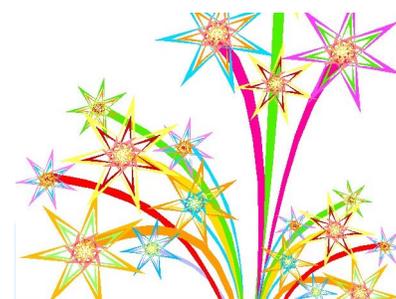


Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery



Harvest

Thank you for the many harvest gifts you sent into school. We had a wonderful display in the hall during our celebrations, and then were able to make up harvest parcels to share with different groups in the community.

Parents Craft Afternoon Wednesday 16th December from 1:45pm.

Part of our Christmas celebrations this year includes a Theatre group performing a pantomime for the children on the morning of Wednesday 16th December. We have decided that in order to make it a completely fun day, we would like to invite parents to come in and do some Christmas craft activities in the classrooms with their children in the afternoon. In each classroom teachers will provide all the materials for you to make something with your child which can then be taken home. There will be different activities for you to try, either helping your child, or on your own. Children whose parents cannot come to the session, will be supported in the usual way by staff in school. The sessions will begin from 1:45pm, but you do not have to be here for the whole session, it is more of a drop in and have fun session.

Questionnaire responses

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent Parent's Questionnaire. We were delighted by the overwhelming support for the school, and the work we do with the children.

Some of the headline data:-

99.9% agreed or strongly agreed that their child likes school, feels safe in school, and is well looked after in school.

99% agreed or strongly agreed that the children are expected to behave well, show respect for other children and adults, and that the school promotes a healthy life style for children.

100% of those who responded would recommend the school to other parents.

There were also some super comments about the school:-

".....really enjoys school and we wouldn't want him to go anywhere else"

"All the staff at Cavendish Close do a brilliant job getting to know the children as individuals"

"very happy with all aspects of the teaching and school environment"

"the staff are a credit to the school"

November
2015

Important Dates

Monday 23rd
November

INSET Day. School closed

Wednesday 9th
December

*Foundation Stage Con-
certs*

9:30am and 2:15pm

Thursday 10th
December

*KS1 concerts
9:30am and 2:15pm*

Monday 14th
December

Year 1 party

Tuesday 15th
December

*Nursery and Reception
Parties*

Wednesday 16th
December

*Theatre Morning and
Parents Craft Afternoon*

Thursday 17th
December

Year 2 party

Friday 18th December

*School closes for
Christmas*

One or two parents commented that it would be good to know what topics are being taught in school each term. All this information is on our website, along with regular updates about school events, photographs, and copies of this newsletter. There is a complete section dedicated to the curriculum and what is being taught.

Volunteers needed

One of the regular events in school is the bookshop, where children go to choose new books they have been saving up for. It is run by volunteers, and we are looking for new volunteers who would be willing to help.

The bookshop opens on a Tuesday afternoon, every 2 weeks, for about an hour, depending on how many children want to buy books.

The next time it is scheduled to open is on November 24th at 1:15pm.

If you are able to help with this, please speak to Mrs Kelly in the school office. Thank you.

Start of the day

Since we changed our start to the morning in September the beginning of the day has been much easier for staff and children, and from the comments I have heard, for parents too. Thank you for your co-operation in sharing messages with the staff at the doors. The children are going into class much more calmly, and having a very positive start to the day.

It has also led to a reduction in the number of children arriving to school late, which again is a very positive step forwards. Registers still begin at 8:55am, so please ensure that your child is in school in time to be involved in the beginning of the day.

New school building

As the new Junior School building nears completion, I have had a few questions about when ours will be built. We are hoping to find out before the end of this term exactly when the planning process will begin for our school. It is a six year programme of building involving over 270 schools across the country. We are hopeful that our building will be in the early stages of the programme, but we will have to wait and see. As soon as we know the timescales, we will let you know.

Many thanks for your continued support

Mrs A J Brandon

Head teacher