

Cavendish News

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WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the 2017/18 academic year. The children have got straight back to work with their new teachers, and they have the Big Adventure to end the week, so we're pretty certain that they will leave with smiles on their faces on Friday. In assemblies this week, we have been thinking about our Good to be Green rules – these are applicable for all children attending Cavendish and we thought it would be worth sharing them with you. We are very proud of the standards of behaviour at Cavendish – Ofsted rated us as outstanding in this area and visitors unfailingly comment positively on how well-behaved and polite the children are – and we believe a consistent, firm, and fair approach is the best way to get all children to understand what we expect of them. Great behaviour means that children feel safe and can learn without distraction. Here are our rules:

- We are kind and helpful and we don't hurt people's feelings
- We are gentle and we don't hurt anyone
- We listen to each other and we don't interrupt
- We work hard and we don't waste our own or other people's time
- We are honest and we don't cover up the truth
- We look after our property and we don't waste or damage things

We are really looking forward to another fabulous year in school, full of rich learning opportunities for the children. We have included in this letter a list of the key dates set so far. We'll keep you informed about other things going on in school through our weekly newsletter, so **please make sure that you read it at the end of each week.** If we have your email address, you'll receive the newsletter electronically, and it's also available on the website or on Facebook and Twitter. We keep a few hard copies in the carousel outside the main office.

PLAYGROUND INFORMATION

We now have 660 children on roll at Cavendish. Consequently, our playground is very crowded at the beginning and end of each day. We therefore ask all parents/carers to respect and comply with the following:

- ***Keep hold of young children's hands. They can easily slip away from you and wander off offsite onto the roads. Even with older children, please keep them within your range of vision – the playground is not supervised before or after school.***
- ***Do not let your child/ren ride scooters or bikes on the school site. It's too crowded to have them zipping about at speed so please make sure they get off their scooter/bike at the school gates.***
- ***If you have an older child in Years 5 or 6, send them to wait on the playground outside the Rhodes Building so that the pressure for space on the main playground is reduced.***

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM CAVENDISH PTA - YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU!

Vacancy for Chair of Cavendish PTA, 2017/18

After three years Dawn Lappin, current chair of Cavendish PTA, is hanging up her boots and providing a new opportunity for someone to take over the reigns of this great role.

If there is anyone in the Cavendish Community - or perhaps two that fancy doing it together - that would like to know more about the role and what it would entail please get in touch via email: enquiries@cavendishpta.org.uk and we can provide all the information. Alternatively attend the AGM, on the 19th September, and pledge your interest. It's vital we gain a replacement, otherwise we will struggle to put on our annual events that include the likes of Cavendish Bonfire Night, Christmas and Summer fairs, Quiz and Cinema Nights and raise much valued funds for the school.

Dawn will officially stand down at the AGM but insists she'll still lend a hand when there's a gazebo or two to put up in a wet, soggy field! Commenting on her time as Chair she said: "Without sounding too sentimental, it's been a really rewarding position to hold and I am thrilled that we as a team have been able to put on fun events that can support Cavendish financially and help improve our children's educational journeys."

She continues: "We have a great resource of people to draw from at Cavendish and I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported me in this role. There are too many to name here but a particular shout out to the current committee members Jen Barnes and Catherine McKinnon, vice-chair Caroline McGilliard, as well as Sarah Lynch, Cavendish Admin Officer and Gary Ellison, Cavendish Site Manager, without whom I would have failed miserably."

The Chair of Cavendish PTA is primarily an organiser's role and works alongside a secretary and treasurer, which make up the official committee. As Chair, the main role is to coordinate and lead volunteers to create and deliver fundraising events for Cavendish Community Primary School. It has traditionally been done by one person but could equally be delivered by a duo. If you can dedicate some time to this great cause please register your interest at the AGM or prior to the event by dropping us an email.

We look forward to seeing as many faces at our first meeting of the 2017/18 academic year on Tuesday 19th September. The meeting will commence at 7pm and will be held on the school premises. Location to be posted nearer the time.

For more information on the vacancy or how the PTA works in general please contact us on: enquiries@cavendishpta.org.uk

HELP US TO HELP YOU

If your child has to leave school early to attend a medical appointment, please inform us in advance and tell us what time you will be picking them up. If you just appear at the main entrance after 2.30 without prior notification, we cannot guarantee to be able to get your child immediately. Staff might be out of the office, or your child's class might be on the other side of the school site. Please phone before 2.30 to let us know, or pop into the office to tell us in advance.

CAR PARKING

Please respect our pupils and our neighbours and do not park on the double yellow lines on nearby streets. Also, please don't stop on the yellow zig-zag lines outside school between 8am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. **Try to park further away from school and walk in the rest of the way.** If we never had to mention parking issues again in a school newsletter, we'd be exceedingly happy!

2017/18 KEY DATES SET SO FAR

DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
19.09.17.	Reception parent/carer reading meeting	6.00pm	Rhodes Building
	Cavendish PTA AGM	7.00pm	TBC
20.09.17.	Repeat of Reception reading meeting	9.15am	Rhodes Building
21.09.17.	Governors' meeting	6.30 to 8.30pm	Rhodes Building
28.09.17.	PTA Disco	TBC	TBC
17.10.17.	Reception parents'/carers' evening	3.30 to 6.30pm	Reception classrooms
	Y1 parents'/carers' evening	3.30 to 6.00pm	Y1 classrooms
	Y 3&4parents'/carers' evening	3.30 to 6.30pm	First floor hall, main building
18.10.17.	Nursery parents'/carers' drop in	3.30 to 6.30pm	Nursery
	Reception parents'/carers' evening	3.30 to 5.00pm	Reception classrooms
	Y1 parents'/carers' evening	3.30 to 6.00pm	Y1 classrooms
	Y2 parents'/carers' meetings	3.30 to 6.00pm	Y2 classrooms
	Y3&4 parents'/carers' evening	3.30 to 5.00pm	First floor hall, main building
	Y5 parents'/carers evening	3.30 to 6.00pm	Rhodes Building
	Y6 parents'/carers' evening	3.30 to 7.00pm	Rhodes Building
19.10.17.	Y2 parents'/carers' evening	3.30 to 6.00pm	Y2 classrooms
	Y5 parents'/carers' evening	3.30 to 6.00pm	Rhodes Building
	Y6 parents'/carers' evening	3.30 to 5.30pm	Rhodes Building
	Governors' meetings	4.30 to 8.00pm	Rhodes Building

