

Cavendish News

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BUILDINGS UPDATE

We met with the project team this week to see the final plans and drawings of our new building, and members of the team will be back in school next Tuesday between 3.30pm and 6pm for the public consultation meeting. The plans and drawings will be on display in the school hall (ground floor) and you will be able to talk to the architects and building contractors. A comment book will be available for you to record your thoughts about the designs. The consultation will also be open to members of the public as we also want to hear the thoughts of local residents. It's an exciting time at Cavendish – make sure you are part of it!

NEW Y3/Y4 CLUB STARTING

Mrs. Baugh is starting a new club for children in Years 3 & 4. It will run from 3.30pm to 4.15pm on Mondays and will focus on providing an opportunity for children to complete homework using technology. It's £1 a session and there are 15 spaces available. The sessions will start on Monday 23rd February. It's been added to the club list on ParentPay.

THANK YOU

Thanks to all parents and carers for your support on Thursday when school closed at 3.20pm. It is always difficult to make the right call when it snows heavily because weather can change so rapidly, but we thought it was important to make a decision in time to be able to contact you all and provide good notice. None of the children's core learning was interrupted and lessons in school time went ahead as normal. And yes, we do let the children play out for a short while in the snow – we think it is very sad when schools keep them inside. The chance to make snowmen and snow angels, or have snowball fights, doesn't happen often and it's nice to make the most of it when it comes along. Having said that, we've had enough now and hope that it clears over the weekend!

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VALENTINES' DISCO

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

5.00PM TO 5.30PM NURSERY
& RECEPTION ONLY

5.30PM TO 7.00PM ALL
WELCOME

ADMISSION BY TICKET ONLY
YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS
VIA PARENTPAY



SPORTS MESSAGES FROM MR. KING

The Sainsbury's 'active kids' voucher scheme has started again. We have put a collection box outside the office for them and this year we are hoping to use the vouchers to buy play equipment to further enhance our lunchtime provision. Please collect as many as you can, because they really do help us. If the person in front of you at the checkout doesn't want theirs, be cheeky and ask if you may have them!

Unfortunately, I am starting to see and hear of some inappropriate behaviour at some of our after school clubs. This needs to be addressed because it spoils others' enjoyment of the activities and wastes time. I have spoken to the children in assemblies about this. We know that their behaviour in class and around school during the day is outstanding, and we are disappointed that a minority seem to think they can misbehave with external providers. From next week, if a child's behaviour causes problems for others at after school activity clubs, they will be sent to the office and their parents phoned to come and collect them. We reserve the right to cancel a child's place at a school club if their behaviour is having a negative impact on other children. Please discuss this with your child and support the school's position that children's behaviour should be of the same high standard regardless of the adult with whom they are working.

READING NEWS



Ms Cooper has been working hard with a team of volunteer parents/carers who are now fully trained up to come and do some additional reading work in class with children. She has also been researching useful websites that support reading at home, and here is one that you might find useful:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/find-a-book/library-page>

You might also be interested in some of the activities here:

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

Our aim is to have all children leave Cavendish as confident and fluent readers. We also want them to enjoy reading, whether through fiction or non fiction. If you haven't yet visited the new children's department in Manchester's Central Library, put it top of your list of things to do over half term – it is a fantastic place to take them.

A book recommendation for confident readers in Y5 and Y6 is 'Listen to the Moon' by Michael Morpurgo. It's a beautiful story set in World War 1. If your child enjoys that, they will also probably like 'Five Children on the Western Front' by Kate Saunders. It is based on E. Nesbit's 'Five Children and It', a lovely story written in 1902 which was probably a favourite of many Cavendish pupils when our school opened in 1904!

If your child is an avid reader and would like to write a review of a book they have really enjoyed reading, please encourage them to do so and they can bring it into school for me. I will publish the best ones in the newsletter.