

Cavendish News

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THANK YOU

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our red, white and blue day. At the time of writing, we are still counting your donations so we can't yet give you a total, but we'll let you know how much was sent in as soon as we've finished the job. The money will be donated to the Disaster Emergencies Committee Nepal Appeal. We live in such a temperate part of the world and it's hard to imagine the total devastation caused by a severe earthquake, but we are aware that some of our children have family in Nepal and have been in touch with them over the last 6 days, hearing first hand what their relatives are experiencing. The money you have given today will help to address the reconstruction job that needs to be done so that the country can start to recover and rebuild.

One of our parents has also worked out a way to support the appeal. Sarah Lynch Barrett has sent us the following information:

In addition to the non-uniform day I am trying to raise extra funds for the Nepal Earthquake Disaster and offering boxes of 6 cupcakes for £5 with a sweetie theme. All proceeds will go to the appeal.

If you are interested in ordering a box I will be taking orders via my email or you could message me directly.

E mail: alittlecupofhappiness@yahoo.co.uk

or M: 07517329518. Cupcakes will be available to collect from school next week. Thanks Sarah.

PTA NEWS

At the PTA meeting on Wednesday, members generously agreed to pay for the following: new 'ride a bike club', extra samba dance tuition for the Didsbury Festival, a Happy Chicks project in Year 4, Y6 participation in this year's Big Sing, and a donation towards our Big Day Out in September (you'll hear more about this in due course!).

Every child's education at Cavendish is enriched through PTA funding, so please get involved with our events this term. First up is the Didsbury Festival on June 13th (a change from last week's list of dates), then the summer fair and sausage sizzle on July 10th. You don't have to volunteer for the whole event, just an hour helping to run a stall is helpful. If lots of people offer an hour of their time, events are much easier to run. The PTA website address is at the top of this page, so get in touch with them if you can help out.

REMINDERS

We are closed for the bank holiday on Monday 4th May.

Children in Reception and Years 1 to 4 have a day off on Thursday 7th May. Nursery, Year 5 and Year 6 are in school as normal.

If your contact details change, please will you let us know so that we can put your new address and phone number (s) on our system. We get complaints from you about not receiving Groupcall text messages or emails, then it often turns out that you have new details and didn't update us. If we have the wrong information, our messages obviously won't reach you!

CAR PARKING AT CAVENDISH

Being central to our local community is right at the heart of our ethos at Cavendish. This involves many lovely things like singing at the Christmas lights switch on, hosting events like Bonfire Night and allowing lots of community groups to use the school facilities in the evenings and at weekends. In very rare cases, school life can have a negative impact on the residents who live around the school and this is especially true when it comes to parking.

We all know and understand how tight time is in the mornings. Factor in children and everything seems to take at least twice as long. However, once again we are seeing instances of dangerous and discourteous parking around school. Here are a few examples:

- People trying to drive through the gates at the main entrance to school – ***even when others are clearly walking in through the same gates with small children.***
- People mounting the kerb in their cars, ***even when others are walking along the pavement with children, including pre-schoolers.***
- People stopping on the yellow zig zag lines outside of school and letting their children get out of the car on the road side, ***where they could be hit by a passing vehicle.*** You are also obstructing the traffic on Cavendish Road if you pull in here.
- People arriving late and letting their children run across Cavendish Road, ***not at the crossing point.***
- People parking in the residential streets around school, often on double yellow lines, and ***blocking in the residents of those streets*** – there is just no excuse for this. Local residents know that traffic will be heavy around school opening and closing times, but they don't expect to have their vehicles trapped, or to be shouted at when they complain about it.

Just this morning, a **blue Mercedes H2 EBB**, was parked in the middle of Leopold Avenue and was preventing several cars from leaving the road. Not only is this extremely selfish and inconsiderate, it is also dangerous as it may prevent emergency vehicles from getting to those in need. This car has been reported to the local authorities.

We have said it repeatedly – there **are** parking spaces available further down Cavendish Road and around Didsbury Point and also on some of the wider roads off Lapwing Lane and the Withington side of Burton Road. It would ease the situation massively if you could arrive at school earlier, park further away, and then walk in the last little bit to school. Please let's work together to keep the streets around Cavendish safe for **ALL** our children. We need to be alert to the dangers **before** a serious accident happens; it's too late when a child gets hurt.

The vast majority of parents and carers who bring their children to school in the morning understand the need to keep children safe and respect our school neighbours, and we encourage everyone else to act in the same manner. **SHOW YOU CARE – PARK ELSEWHERE**

GARDENING FUN

Thanks to everyone who came along to help at our Nursery gardening morning last Saturday. The children were thrilled on Monday morning when they went outside and saw the results of your hard labour! We are so lucky having extensive grounds here at Cavendish, and April/May is one of our favourite times because the blossom trees look magnificent in full bloom. The flowers fade away too soon, but then we can look forward to a good crop of pears, plums and apples later in the year.



UPDATED TERM DIARY – CHANGES/ADDITIONS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW

APRIL	
29	PTA meeting 7pm
30	Reception picnic
MAY	
4	School closed for bank holiday
7	School closed for Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4. Open for Nursery, Y5, Y6 only
11	KS2 SATS start – Mon to Thurs
15	Y6 visiting Stockport air raid shelters and holding VE day celebration
18	Sex and Relationships meeting for parents/carers 9am; repeated at 6pm
19	Half of Reception to visit Macclesfield Forest
20	Y3/4 musical performance 2pm
21	Other half of Reception to visit Macclesfield Forest
22	Y3/4 musical performance 9.30am
25 to 29 inclusive	School closed for half term
JUNE	
1	School closed for staff training
2	French Day at Cavendish
8	Parent/Carer workshop on new maths curriculum – addition and subtraction 6pm
10	Giant Walk
12	Repeat parent/carers workshop on addition and subtraction 9am
13	Didsbury Festival all day
15	Y1 phonics tests all week
15	Parent/carers workshop on new maths curriculum – multiplication and division 6pm
16	Y1 trip to Blackpool Zoo
17	Open evening for new Nursery parents/carers 6pm
19	Repeat parent/carers workshop on multiplication and division 9am
22	Health and Sports week – all week
23	Open evening for new Reception parents/carers 6pm
24	Reception sports day 9am
24	Nursery sports day 1pm
JULY	
3	Annual reports sent home
8	Parent/Carer/Teacher meetings YN, R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 3.30pm to 5.30pm
9	Parent/Carer/Teacher Y5 only
10	PTA summer fair and sausage sizzle
11	Y5 performing in 'The Tale of Mr. Tumble' at the Opera House 2pm
14	Y6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm
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16	Y6 leavers' disco and bbq 2pm
17	Y6 leavers' trip to Formby beach
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17	SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER – WE CLOSE AT 6PM