



# Cavendish Close Junior School

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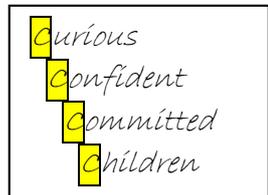
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## Newsletter No 1 – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

### **Welcome back**

May I welcome back everyone to school, especially those who are joining us for the first time in Year 3, and throughout the rest of the school, both pupils and staff. Miss Morley is teaching in Year 4 and Mrs Blake is teaching in Year 6. Mrs Bull and Mrs Codrington will be supporting children as Teaching Assistants in Years 3/4.

**All parents and carers are invited to an Open Evening next Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September between 3:30 and 5:00 pm.** You will have the opportunity to have an informal chat with your child's teacher and have a look around the classroom. There will not be an opportunity to have an individual interview at this time – Parent Interviews are planned in for later in the year (see below).

### **Parent Interviews**

Individual Parent/Carer Interviews will be held on the following dates:

- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 3:30 to 7:00 pm**
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 3:30 to 5:00 pm**

A letter will be sent out closer to the time with the opportunity for you to select an appointment time.

### **SATs Week 2016**

The date for the Key Stage 2 SATs is the week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Tests will be held each day from the Monday through to the Thursday. Would parents and carers of Year 6 pupils please ensure that their children are in school for the whole of that week. Thank you.

### **Strike Action – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

The UNISON trade union is continuing its programme of industrial action. It is encouraging its members – who include teaching assistants, administrative staff, catering staff, caretaking and cleaning staff – to go out on strike for the full day on:

- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016;
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016;
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016; and
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

At the moment, based on the information I have at the present time, **this school will be open to all pupils on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.** If that information changes, and I feel there might be health and safety implications which might put our children at risk, I will let you know straightaway. I will do everything I can to keep the school open for business as usual, but I will not compromise the safety of any of the children or adults at this school. I will keep you up to date with the implications of the later strike days after next Wednesday. I do understand the childcare implications of industrial action, and I thank you for your understanding when children had to stay at home last summer.

## INSET Days Next Year

We are required to have five days each year for staff training and development – these can be either whole days or a number of shorter sessions of additional training which add up to a whole day. Children should not attend school on these days. The following dates have been set as INSET days next year:

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2016**

**Monday 19th Dec 2016**

**Tuesday 20th Dec 2016**

**Friday 10th February 2017**

**Friday 30th June 2017**

These dates have been agreed with the Infants who will have the same INSET days this year.

## Expectations

We have all talked to the children this week about what we expect from them this year.

1. **Our Vision** – Curious, Confident, Committed Children. We want our children to want to learn, not to be afraid to ask questions, not be afraid to get things wrong, work hard and take responsibility for their learning.
2. **Behaviour** – We do not accept behaviour which breaks our Golden Rules.

### Cavendish Close Junior School - Golden Rules



*WE listen to adults*

*WE follow instructions*

*WE are kind and helpful*

*WE are gentle*

*WE are honest*

*WE respect property*

*WE walk around school*

*safely*

*WE DO NOT interrupt*

*WE DO NOT waste time*

*WE DO NOT hurt other*

*people's feelings*

*WE DO NOT hurt others*

*WE DO NOT tell lies*

*WE DO NOT damage things*

*WE DO NOT stay in an area*

*where an adult is not present*



We use the 'Good to be Green' system to manage behaviour in the school. Everybody starts each day afresh, on green. If your child is getting red cards for not following school rules, then we will be in touch with you to discuss the issue.

We also have lots of rewards for those who do the right thing – merit certificates, stickers, Dojos, a Headteacher’s Award, the Honours Book, for example. We will be giving out 5 x £10 vouchers for children who stay on ‘green’ each half term, and another 5 x £10 vouchers for children who have 100% attendance that half term. All qualifying children’s names will go in a hat, and the lucky names pulled out. For the next half term, we wipe the slate clean and start again.

