



Cavendish Close Junior

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A note from Mrs Tague (Principal)

I have really enjoyed all of the winter activities in school and thank you, as parents and carers, for your support with these. It was fantastic to see so many people in school for our winter craft afternoon on Wednesday, and I was very impressed with the lovely items the children made. The Year 3 children performed excellently in their nativity 'The Inn Crowd' and our choir were superb when performing to family members and at a local residential home. Our Christmas dinner was enjoyed by many children and staff and we all came together for a Christmas sing-a-long on Wednesday morning, which even included a staff performance of 'The twelve days of Christmas.' What a great month December has been!

Children have also really enjoyed learning across all areas of the curriculum this half term and it has been great to see the Design Technology and art projects that have been completed over the past couple of weeks and hear about how the children have developed their knowledge and understanding in Geography and Science topics.

I have been extremely proud to award lots of merit certificates and hot chocolate awards this half term, and it was great fun at our first 'House treat' last Friday where children from Hardwick enjoyed an hour of games and pizza for being the team with the most dojos over the term.

I continue to be very proud to call myself Principal of Cavendish Close Junior Academy and am very impressed with how resilient and hardworking children are across all year groups. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy Christmas and New Year.

Baby news

Huge congratulations to Miss Watson, who gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Daisy Amelia, on 10th December. Daisy weighed 7lb 2oz and mother and baby are doing very well. We can't wait to meet her!



Staying safe online

We continually work with the children to equip them with valuable knowledge and skills to help keep themselves safe when online. If you ever have any questions about this, please speak to your child's class teacher. Please see the video link below for support for parents and carers around setting up all those new devices from Santa.

[i-vengers Christmas on Vimeo](#)

Across the Harmony Trust, we are now using senso to access the internet, which has been installed at Cavendish Close this week. This monitors pupils' iPads and indicates any safety concerns directly to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Tague). It also flags users who may be vulnerable or at-risk and users who may pose a risk to others, as well as any inappropriate or harmful behaviour. This applies to iPad activity both in school and at home.

Parking on Deborah Drive, Moira Close and Wood Road

There are still cars parking inconsiderately on Deborah Drive, Moira Close and Wood Road. There have been cars blocking drives and this has prevented residents from getting in and out on many occasions. If you need to drive to collect your child, please park on Morley Road or Wood Road and walk down to prevent these issues. If this does not improve, we will be forced to close Deborah Drive to cars at drop-off and pick up times. You must never drive on the junior or infant sites.



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**Lost Property**

We have increasing amounts of lost property in school. In fact, there is another big box full from this half term. If your child has lost anything, please come and take a look in the box in the main entrance hall. **Our lost property box will be emptied at the end of the day today.**

Please remember to name all clothing items brought into school, especially coats and jumpers, so that we can easily locate their owners.

Attendance—Be in school on time and every day

Our current whole school academy attendance percentage is 96%. This means that we are on track to meet our end of year target if we keep working hard and coming every day. Unfortunately, there are too many children with attendance percentages below 90% (this is known as Persistent Absence). Please ensure that your child comes to school every day and arrives between 8:40am and 9:00am.

I was very proud to award 103 children with a 100% attendance certificates in our weekly merit assembly last Friday. These children have all been in school every day since September and this is a third of pupils in our academy! Well done to:

Bond class—Dennis B, Emily L, Elianna M, Dominic R, Ellis R, Mason R, Brody S, Charlie S

Fletcher class—Harper B, Ava, Albie B, Eloise B, Arthur D, Reyna G, Fletcher H, Harlyn H, Rose NV, Emma P, Mia R, Joseph T

Green class—Arlo Be, Tommy C, Gracie E, Yuvan K, Alson M, Kayden N, Stanley R, Oliver S

Cherry class—Ethan C, Beau E, Francesca G, Callum H, Marcie P, Lillie S

James class—Lois C, Robyn D, Liliana D, Kenzie D, Aleigha E, Jad H, Madeleine L, Brooklyn M, Isabelle P, Layla W

Vegara class—Zahra A, Amelia F, Isabel G, Nina H, Ellie M, Rocco P

Baddiel class—Chloe C, Alyssa D, Nadia D, Cyril, Lily-Mae K, Amela M, Lucy T, Taylor Y

Carroll class—Mikey A, Malakii C, Isobel C, Lewis F, Flynn G, Evie-Mae J, Harrison M, Adam O, Elijah R, Jasmine S

Stine class—Eriks A, Ruby Mae B, Jakob H, Lucas H, Scarlett K, Riley P, Bobby R, Ralfs S, Callum W

Colfer class—Bailey A, Kayla C, Taym H, Alfie MC, Shannon M, Summa M, Harlow P, Nathaniel R

Dogs on site

For the safety of all children and adults on site, please refrain from bringing dogs onto site at all times. This is a rule at all schools and must be adhered to please.



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Dates for your diary

Monday 8 th January	All children return to school
Monday 15 th January	Colfer class and Stine class only. 8:40am – 9:15am. Breakfast Reading Café in the hall. Parents and carers are invited to join their children for a breakfast drink, snack and reading time – no charge
Wednesday 17 th January	Year 3 Junior Medic first aid training for children in school – no charge
Thursday 18 th January	Year 6 Junior Medic first aid training for children in school – no charge
Monday 22 nd January	Tolkien class and Carroll class only. 8:40am – 9:15am. Breakfast Reading Café in the hall. Parents and carers are invited to join their children for a breakfast drink, snack and reading time – no charge
Tuesday 23 rd January	Year 6 only Parents' Evening consultations (3:30pm – 5:30pm)
Wednesday 24 th January	Year 6 only Parents' Evening consultations (3:30pm – 5:30pm)
Monday 29 th January	Morpurgo class and Baddiel class only. 8:40am – 9:15am. Breakfast Reading Café in the hall. Parents and carers are invited to join their children for a breakfast drink, snack and reading time – no charge
Friday 2 nd February	TT Rockstars' Day: Dress up as a rockstar for the day – no charge
Monday 5 th February	Vegara class and Green class only. 8:40am – 9:15am. Breakfast Reading Café in the hall. Parents and carers are invited to join their children for a breakfast drink, snack and reading time – no charge
Monday 5 th February	3:30 – 4:00pm Year 5 parents and carers' information meeting for the Whitemoor Lakes Residential
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day – Children will be completing activities based upon staying safe online
Monday 12 th February	Cherry class and Fletcher class only. 8:40am – 9:15am. Breakfast Reading Café in the hall. Parents and carers are invited to join their children for a breakfast drink, snack and reading time – no charge
Monday 12 th February	3:30 – 4:00pm Year 4 parents and carers' information meeting for the Mount Cook Residential
Wednesday 14 th February	James class and Bond class only. 8:40am – 9:15am. Breakfast Reading Café in the hall. Parents and carers are invited to join their children for a breakfast drink, snack and reading time – no charge
Thursday 15 th February	Last day of half term for children
Friday 16 th February	INSET Day – school closed to all children
Monday 26 th February	All children return to school

