

# Cavendish News

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## IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS AND CARERS

Our car park will be **closed** to vehicles and pedestrians for the foreseeable future because more temporary accommodation is being installed at the rear of school. If you collect your child from Nursery at lunchtime, you will now need to come to the **front main entrance** where a member of the Nursery team will meet you to hand him/her over to you.

Please be aware that **NO** vehicles are to enter the school site through the main front gate of school. 3 times this week cars have driven into this area to drop off their children. The parking at the front of school is for holders of blue badges **only**. Also, on Wednesday, a car was inconsiderately parked at the front gate whilst someone dropped off their children at school. It held up the traffic on both sides of Cavendish Road. We continue to have serious concerns about the disregard shown by a minority of families whose children attend Cavendish. It is very obviously dangerous to bring your car - or ask a taxi to drop you - so close to a pedestrian entrance to a primary school when children are still entering the building; ***please don't do it.***

Unfortunately, one of our parents was parked on Leopold Avenue at 8.55am one morning this week. She had put her work handbag in her car boot and locked the car whilst she brought the children into school. When she got back to the car at 9.10am, someone had smashed the back window and got into the boot to steal her handbag. Obviously someone had been watching her. If anyone witnessed this, please contact us with details. We recommend that you do not leave valuables locked in an unattended vehicle.

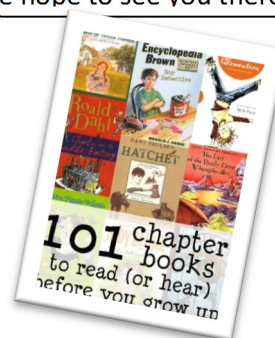
## BOOKING AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

I have had contact from 3 families this week about booking on to after school activities. By the time they got online to make bookings, the clubs their children wanted to attend were already full. There is growing demand on club places due to the expanding numbers of pupils in school, but we can't allow more children to attend clubs than can be safely supervised by the adult in charge. We also can't 'hold' places if payment is promised but not actually received. We don't run clubs for profit but we have to cover our costs, so advance payment for a confirmed place is essential.

There is a text alert service on Parent Pay. If you tick the box, you will receive a text message as soon as the booking period is open. We hope that this helps you to book early and secure the places you need. We are currently recruiting for staff to join our before and after school team, but it is a time consuming process to advertise, shortlist, interview and get DBS clearance.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Your child will bring home a separate letter about World Book Day which is next Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Book Fair will be in school next Weds, Thurs and Fri. You'll find it in the ground floor hall and it's open from 3.30pm to 4.00pm each day. We hope to see you there!



### BEST WISHES TO GLYNIS

Our lovely school chef Glynis McWhirter is having an operation on her knee this Saturday. We are sure that you join with us in wishing her well for a full recovery. We've told her to get properly better before she returns to work in our very busy kitchen. She's on her feet for hours every day and we are sure she won't like being off, but her well being is very important to us.

Whilst she is recuperating, our caterers Taylor Shaw are providing cover, so your children's meal service will continue as normal.

### GOOD LUCK MISS CHESTER

Miss Chester, who works in Year 3, has been appointed to a post at Oswald Road Primary School. She is hoping to go onto a secondary PGCE this September, as her long term ambition is to be a teacher. We wish her lots of luck for the future.

### PTA MEETING NEXT WEEK

Do you remember the excitement and buzz caused by the ice rink just before the half term break? Did your child come home after they'd been on it saying it was one of the best days at school ***ever***? If so, don't forget that the financial support of the PTA made it possible, and seeing your child's enjoyment might just be the motivation you need to attend next week's PTA meeting.

We're meeting in the staffroom upstairs in our main building at **7pm on Weds 4<sup>th</sup> March**. Come along and join us – bring your ideas and see how you can be involved in raising money for your child's school. Every penny is used to enhance and enrich the children's experience at Cavendish. We'll be planning the next few events – you don't have to commit to every single one, but if we have lots of different people who can offer a couple of hours here and there it makes everyone's life a little easier. Hope to see you there!

### PE AT CAVENDISH

PE – including swimming - is a compulsory part of the National Curriculum. The children can't therefore choose only to take part in the bits that they like! They need to have their PE kit in school every day (it can come home for washing at the weekend) – white t shirt, black shorts/leggings, pumps/trainers. Swimmers in Years 3 and 4 need appropriate swim wear and a towel (girls: one piece costume; boys: swimming trunks. Any child with long hair will need a swimming cap.) All classes swim on Tuesdays ***except Miss Critchley's class who swim each Wednesday***. If your child is feeling under the weather, we will still ask them to come outside with their class for PE, and they can join in as much or as little as they like.

### REARRANGED DATES FOR PARENT/CARER/TEACHER MEETINGS

Miss Critchley and Mr. Davies will both be holding their meetings with parents and carers next Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. If the new date is not convenient for you, please let us know and the teachers will ensure that they can see you at a mutually agreed alternative time.

### BUILDINGS UPDATE

The groundwork for the new kitchen and dining units begins next week (hence the car park closure). Once this project is completed, which will be by the end of the Easter holiday, Shawgrove will be shut down completely and prepared for demolition. There is no fresh news to impart about our new school building yet, but once we hear more about the planning application we will let you know.

### BACK IN TIME...

A lovely image of a Cavendish class in 1933!