3. **Uniform** – We believe a smart uniform is an indicator of a smart mind. We think it creates a good impression and makes everybody feel part of a team. We will therefore be monitoring uniform very closely this year. The school prospectus states:

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

*The Governors require all children to adhere to the school dress code. This provides pupils with a sense of belonging to the school and improves our profile within the community. It also promotes the right tone for learning and a sense of pride in their appearance. We also feel that from a practical point of view it will help parents take the worry out of what children wear for school and, in the long term, reduce the financial burden.*

*The school uniform consists of:*

#### **Girls**

*Black/dark grey pinafore dress, skirt or trousers*

*Royal blue jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt (preferably school issue)*

*White polo shirt/shirt/blouse*

*White/black/dark grey socks*

*Black/dark grey tights may be worn instead of socks*

*Black shoes – practical/hardwearing with a low heel that can be cleaned*

*Boots are NOT allowed in school but practical boots (eg Wellingtons) may be worn for the journey to and from school in bad weather.*

*In summer, royal blue gingham or striped dresses may be worn as well as practical sandals (not slip-ons).*

#### **Boys**

*Black/dark grey trousers*

*White polo shirt/shirt*

*Royal blue jumper/sweatshirt*

*White/black/dark grey socks*

*Black shoes – practical/hardwearing with a low heel that can be cleaned*

*In summer, black/dark grey tailored shorts may be worn as well as practical sandals.*

*The following items, with our school emblem on, are available:*

*Sweatshirts*

*Royal blue cardigans*

*Royal blue fleeces*

*T-shirts*

*Satchels*

*PE Bags*

*Available from:*

*Morleys Schoolwear*

*Unit 2*

*446 Nottingham Road*

*Derby*

*Derbyshire*

*DE21 6PE*

4. **Attendance** – Children should attend school every day and on time. Our doors open at 8:40 am and all children should be in school by 8:50 am. Children should not arrive on site before 8:30 am as there will be no staff to supervise them. Children who arrive after 8:50 will be missing some learning. It may also mean that the Education Welfare Service becomes involved if there is a continuing problem.

### **Walking on the grass**

Now that the builders have taken down all their fencing, some of our children are walking on the grass instead of the paths on their way into school, when going out to dinner or when going home. They have been told that they are to use the paths **AT ALL TIMES**. As the autumn approaches, this will help us to keep their feet dry as well as not bringing mud into school. We also know that some children are more likely to want to play roughly on grass than they would on a path – this has been a particular issue on the path between the Juniors and the Infants. We would appreciate your help in enforcing this rule.

### **Phones**

Can I remind parents that whilst we do allow children to bring phones to school, they must be turned off in the building during the school day and kept in a bag well out of the way. The phone must not be on their person or used at all during the school day.

### **Speaking to teachers**

As much as we possibly can, we operate an 'open door' policy so that parents and carers can speak to teachers and teaching assistants when there is a concern or important information to pass over. Teachers will often be outside, particularly at the end of the school day, and would welcome speaking to you. However, it is not always possible to see someone straightaway. Mornings can be difficult because of the need to deal with the children coming into school. Meetings before and after school also mean that a teacher may not be able to see you on a particular afternoon. Weekly meetings are held after school each Wednesday, and before school on Fridays. If you do wish to see your child's teacher, we would therefore recommend that you ring the office to make an appointment.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016** – Open Evening 3:30 to 5:00 pm

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 3:30 to 7:00 pm** – Parent Interviews

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 3:30 to 5:00 pm** – Parent Interviews

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016** – Last day of half term

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2016** – INSET (no children in school)

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016** – First day back after half-term

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016** – Last day of term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016** – INSET (no children in school)

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016** – INSET (no children in school)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017** - First day of Spring term

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017** – Last day of half term

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017**- INSET (no children in school)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017**– First day back after half-term

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017** – Last day of term

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017** – First day of Summer term

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**– Last day of half term

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**– First day back after half-term

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**- INSET (no children in school)

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017**– Last day of term