



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 6

Monday 25th November 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Where do the weeks go? Winter has arrived and we are approaching December. I have added some further Christmas dates in today's newsletter, so please make a note of the dates that apply to your family. December is a wonderful month in an Infant and Nursery School, there will be lots of magic and fun festivities. If your family doesn't celebrate Christmas, we can offer winter themed alternatives to most of our Christmas plans, please speak to your child's class teacher and we will be happy to adapt our plans for your family. Christmas/winter jumpers can be worn every Wednesday in December and on the last day of term. Further information about our Christmas plans will follow at the end of the week.

Thank you for your support last week when snow covered school! The site, especially the trees looked so beautiful, but we all know that we must prioritise the health and safety of our school community. Mr Roberts worked incredibly hard gritting the paths, the driveways and eventually the playgrounds but this does take time to be effective. Please wear appropriate footwear and walk carefully on the paths – slow and steady will help to keep everyone safe. If we ever need to close school, this will be because we have insufficient staffing or because the site has been deemed unsafe. We will communicate with you via Teachers2Parents. We recommend that you do not download the app as this may prevent you from receiving a notification when we have sent a message. Without the app, you will receive a text message in line with your usual alert settings. The parent or carer who we have registered as contact one on our system will receive all communication from school. Please can this parent or carer communicate key information with other parents, carers, family members or childminders etc. Please do not ring school to ask if we are open as this prevents us from using our phone lines and the office team become unable to support our emergency planning. Take care this winter.

It's been a really positive and productive autumn term. I'm delighted with how well all children have settled into their classes. Children are engaging well with a range of exciting learning opportunities, and they are working hard to know more and remember more of our carefully designed curriculum. I hope that you are finding the topic 'knowledge organisers' and 'quizzes' useful to use at home and we work in partnership to enable all children to thrive. I continue to be exceptionally proud of how inclusive we are as a school. Our highly skilled teachers and teaching assistants find ways every day for all children to feel a sense of belonging in their classrooms and to work towards their own targets. School is a calm and happy environment to work, learn and play in.

If you have any queries or feedback, please get in touch so that we can work together to make our school the best that it can be for our community. If you have a concern, we will deal with it properly and work in partnership with you to secure a positive outcome. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher

Cavendish Close
Infant School (CCIS)

Our School Vision

When our children
move on from us,
we want them to
be:



Dear Cavendish Close Children,



Have you got a warm hat and some gloves to bring to school this winter? We want you to be warm enough when you are playing and learning outside. A waterproof coat and school shoes/boots will keep you warm and dry.

I know that you are starting to learn a story and songs for your class Christmas performance. Have you seen our big stage in the hall? I'm really looking forward to seeing your performances!



Christmas is coming... It's nearly time to start our advent calendars and to count down to Christmas day - how exciting! On Friday, we will enjoy a pantomime performance in the hall. The story is called 'a Christmas Carol'.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x

I'm delighted to share with our school community that Mrs Parker will continue to be a valued member of our governing board. I am very grateful for the support and challenge that Mrs Parker brings to our team.



We do still have a vacancy on our governing board for another parent. If you would like to know more about the role of a parent governor, please come and see Mrs Manners or I.



Thank you to all the parents who have made payments towards the cost of the pantomime visit. Your support is appreciated. This is the only money that we ask for this term. The pantomime is such a brilliant and fun experience for the children, and we are grateful that parents and carers enable this event to go ahead. Please make your contribution if you haven't already. Thank you.



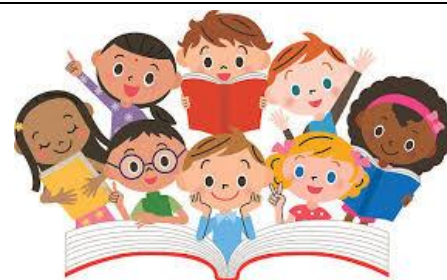
Please ensure that all your children's items of clothing are named so that we can return items to you that are found in school.



The children are loving Numbots in school. If your child can find time to access Numbots on a digital device at home, it will help with their mathematical fluency.



We're delighted with the progress that all children are making with reading. Our Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics programme is really effective. Please find time to support your child's reading at home regularly.



We are holding two more open evenings for prospective 'Nursery and Reception 2025' families.

Monday 2nd December 3:45pm to 5:00pm

Monday 13th January 3:45pm to 5:00pm

All nursery parents and carers need to apply to Derby City Council for a school place by 15th January 2025.

