

# CAVENDISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Message from Headteacher:

It has been another busy and enjoyable week here at school, with plenty of learning, laughter and autumn sunshine (and

showers!) to keep us on our toes. I had the pleasure of spending some time in Wrens class, where I joined in with early writing and maths. It was a joy to see the children's eagerness to share their ideas and their determination as they build those important early skills.

We have also been delighted to welcome three new starters into our school community this week. It is always special to see new faces settle in so quickly and to watch friendships forming across the classes.

Looking ahead, our plans for the Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Bawdsey Manor in the summer term are now finalised. We are very much looking forward to what promises to be a memorable and rewarding experience for everyone involved.

Behind the scenes, we are also preparing to launch our breakfast and after-school club provision. This will begin soon as a trial for the rest of the academic year so that we can gauge demand. We encourage families to make use of this service — your support will help us keep it going.

As October sets in, the autumn weather is making its presence felt. Please could we ask that children bring in a pair of wellington boots to keep at school, so they can continue to

enjoy our beautiful outdoor spaces whatever the weather. A waterproof coat — even just a showerproof one — is also really important at this time of year so that children can still get outside, even when the weather is changeable.

Thank you, too, for your efforts in supporting our school uniform policy. The children look very smart, and we appreciate the commitment families show in helping us maintain high standards. Just a gentle reminder that trousers and leggings should be plain in colour to match the policy, as brightly patterned items can make things look a little less consistent. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

As always, we are grateful for the encouragement and partnership you give to the school. Together, we can make sure the children continue to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

### Staff Spotlight



This week our spotlight shines on **Mrs Clarke**, our Year 5/6 Owl Class teacher. Mrs Clarke is our longest-standing member of the teaching staff and brings a wealth of experience and dedication to our school community.

This year, she is undertaking the SENDCo National Professional Qualification (NPQ), working closely with specialists from Suffolk County Council to further develop her knowledge and expertise. Her commitment to supporting all children

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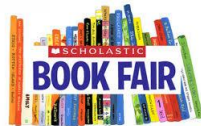
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in reaching their full potential is something we value enormously.

Outside of school, Mrs Clarke enjoys spending time outdoors, especially when accompanied by her three beautiful dachshunds. They certainly keep her busy and active!

We are **so grateful** for everything Mrs Clarke brings to our school — her passion for teaching, her care for the children, and her enthusiasm for learning new skills.

### **Book Fair**



A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who attended our book fair! Thanks to your

support, we raised enough to earn the school £160.00 worth of books as a reward. This will go towards purchasing high-quality texts for our students.

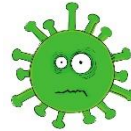
### **Great School Dinner Day winners**

It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying a school dinner on Thursday. Congratulations to Mioni, who won the slime kit, and to Barney, who won the fidget toy! Thank you to everyone who encouraged their child to take part.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals or is in Key Stage 1, please refer to the letter sent earlier this week from our CEO, Andrew Berry, regarding the opt-out process.



### **School Absences**



A friendly reminder about our sickness policy as we head into flu season:

- Please let the school know on the first day your child is absent and on each day after that, before the register closes. If we don't hear from you, we'll give you a call to check in.
- If we don't receive a reason for the absence, or if the explanation isn't clear, we may need to record it as unauthorised. **Please do give a clear reason and try to avoid terms such as "generally unwell". This is really important in keeping all our pupils safe and well.**
- You don't need to call each day if your child is off for 48 hours after being sick, or if a doctor has advised a set amount of time off.

### **Mathematician of the week & Author of the week**



Our new 'Mathematician of the Week' and 'Author of the Week' certificates have been a big hit with the children – here are a few snapshots from the past few weeks!