20.10.17.	Wear It Pink Day in aid of Breast Cancer Now	All day	In school
23.10.17. to 27.10.17. inclusive	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	n/a	n/a
30.10.17.	Children's individual school photos to be taken	All day	In school
03.11.17.	All children having height/weight measurements taken	All day	School
	Year 6 camp weekend	Friday morning to Sunday afternoon	Robinwood Activity Centre
	PTA Bonfire	5.00 to 7.00pm	School field
17.11.17.	Wear Spots Day – in aid of Children in Need	All day	In school
23.11.17.	Governors' meeting	6.30 to 8.30pm	Rhodes Building
30.11.17.	Governors' meeting	6.30 to 8.30pm	Rhodes Building
06.12.17.	Nursery Christmas show	9.30am	Rhodes Building
	Repeat performance of Nursery Christmas show	2.30pm	Rhodes Building
12.12.17.	Reception Christmas show	10.00am	Ground floor hall, main building
	Year 3&4 Christmas show	2.00pm	First floor hall, main building
13.12.17.	Repeat performance of Reception Christmas show	2.00pm	Ground floor hall, main building
14.12.17.	Repeat performance of Y3&4 Christmas show	2.00pm	First floor hall, main building
15.12.17.	Repeat performance of Y3&4 Christmas show	9.30am	First floor hall, main building
18.12.17.	Theatre company in school to perform pantomime for Y1 to Y6	Morning	In school
20.12.17.	Y1&2 Christmas song concert	2.30pm	Playground
21.12.17.	School Christmas dinner	11.30am to 1.45pm	Dining hall
22.12.17.	Last day of term	n/a	n/a
	Nursery trip to Stockley Farm	All day	Stockley Farm
25.12.17. TO 05.01.18. inclusive	CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR HOLIDAY	n/a	n/a

CHAMPION WRITING

Our Year 6 children do a focused study about the history of disability. They consider issues such as discrimination, equality, society's changing attitudes, and adaptations. One of our pupils did some descriptive writing about gold medal winning Olympian Johnnie Peacock. Johnnie has read it and sent it back to school with a message for Milan, who wrote the piece. How fantastic, and Johnnie was clearly very impressed!

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

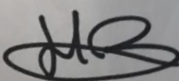
If your child has completed this year's Animal Agent summer reading challenge through local libraries, **please ensure that you send in their certificate to Ms Cooper by next Friday, Sept 17th, at the latest.**



Johnnie Peacock

Watching, his eyes glance at the scene before him. They are stern, yet a soft, dutch gold in colour, the same as the medal hanging around his neck. Unlike any other eyes, these ones seemed to have a life of their own for they - although he stood rooted to the spot - looked intently around taking in every detail - every move. Like the thinnest needle, his nose was completely straight and showed no intention of bowing to any body, and probably never had. He inhales in the dusty air. His mouth is thin, determined to follow the path that lies ahead of him. Lips a shade of the finest ruby fountain, are wet and moisturised. As he took out his necklace, it is given a confident kiss then, rather unusually put back on again and he carried on looking out to the stadium, as if nothing had happened. Short hair blowing in the wind, although dirty, is well-combed and neat, honey-mustard coloured. Equally matching the hair, there is also some stubble, upon his chin. Below that, his neck is stiff and sure, but very fit somehow. His pale skin, which is as smooth as a duck's feathers, is covered in beads of sweat as wet as the heaviest rainfall in the Amazon rainforest. Of course, he would most certainly be a adult and defines it so, yet he looked in a childlike manner, and there was, somewhere, a faint glimmer in his eye.

Each of his legs stand straight and tall, they are confident of winning this race to victory! Constantly he is checking his leg is in the starting position; with his other hand he checks his hair, revealing his shining scalp beneath. A sharp piece of metal is stuck in his hand but it doesn't seem to cause him any harm (for if it does he does not show it). His eyes blink. His hips shudder. The gun fires. "BANG!" He leaps to a great start, as his legs stride quickly past all other competitors as they stare on at him. He is a wonder, speeding away at his own pace as his leg - his prosthetic leg - falls over the finish line in first place. Johnnie Peacock, champion again.

awesome work!
love it!
Johnnie Peacock


APPOINTMENT SYSTEM TO SEE MRS. BERISFORD, OUR ADMISSIONS AND ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Due to the increasing numbers of children and families at Cavendish, there is a lot of demand on Mrs. Berisford's time which can lead to long wait times to see her. We have therefore decided to instigate an appointment system.

If you need to see her for any reason, please leave a message in person at the office/by phone/by email, and she will get back to you to sort out an appointment time. If you have an emergency and need to see her at short notice she will do her best to see you as quickly as possible.

SEEING YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Our teachers are always happy to see you, but please bear in mind that they cannot talk at length in the mornings because they have to take their classes into school. Afternoons are always best.

We also hold formal parents'/carers' evenings in autumn and spring terms; dates for these are included on the key dates list so please make a note of them.