is now Mrs. Monaghan.



Top L: Miss Frazer Top R: Mrs. Pimblett Bottom L to R: Mrs. Roscoe, Mr. Tate, Miss Chester.

Please note that our Before and After School Club telephone number has changed. It is now: 07702 534832.

NEXT WEEK AT CAVENDISH

All KS2 classes will visit the Imperial War Museum North as follows:

Y3 – Monday

Y5 – Tuesday

Y4 – Thursday

Y6 – Friday

In addition, a party of children and teachers will be going to The Lowry on Thursday evening to see a stage production of War Horse.

DATES IN ADVANCE

On **Tues 23 Sept**, we are holding a meeting for new Reception parents/carers to explain how we teach reading. We run the meeting at 9am and 6pm – choose whichever is most convenient. This meeting usually takes around 30 minutes.

Parent/Carer/Teacher meetings will take place late afternoon/early evening this term as follows:

Reception – Tues 21/Weds 22 Oct

Years 1 to 5 – Weds 22 Oct

Year 6 – Tues 21/Weds 22 Oct

Dates for **Nursery** are yet to be confirmed.

WANT TO HAVE YOUR SAY?

You can have your say about Cavendish on the Ofsted website. Go to the home page at:

www.ofsted.gov.uk

Click on the 'Parent View' button and follow the instructions to register for the survey. There are 12 straightforward questions to answer, and knowing your views helps us to improve our school so that we meet your children's needs in the best way possible. It's totally anonymous and it's a good way to ensure that your voice is heard – not just by school, but also by Ofsted. Now that they give short notice of inspection to schools, they no longer hold a meeting for parents/carers, but they still want to know what you think of your child's school. The survey will take you around 10 minutes, so please take the time to go online if you are able and give Ofsted your views. If you aren't too sure about completing it on line, come into school so that we can set you up (don't worry, we'll leave you in peace to answer the questions!).