

Cavendish News

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CHRISTMAS FAIR NEXT WEEK!

It's the Cavendish PTA Christmas Fair next Friday, Dec 6th, from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. There will be refreshments available in the playground by the castle, and we'll open the doors as soon as teachers have handed their classes over to parents/carers and are free to go to run the stalls. There is still time to send in any of the following:

- Toys, books and DVDs in good and saleable condition. Please don't send in cuddly toys however, as we will not be selling any this year.
- Unused and unwanted gifts for our white elephant tombola.
- Home-made cakes and biscuits on the day for the cake stall. Please don't send these in advance, because we have nowhere to store them.

If you can help out on a stall, run a game, do face painting or mendhi, please let us know asap. The more help we have, the better the fair will be.

We are also pleased to confirm that a very special guest will be travelling over from his home in the North Pole to see the children.

SUPERSTAR

Well done to Nova in Y4 who was awarded a Gold Medal at the North West Floor and Vault Championships at Robin Hill in Wigan last weekend.

She got gold for her performance in the vault with a score of 10.7, beating 23 other children!



CHRISTMAS PLAYS

Here's a reminder of this year's Christmas play schedule:

Weds Dec 3rd – Nursery play at 9.30am, repeated at 2.30pm

Tues Dec 9th – Reception play at 2.00pm

Weds Dec 10th – Reception play at 10.00am

Mon Dec 15th – Y1/Y2 play at 9.30am

Weds Dec 17th – Y1/Y2 play at 2.00pm

Due to the increasing numbers of pupils in school, we are allocating tickets for all performances to prevent overcrowding, and you must bring the tickets to show on entry to school on the day. Your child will bring home a letter about this with a slip for you to complete and return to us. Each family will have 2 tickets in the first instance. If any are left over, we will allocate them as extras. Please check your child's book bag for the tickets letter.

WEST DIDSBURY LIGHTSFEST

The Burton Road Christmas tree lights will be switched on at 6.45pm on Thursday 4th December. Our choir will be singing festive songs at 6.30pm – see you there!

PARENT SURVEY – LOCAL HISTORY

We are working on local history with English Heritage this year, and it would help us if you could complete a short survey using this link: <http://surveys.qaresearch.co.uk/ParentsYr3.asp> It will help us to measure the impact of our work.

GETTING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

We are concerned that a number of children are regularly arriving late to school. We would like to remind all families that school opens at 8.50am and the registers are taken at 9am. Lessons follow on immediately. If your child arrives at 9.10am each day, they will eventually have missed nearly 32 hours of learning over the year. That's more than a week of teaching time, and it demonstrates that it's not ok to think 'oh, it's just 10 minutes'. It mounts up and your child won't make the progress that we expect of them.

We understand that occasionally you might be delayed by traffic, buses running late or domestic issues, but frequent lateness isn't acceptable.

If you are running a little late, please phone to let us know, and make sure that you keep safe on the roads. We don't want the children to take risks when crossing – their safety is the most important thing after all.

One parent came in to see me this week about the speed at which emergency vehicles passed through the lights at the crossing on Burton Road one morning. We are surrounded by very busy roads, some of them leading to arterial routes, and everyone needs to be vigilant even when using the controlled crossing points. Emergency vehicles race through red lights sometimes, so please be extra careful coming to school if you have to use the crossings.

Out and About

The children have been out and about again. Our Year 3 classes each had a trip into town using the tram, and some of them were very excited as they hadn't used Metrolink before. We walked through the Christmas Fairs in Albert Square and Brazenose Street, had a look around the John Rylands Library, went to Shambles Square, through the Arndale Centre to look at a very famous postbox, then walked up to Piccadilly to go on the Manchester Eye. I accompanied Miss Roylance's class and they were an absolute delight to be with, asking fabulous questions and showing good manners and courtesy throughout the day. These trips were linked to their learning about the impact of the 1996 IRA bomb.

Then on Tuesday, some of our Y4, 5 and 6 children took part in a football competition at Burnage Media Academy. Many thanks to all staff and parents who went with them to help and support, to our colleagues at the Academy for organising the event, and to Capita for sponsoring our smart new kits..

Next Monday, Reception children will be visiting the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Find out more about the park here: <http://www.ysp.co.uk/>

