



## NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2018

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### *From the Headmistress*

#### EVENTS NEXT WEEK

##### **Monday 16th April**

CLUBS START

8.00 Y5 Residential to France

##### **Tuesday 17th April**

BALLET STARTS

##### **Wednesday 18th April**

SENIOR ORCHESTRA

Y2 to visit Little Angel Theatre  
Company

##### **Thursday 19th April**

JUNIOR ORCHESTRA

YEAR 3 SWIMMING STARTS

##### **Friday 20th April**

Y1 to visit Florence Nightingale  
Museum

16.30 Y5 return from France

Edited by: Robert Pritchett

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Summer Term 2018. I hope that you all had a wonderful and restorative holiday. A particular welcome is extended to the six new pupils who joined our School this week. I know that this is a very popular term when we can enjoy the weather and several special end of academic year events. We are planning several new opportunities to celebrate some of our gymnastics work in School as well as increasing our use of Regent's Park for learning.

Our first assembly took the fable of The Tortoise and the Hare as its theme. Slow but steady wins the race was linked to making effective progress in learning and development.

As well as many important geo political events, the news during the holiday was full of articles relating to schooling and learning. I wondered if you read about a new app which is being launched by the BBC? This CBBC Buzz app will be screened by human moderators to ensure age appropriate content for under 13s. Users will be able to post positive and cheeky emojis on content uploaded by other children but not make any negative comments. There will be no chat function removing some of the problems inherent in this. All content and user generated content will be stringently monitored. The app is free and is in response to some disturbing aspects that can be seen on YouTube Kids where the algorithm used has allowed some sexual and violent content to be present in innocent seeming cartoons. Lord Hall, the director general of the BBC, expressed concern that our children's culture would be defined by America's west coast. I wonder what your views on this are? The US Senate interviews with Mr Zuckerberg were also a source of knowledge and reflection for me. The power of the internet as we have discussed before is a great source for good as well as a cause for concern. We will continue to help your children learn how to make best use of these advantages and learning opportunities safely.

During Friday's assembly I was able to announce our new class officials. Our pupils always impress us with their fair and thoughtful approach when it comes to casting their votes. I am delighted that Sophie and Mia are to be our Head Girls this term. I know that they will be wonderful representatives for our School and inspiring role models for all our pupils. Of course they follow in the footsteps of four equally exemplary Head Girls this academic year.

I am sure that you will join with me in thanking our admin and support teams for working so hard during the holiday and facilitating many improvements to our learning environment. These include updating and

improving many features in our gardens and playground, ongoing improvements to our Reception area and various maintenance works. My particular thanks go to Mr Dave McFall and Ms Chen Cooper for leading many of these initiatives. Our whole staff team were in School from Tuesday. As well as preparing for the term ahead, creating new resources and displays and updating some of our statutory training responsibilities in fire safety, manual handling and the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) we also had the opportunity to meet and discuss longer term planning and strategies to ensure that our happy School continues to thrive and develop.

Wishing you a very happy weekend.

Yours sincerely

Jane Rogers



School uniform will change formally to summer uniform after half term. Please feel free to wear either winter or summer uniform until this date.

**Please wear winter uniform with green socks or tights on Wednesday 9 May for our whole School photograph.**

Summer uniform is worn with plain white ankle or knee length socks.

Remember to bring your school uniform white sunhat and a named reusable water bottle to School.

### **Absences**

All unexpected absences e.g. illness in term time should be phoned in to the School Office as soon as possible in the morning. Registers are completed by 8.40am.

Requests for absence in term time should be avoided but where this is not possible they should be made well in advance to Miss Rogers via the School office ([secretary@cavendish-school.co.uk](mailto:secretary@cavendish-school.co.uk)).

**Thank you!**

**AIR POLLUTION** is a very current and important topic in London for all of us but especially for children. Parents may, therefore, wish to consider practical ways in which their behaviour could contribute to improvements in pollution in the vicinity of School. King's College London, in conjunction with The Mayor of London's office, recommends actions such as:

- If possible, parents are advised not to drive their children to and from school as this exacerbates pollution in the school vicinity. Pollution levels are often higher inside cars even when the windows are shut
- For those who continue to drive, engines should not be left to idle in the school vicinity.

For those walking and cycling, try to plan a route to and from school that sticks to side roads or goes through parks or other green areas.