If you know any family, friends, colleagues etc in the local area with young children who are due to start nursery or school in September 2025, please share these opportunities and encourage them to contact, visit and choose us.



After a fairly mild autumn, the snow arrived last week!

Mr Roberts arrives on site early and always prioritises the paths up to and around school, as well as the driveway. Our site is so large and so we do need your help. Please ensure that your children walk with you and stay on the paths. Wellies are sensible (with indoor shoes to change into) or sturdy waterproof school shoes or boots. Careful walking will reduce the chances of slipping over. Playing on the playgrounds before they have been gritted is not sensible. Please keep your children safe before school.

We would only need to close school if we cannot make the site sufficiently safe or if insufficient numbers of staff could get to school safely.



Every day at school counts

Enable your child to achieve their best educational outcomes by being an...

Attendance HERO.

Please do not book any term time holidays during this academic year as holiday absence will be unauthorised and parents/carers are likely to be fined by Derby City Council.

Mrs Asghar is our Attendance Leader and she will be carefully tracking children's attendance where it falls below our school target of 96%.

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Every day,

Ready and

On time

Every day, our children work towards our STAR expectations:



2024.25 Academic Year

Please plan all family holidays during the school holidays and not during term time. Help your child to be an Attendance HERO.

Here Every day, Ready and On time – Good attendance is 96% or above

Autumn Term 2 2024

Tuesday 5th November to Friday 20th December

Tuesday 26 th November	PCSO Bartos will meet year groups to deliver important safety messages about preventing bullying
Thursday 28 th November	Musical workshops for all classes to experience bagpipes and traditional Scottish clothes and dancing, as we learn about Scotland ahead of St Andrew's day on Saturday 30 th November
Friday 29 th November	Pantomime performance in school – A Christmas Carol (for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
Monday 2 nd December	3:45pm to 5:00pm Open evening 2 for children due to start in Nursery or Reception in September 2025
Wednesday 4 th December	Christmas jumper day – Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school with their uniform
Week beginning Monday 9 th December	Class nativity performances throughout the week

Monday 9th December	2:00pm to 2:30pm	Nursery Holly Group – Mrs Orme
Tuesday 10th December	2:00pm to 2:30pm	Nursery Ivy (Beginning of the week) group – Mrs Bee
Thursday 12th December	2:00pm to 2:30pm	Nursery Acorn group – Mrs Mosley
Friday 13th December	2:00pm to 2:30pm	Nursery Ivy (End of the week) group – Mrs Howett

Monday 9th December	9:30am to 10:15am	Reception Class 1 – Mrs Carter
	10:30am to 11:15am	Reception Class 2 – Miss Luke
Tuesday 10th December	9:30am to 10:15am	Reception Class 3 – Miss Doxey
	10:30am to 11:15am	Year 1 Class 7 – Miss Brown
Thursday 12th December	9:30am to 10:15am	Year 1 Class 9 – Miss Harker
	10:30am to 11:15am	Year 2 Class 5 – Mrs Merriman
Friday 13th December	9:30am to 10:15am	Year 1 and Year 2 Class 4 – Mrs Asghar and Miss Bradley
	10:30am to 11:15am	Year 2 Class 6 – Mrs Roberts

Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas jumper day – Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school with their uniform Christmas dinner day – Children are invited to have a Christmas dinner
Monday 16 th December	Santa and his helpers are visiting school 😊 Reception Christmas party – Reception children can come to school in party clothes with appropriate footwear for outdoor play and learning
Tuesday 17 th December	Rocksteady concert for club musicians – club parents and carers to be invited by Rocksteady and Miss Doxey
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas jumper day – Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school with their uniform Nursery Christmas party – Nursery children can come to school in party clothes with appropriate footwear for outdoor play and learning Year 1 Christmas party – Year 1 children can come to school in party clothes with appropriate footwear for outdoor play and learning
Thursday 19 th December	Year 2 Christmas party – Year 2 children can come to school in party clothes with appropriate footwear for outdoor play and learning
Friday 20th December	Christmas jumper day – Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school with their uniform Year 2 children visit Pickford's House Children break up for the Christmas holiday
<u>Spring Term 1 2025</u> Monday 6th January to Thursday 13th February	
Monday 13 th January	3:45pm to 5:00pm Open evening 3 for children due to start in Nursery or Reception in September 2025
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number day
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet day
Tuesday 11 th February	2:15pm Maths workshop for Reception parents and carers
Wednesday 12 th February	2:15pm Maths workshop for Year 1 parents and carers
Thursday 13 th February	2:15pm Maths workshop for Year 2 parents and carers
Thursday 13th February	Children break up for the half term holiday
Friday 14 th February	INSET day 3 : School is closed to children for staff training
<u>Spring Term 2 2025</u> Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April	
Friday 4th April	Children break up for the Easter holiday
<u>Summer Term 1 2025</u> Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May	
Friday 23rd May	Children break up for the half term holiday
<u>Summer Term 2 2025</u> Monday 2nd June to Thursday 24th July	

