

Cavendish News

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EID MUBARAK

We would like to wish all of our Muslim families a very happy Eid. We hope that you have a lovely time over the weekend celebrating with family and friends.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Our school now has 588 pupils, aged from 3 to 11 years old. This makes the playground very busy in the mornings and afternoons, and it is essential that we have a few rules to make sure that the children are as safe as possible.

- Please keep your child under close supervision whilst waiting for school to start or on collecting them in the afternoon, and don't let little ones wander off.
- Don't let your child ride their scooter on the playground – it is too crowded and will inevitably lead to an accident.
- No dogs are allowed on the school site, including the school field. This is for health and safety reasons.
- Please don't try to engage your child's class teacher in lengthy discussion at 8.50am. Their priority is to bring the children into school and do the register at 9am so that lessons and learning get off to a prompt start. Teachers will be happy to see you at prearranged times eg 8.40am or 3.30pm.
- If you arrive after your child's class has gone into school, you must bring them to the main office to get them signed in. If they are in Nursery or Reception, a member of the office team will take them to their class – you will not be able to accompany them because lessons will have started.
- If you need to come into school eg to look for lost property, you need to come to the main office to sign in.

It is difficult to strike the right balance with school security, and we don't want to be unwelcoming, but we are sure you will agree that the children's safety is of paramount importance, and we can't allow adults to wander round the building without knowing who they are and why they are here. Thank you for your cooperation with safeguarding.

RECEPTION PARENTS & CARERS: our 'Settling In' survey is open online until Monday 6th October. Please take 10 minutes to complete it and tell us how your child's start to school has gone. The link is on our school website www.cavendish.manchester.sch.uk in the 'Latest News' section. Your views are important to us because they can help us to develop our practice.

PTA NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who attended the PTA meeting on Wednesday evening – it was great to see so many new faces. We would all like to pay tribute to the wonderful work that outgoing Chair Clare McCarron has done in her time in post. Umpteen school fairs, bonfires, quizzes, children's discos, and of course 2 music festivals! She has worked tirelessly for 8 years to ensure that funds are raised that enrich provision in our school. Free trips to the IWMN are the latest example of PTA support, but they have also funded samba drumming, bought a new kiln, provided extra iPads, paid for guitars for Year 5, replenished percussion instruments for after school clubs, bought sports kits and equipment...the list goes on. This week they agreed to fund more kits for sports competitions and also to buy special equipment that will be used in school as part of a pastoral support programme for children who are going through difficult or challenging times. We hope that lots of you will get involved with the PTA this year; you don't have to attend meetings, you just need to be able to spare a couple of hours once or twice a year to help run events. We welcome new PTA Chair Dawn Lappin and we're already looking forward to the PTA bonfire on Weds Nov 5th, 5.30 to 7pm (fireworks at 6.30pm).

SPORTS NEWS FROM MR KING

We are very proud indeed of our cross country runners. They have been taking part in the South Manchester heats, and I am delighted to tell you that both teams qualified for the citywide finals.

The girls' team topped their table, finishing well ahead of the other Didsbury schools. Our boys' team had a top half finish and came 4th in their league.

The citywide final takes place on November 11th. Win or lose, we know that every child involved will try their utmost.

I'd once again like to thank parents and carers for their support. It makes a tremendous difference to the children as they compete, to see and hear your encouragement.



GO TEAM CAVENDISH!!!

OFSTED PARENT VOICE SURVEY

Last week, we asked you to spare 10 minutes to fill in the online Parent Voice survey – you can find it at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

We have gone from 13 to 21 responses, so thanks to the 7 people who completed it. However, we are a large school and it would be great if we could get a lot more responses! The survey is important because it tells us what you think about your child's education – that can help us to improve what we offer. It is also your way of telling Ofsted what you think about Cavendish, because there is no longer a meeting between inspectors and parents due to the short notice schools are given of inspections. Let's see if we can get to 100 responses before the half term break!



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