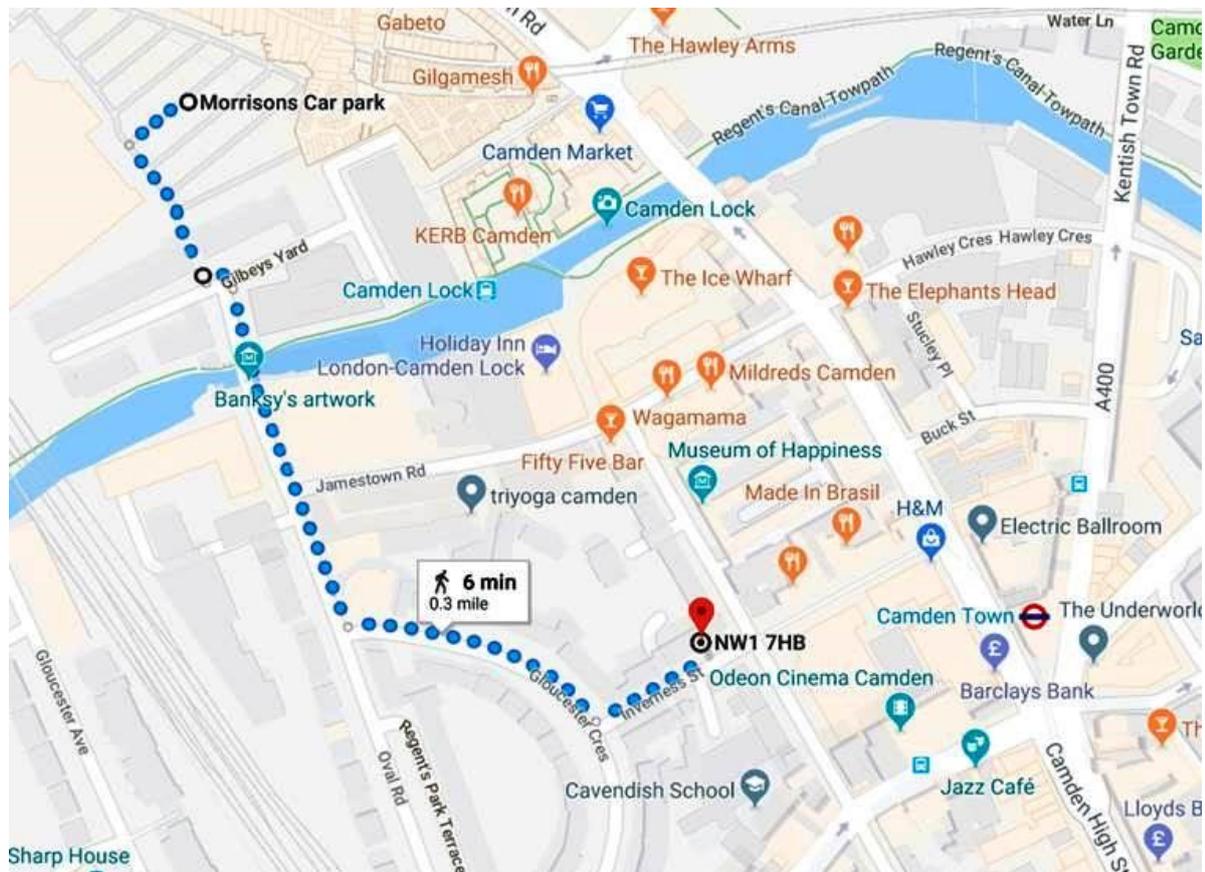
Further information on air pollution in London and what is being done to improve it is available at <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/pollution-and-air-quality>.

# MESSAGES SENT THIS WEEK



- SPACES AVAILABLE FOR AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
- YEAR 4 ESB
- YEAR 1 VISIT TO FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MUSEUM
- YEAR 1 SHOW AND TELL ROTA
- YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL
- YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO SNOWDONIA
- SCHOOL FEE REMINDER
- YEAR 3 SWIMMING

Now that Spring and the warmer weather are with us, parents might like to use Morrisons car park at school drop-off and pick-up. Parking in their car park is free for up to 2 hours and



# From the Bursar

Attracting and retaining the highest quality staff is our priority at The Cavendish. The costs of doing so, in addition to the ever-growing challenges of keeping our pupils well-provisioned and safe, mean that, after considerable deliberation, Governors have decided to raise fees for the next year. We remain, as I am sure you are aware, very keenly placed in the marketplace. Unlike many of our competitors, all of our fees are spent on school improvements and lunches and non-residential trips are included.

Looking to the future, we may need to raise fees again to ensure our ability to meet growing costs including, for example, employer costs and those involved in technology provision. Please be assured that any increase in fees comes after close scrutiny and lengthy deliberation. We would also like to reassure you that we are very mindful of the impact of such increases and are always looking to improve the happy, efficient and effective provision of our unique setting. We are also determined to protect our small class sizes which are of such benefit to all our pupils. Please do let me know if you have any further queries.

As is usual during the school holidays, we took the opportunity to service our fire extinguishers, fire alarm and fire shutters; burglar alarm and CCTV; gym equipment; mansafe lines and lift in St. Mary's; to maintain the playground soft surfaces and to clean our windows. We also have a new reading book library area for KS1.

