

Cavendish News

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WELCOME BACK

It's great to see everyone back safe and sound, and to welcome a small number of new children to Cavendish this term. As usual, we thought it would be helpful to provide a list of dates that are already in the diary. No doubt more will be added, and we'll let you know about them as we go along.

APRIL	
29	PTA meeting 7pm
30	Reception picnic
MAY	
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
21	Other half of Reception to visit Macclesfield Forest
21	Y3/4 musical performance 2pm
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
6	Didsbury Festival all day
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
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 3.30pm to 5.30pm
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

A FEW REMINDERS

Don't forget to let us know if you change your phone number so that we have it on our system. If your child is ill or has an accident, we need to be able to contact you quickly.

Please make sure that you park considerately in the streets surrounding our school. Some of the residents of Vicker Grove have had their own vehicles blocked in by Cavendish parents/carers and, understandably, are annoyed about it. They too have to get to places on time and they can't do that if they can't get their cars out. There's no excuse for bad parking, so please think about the needs of the people who live close by.

Active Kids vouchers are available at Sainsbury's until May 5th. Please keep collecting them and sending them in. We make good use of the vouchers for both sports and cookery equipment.

Some new clubs are running this term. Miss Frazer has started a Philosophy club for Y5 which runs on Thursdays – you can book online via our website.

We are also starting a Sevillanas club (Spanish festival dancing) for Years 3 to 6. It's a 10 week course starting on Friday 8th May from 3.20pm to 4.20pm and costs £35. Ole!

If your child would like to try this energetic and lively style of Spanish dance, please contact the teacher Inma Davies by phone or email. Her details are as follows:

Email: inmadavies@rocketmail.com

or telephone: 07939341030

Inma is visiting Cavendish next Monday to demonstrate Sevillanas to our KS 2 children.

PTA MEETING AND DIDSBURY FESTIVAL

As you'll have seen in the list of dates, there is a **PTA meeting next Weds, 29th April at 7pm in the staffroom (upstairs in our main building).**

Please come along and find out what's going on this term and how you can be involved in helping to organise and run events.

One big event is the annual Didsbury Festival and if you can offer some time on Sat 6th June to help run the PTA stall in Didsbury Park, please let us know asap. There is a parade at the festival which sets off from St Catherine's at around 11am and marches through the village and into the park and you'll soon be receiving a letter about a competition that the PTA are running – have a look in your child's bookbag and on our social media sites.

SPORTS NEWS FROM MR. KING

Thanks very much for the bikes we have had sent in so far. Hopefully, through your generosity, children at Cavendish who want to learn to ride a bike but have no opportunity to do so at home will be able to learn safely in our school grounds. We will be grateful for any further donations.

Our BMX last term also went well, as the photo shows.



ARE YOU KEEN TO BE GREEN?

Year 5 have started their new 'Are you keen to be green' topic in fine style, with a trip to the recycling centre at Sharston. They had a thought provoking time, because dealing with increasing amounts of waste is a huge global problem. By coincidence, I had a meeting on Thursday with 2 producers who are planning to film a series in which they work with families to look at how waste can be reduced, reused or recycled. Here's a bit more information from Callum and Sophie, along with their contact details:

Series Overview: In a new series for BBC One, campaigner and chef Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall will attempt to get to grips with the millions of tonnes of waste generated in Britain each year. The three part series will follow Hugh as he tries to discover what really happens to the rubbish we carefully sort into our recycling bins each week. He'll ask why supermarkets throw away tonnes of fresh food every year, and he'll look at the problems and solutions of dealing with waste in the fashion industry. As well as encouraging big businesses to find solutions to waste, Hugh will also try and inspire the public to get on board and play its part in reducing wastefulness.

Our Didsbury search: As part of this series we are looking to film several sequences over the next few months in the Manchester area - featuring a 'typical British street'. We want to represent a wide a section of society to find out about the challenges people face in avoiding food waste, the stories they have about over-packaging, and to find out what they really think happens to their recycling after it has been collected. We'll show you the cutting edge technology and processes involved in extracting the most from our discarded resources. The series will end with a big event that brings the local community together and will aim to leave a lasting legacy!

Right now we are looking for people to take part, and are focusing on Didsbury and the surrounding area as we feel confident we will find a great mix of people here to bring our series to life. The ideal street should have good mix of people living there including families, young professionals, flat sharers and those of retirement age, who have a good knowledge of the local area. This mix will hopefully give us an insight into a wide range of typical shopping habits. You don't have to have any specific knowledge to be involved – we're simply looking for warm, friendly people who are willing to contribute to what should be a really positive and enlightening series for the BBC.

If you are interested in finding out more about the series, we would love to hear from you – the production team is currently in the area and can be contacted in the following ways:

email: waste@keofilms.com

phone: 07517 655942





**NURSERY GARDENING
MORNING**

**THIS SATURDAY
25TH APRIL 2015
9AM TO 1PM**

**WHAT ARE YOU WAITING
FOR? GRAB YOUR WELLIES,
GET THE FAMILY OUT OF BED
AND ALL COME ALONG TO
JOIN IN THE FUN!**