

# Cavendish News

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## OUT AND ABOUT IN 2015

It's been a busy week for Year 2 and Year 5. Children in Mrs. Law's and Miss Tingling's classes visited Portland Basin to learn about life in Victorian times. They had a fabulous time but felt that many of the Victorian children had very hard lives. It never fails to amuse when they turn to their teachers and ask 'Were you a Victorian Miss?'

Meanwhile, Year 5 have been undertaking river studies in Longendale. It was cold but bright, 2 of the boys got a little wetter than they'd planned when they fell in the water (don't panic, it's very shallow and the children are very well supervised!), but they came back to school full of chatter about their day and how they had enhanced their geographical skills.

## MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

It is really difficult to get messages to children or teachers if you call us at 3pm with last minute changes. There are only 2 staff in our office and this is a large site. Some days we are getting up to 20 calls right at the end of the day and there just isn't enough time to deliver the messages. It also leaves the front desk empty at one of the busiest times of day when outside agencies are coming in to run after school clubs.

Please help us by letting children know in the morning what they should be doing at home time, or try to let us know before 2pm so that messages can be delivered in good time. We do understand that emergencies occasionally happen that force you to change your arrangements and we will deal with that, but it shouldn't be happening 2 or 3 times a week.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE RE CAR PARK GATE

We would like to make all parents and carers aware that the gate from the car park to the playground will be locked from 9.00am starting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January. This is because of the proximity of the Year 5/6 temporary classrooms to the car park. You will not be able to exit the site through this gate after 9am.

## PTA NEWS

Thanks to all those who attended the PTA meeting this week. Our next event will be:

**ST VALENTINE'S DISCO THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEB  
2015**

5.00PM TO 5.30PM – NURSERY AND RECEPTION  
ONLY

5.30PM TO 7PM – ALL CHILDREN WELCOME  
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON



### BUILDINGS NEWS

We had the first scoping meeting for the installation of our temporary kitchen and dining room this week. Our project manager Carl is quite happy with the plans and is confident that everything should go according to the schedule. Hopefully, it will go as smoothly as the Sibcas work.

We are also hoping that detailed drawings of our new building will be available for you to see at a consultation evening on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 3.30pm to 6.30pm – you should receive a letter from the contractor about this quite soon. The drawings will be available in school on parent/carer evening on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> as well.

The new building is very similar to one recently constructed in Swinton for St. John's Primary School and you can see images here: <http://www.stjohnsce.co.uk/gallery.php?album=2>

There will be 4 classrooms on either side of a wide central walkway. The walkway, which the architects call a 'learning street', provides a great deal of extra space which can be partitioned to provide breakout areas for children working in small groups. The exterior cladding of the building is yet to be finalised; our design is not as straightforward as the one in Swinton because we are in a conservation area. It's really important that you try to come into school to see the plans when they are made public as it gives you an opportunity to voice your opinions and ask questions about them. Cavendish has served West Didsbury for 110 years and we want to make sure that the school continues to go from strength to strength. Your views are important – your children are here now, and some of you might be back as grandparents in a couple of decades!

### SPORTS NEWS FROM MR KING

It's going to be a busy few weeks sportwise. Next Thursday our athletes will once again compete in the South Manchester sports hall athletics heats. The following Thursday sees us enter our first basketball tournament, and on the Friday our footballers take part in the national premier league 6-a-side competition. The week after that sees round 2 of the basketball and the Y4/5 swimming gala.

Then we'll have a little rest and hopefully prepare for all those finals!!



### BEGINNERS & BACK INTO RUNNING

#### RUN ENGLAND GROUP

**Couch to 5k in 10 weeks!!**

**EVERY THURSDAY EVENING FROM THURSDAY**

**8th JAN 2015 @ 6pm! £2 a session**



**From: Wythenshawe Park Athletic Track  
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**Meet at trackside- Any queries call**

**Debbie 07977203478 or**

**[tinpet40@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tinpet40@yahoo.co.uk)**

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