We have been busy gardening, both on our green roof on the top of St. Mary's and, more visibly, in the playground. We hope our pupils will enjoy seeing the plants grow and flourish during the, hopefully, warmer summer months.

*Sharon Chen Cooper*

**You may have seen in the media that there has been a recent outbreak of Scarlet Fever. For your information please see the following guidelines.**

## **SCARLET FEVER**

- Scarlet Fever is a contagious infection that mostly affects young children. It is easily treated with antibiotics
- The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature of 38 degrees or above and swollen neck glands (large lump on the side of the neck)
- A rash appears a few days later:
- a pink-red rash comes out which feels like sandpaper and looks like sunburn. It starts on the chest and tummy.
- A white coating also appears on the tongue. This peels, leaving it red and swollen
- The rash doesn't appear on the face but the cheeks can be flushed
- Scarlet Fever is very infectious so a doctor should be called before going to a surgery
- The patient is infectious from up to 7 days before the symptoms start until 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotic. Once diagnosed children should not be sent to school during this time
- To avoid spreading hands should be washed regularly with soap and water



## Music News

Over the coming weeks we will be using this section of the Newsletter to report on musical events in school and to post reminders of concert dates/times. We have also been asked to give some further information about the teachers in the Music Department. This week we find out a bit more about Mr Aarons and Miss Matthew, and following on from that we will introduce the other members of the peripatetic music team and tell you a bit more about their experience and background.

It is going to be a busy term in school with lots of musical events to look forward to. Before half term we are looking forward to the Yrs 1&2 and the Yrs 3&4 Summer Concerts, and we will be letting you know as soon as these songs have been posted on the VLE for practising at home. Please note the slightly earlier start time, which some of you have requested.

8.45am Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April Music Assembly  
8.45am Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Yrs 1&2 Summer Concert  
8.45am Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May Yrs 3&4 Summer Concert

Thank you for your continued support of all things musical in school and see you at an event soon!



After learning the flute and piano from the age of seven, **Ben Aarons** quickly realised that he wanted to become a professional musician. He studied at The Purcell School and later at Bristol University, attaining his degree in music. As a teenager, Ben started teaching piano and flute and after experiencing how rewarding it was, decided to pursue teaching as a career. Initially, Ben taught in many schools across the borough of Camden as an instrumental teacher. The Cavendish School was one of Ben's first jobs and it was not long before he began to teach class music lessons alongside Louise Matthew and Robert Pritchett. In addition, Ben works at Our Lady's School for a couple of hours each week teaching African Drumming, and also for Camden Music Services during half term and Easter to conduct a percussion group. In his spare time, Ben produces his own music as well as recording other artists and remixing. He is currently in a Ska and a Reggae band that perform gigs in pubs, clubs and at festivals.

**Louise Matthew** studied at the RSAMD and then at the RNCM and the Guildhall. On leaving college she quickly established herself as a freelance flautist, working with some of the country's leading orchestras and her award-winning flute quartet, *Just Flutes*. She also led education projects for many of these orchestras and this experience encouraged Louise to go back to college in 2007, where she gained a PGCE in secondary class music teaching from the Institute of Education. On completing her PGCE Louise was delighted to be offered a class music teaching position alongside her colleagues Ben Aarons and Robert Pritchett. Louise also has a wide range of experience as an instrumental teacher and has worked in a variety of different settings including music centres, schools, private teaching practice, regional and national youth orchestras, for the organisation Flutewise, and on specialist flute days and residential courses including Tuttlflutey, which she set up and has been running since 1994. Louise now enjoys a diverse portfolio career working as a class music teacher, instrumental teacher, ABRSM classical and jazz examiner, presenter and teaching mentor.

# TERM DATES

<b>SPRING TERM 2018</b>	
Term Begins for Staff	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10 <sup>rd</sup> January
Term Begins for <b>Year 6 Pupils</b>	<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January (morning only)</b>
Term Begins for Pupils	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Staff Training Day (School Closed)</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>
End of Term	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March at 12 noon
<b>SUMMER TERM 2018</b>	
Term Begins for Staff	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Term Begins for Pupils	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
End of Term	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon
<b>Staff Training Day (School Closed)</b>	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>
<b>AUTUMN TERM 2018</b>	
Term Begins for Staff	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Term Begins for Pupils	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October inclusive
<b>Staff Training Days (School Closed)</b>	<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>
End of Term	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December at 12 Noon
<b>SPRING TERM 2019</b>	
Term Begins for Staff	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Term Begins for Year 6 Pupils</b>	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January (morning only)</b>
Term Begins for Pupils	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February inclusive
<b>Staff Training Day (School Closed)</b>	<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>
End of Term	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon
<b>SUMMER TERM 2019</b>	
Term Begins for Staff	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
Term Begins for for Pupils	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May inclusive
End of Term	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon
<b>Staff Training Day (School Closed)</b>	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>