

Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery



Happy New Year

Welcome back to the new year in school.

Plans are moving more quickly now after a period of relative quiet with regard to our new school building. It is anticipated that the whole process will begin during the Summer holidays with site preparations, and building beginning in the autumn.

Attendance awards

As you know we are having a high focus on children's attendance at school, as good attendance has a really positive impact on children's progress and learning.

Last term 54 of our children managed to secure 100% attendance at school. That is nearly 20% of the total number of children in school.

One class, Mrs Asghar's class had 14 of the 30 children in the group of 100% attendees, so well done to all of area 8 who managed to do it.

We have celebrated with the children by awarding certificates and stickers, and then holding a Prize Draw in a special assembly.

The lucky winner of the scooter for last term was Miles Heath from Miss Luke's class.

The lucky winner of the cinema gift card was Francesca Lord from Miss McAllister's class.

Well done to both of those winners.

Sickness

During the last 10 days of last term we were hit by a very nasty sickness bug. We had to send a large number of children home as they became ill, and had a number of staff affected too. The classes mainly affected were the year 1 and Reception classes.

Bugs and germs spread very quickly between young children as they are often in close proximity to each other.

In a number of cases children were brought back to school the day after they were sent home sick.

The school policy, and recommendation from the Department of Health, is that children must stay away from school for **48 hours** after the last time they are sick.

Staff will refuse to accept children into school if they are brought back too early.

Any child now being sent home from school with sickness will be given a slip stating the earliest date on which the child should return to school.

By observing this policy we hope that we can minimise the spread of nasty bugs like the one we had in school before Christmas.

January 2017

Important Dates

Friday 3rd February 2017
National Number day

Thursday 9th February 2017
Parents evening 3:30 to 6:00pm
School closes for half term

Friday 10th February
INSET DAY
school closed

Monday 20th February 2017
School re-opens after half term

Friday 7th April 2017
school closes for Easter

Monday 24th April 2017
School re-opens for Summer Term

Christmas Concerts

Thank you so much for your generosity at the Christmas Concerts, and on Christmas Jumper Day. We have been able to send donations of over £250 to Rainbows Children's Hospice and to the Audiology unit at the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham.

Lunch times

It has been noticed that a number of parents who are bringing younger children to the afternoon sessions in Nursery, are picking up their older children and lifting them onto the wall, or over the playground fences.

Please will parents not do this. The dinner staff do not always know the parents of each child, and need to challenge individuals as part of our Safeguarding Policies. It is also dangerous to lift the children onto the walls or over the spiked fences.

Some parents have been less than polite when challenged by a member of staff. The staff concerned are looking after the welfare of all the children, and have the right to challenge anyone they do not know.

If you see your child on the playground, wave and say hello by all means but please do not try and lift them up onto the wall or over the fences.

Staff news

Many of you may not have heard that Mrs Bee (TA in Area 3) had a new baby girl on December 1st. Congratulations to the whole family. We are looking forward to seeing Mrs Bee and baby in school soon.

Miss Simpson had a baby boy on December 30th, rather earlier than expected. Congratulations to the whole family and we look forward to a cuddle with the new baby soon.

As a result of the baby's early arrival, Miss Simpson has not returned to school this term, but has started her maternity leave early.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs A J Brandon

Head teacher