Friday 27 th June	INSET day 4 : School is closed to children for staff training
Monday 30 th June	INSET day 5 : School is closed to children for staff training
Thursday 24th July	Children break up for the Summer holiday
INSET (in-service training) days 1, 2 and 3 are the same as the Junior Academy. INSET (in-service training) days 4 and 5 are different from the Junior Academy.	

Headteacher: Mrs Diffin

Inclusion Leader: Mrs Vincett

Early Years Foundation Stage Leader: Mrs Howett

Mrs Howett is our Deputy Headteacher

Nursery Class

Nursery	Mrs Howett, Mrs Orme, Mrs Mosley, Mrs Bee	
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Reception Classes

Class 1	Mrs Carter, Miss Cunliffe (Mondays to Thursdays) and Mrs Bradley (Fridays)	
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Class 2	Miss Luke, Mrs Redfern (Mondays to Wednesdays, Fridays) and Mrs Bradley (Thursdays)	
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Class 3	Miss Doxey, Mrs Gadsby (Mondays to Wednesdays) and Miss Archer (Thursdays and Fridays)	
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Key Stage 1 Leader: Mrs Asghar

Mrs Asghar is our Assistant Headteacher

Year 1 Classes

Class 7	Miss Brown, Mrs Taylor	
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Class 9	Miss Harker, Mrs Edwards	
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Mixed Year 1 and 2 Class

Class 4	Mrs Asghar, Miss Bradley, Miss Flynn, Miss Mason	
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Year 2 Classes

Class 5	Mrs Merriman, Miss Stafford	
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Class 6	Mrs Roberts, Mrs Mills	
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Additional Teaching Assistant: Mrs Bonner (Mondays to Wednesdays)

Higher Level Teaching Assistant: Mrs Smalley

Learning Mentors: Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie

Midday Supervisors: Mrs Burton, Mrs Pickering, Miss Smith and Miss Lamb



Contacting School 2024.25

Telephone 01332 662239

Please share any queries or concerns with us so that we can work together to keep your children safe, happy, and learning at school. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

Please be respectful with your communication and only email us on school days between 7:45am and 5:45pm.

Senior Leadership Team

leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin - Headteacher, Mrs Howett - Deputy Headteacher and Early Years Foundation Stage Leader, Mrs Asghar - Assistant Headteacher and Key Stage 1 Leader)

School Office Team

admin@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Kelly and Mrs Manners – School Business Officers, Mrs Parkin – Administration and Finance Assistant)

Safeguarding Team

safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin – Designated Safeguarding Leader, Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie – Safeguarding Champions)

Inclusion Leader

senco@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Vincett) – Mrs Vincett is our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)

Year Group Class Teachers

nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Howett and Mrs Orme)

reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Carter, Miss Luke, Miss Doxey)

year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Asghar, Miss Brown, Miss Harker)

year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Asghar, Mrs Merriman, Mrs Roberts)

Breakfast Club and After School Club

clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Roberts – Breakfast and After School Club Leader)



Keeping Cavendish Close Children Safe

The best interests of children continue to come first for our Safeguarding Team.

Keeping children safe from harm is our utmost priority.

If anyone feels concerned about the safety of a child, they should act on their concern immediately.

- Parents and carers can speak to or email the Safeguarding team to make an enquiry, to ask for help or to share information: safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk
- **Parents and carers can ring Derby Children’s Social Care directly 01332 641172 (Out of hours Careline 01332 786968) to report their concerns first hand**
- Parents and carers can use the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000

The Safeguarding Team

Mrs Diffin

Headteacher and **Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Mrs Howett

Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Asghar

Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Vincett

Inclusion Leader and Safeguarding Champion

Mrs Leadbeater

Learning Mentor and Safeguarding, Attendance and Behaviour Champion

Mrs Dearie

Learning Mentor and Safeguarding and Behaviour Champion

Mrs Carter

Safeguarding Lead Teacher

Mrs Roberts

Breakfast and After School Club Safeguarding Champion

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility