

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Newsletter - Spring Term 2020

Friday 31st January 2020 No: 017

Challenge, Creativity, Compassion: Create a pure heart in me – Psalm 51:10



Celebration Assembly & Headteacher Awards

Headteacher awards this week were given to Mars Class – Emily; Jupiter Class – Maddison; Saturn Class – Logan; Neptune Class – Farren.

Collective Worship at Devonshire House

Paige writes – On Wednesday, our school went to Devonshire House to perform our Candlemas service. Neptune class talked about Christening services, Saturn class re-enacted the Bible writing of Jesus' presentation at the temple, Jupiter told us how Candlemas is celebrated in different parts of the world and Mars class sang a Candlemas rhyme.

Interschool Athletics Tournament

Lydia writes – On Thursday, Neptune class went to TGS for an athletics tournament. There was lots of excitement. Farren won the under and over race which is a race where you go under and through tunnels and over hurdles. The tournament includes: relays, jumping activities, chest push, speed bounce and more. We were all exhausted and tired. We all worked as a team. We also got complimented on our cheering!

The Big Birdwatch

Emma writes – When we did the Big Birdwatch, some of us said we found a cool bird at 2 o'clock. Year 2 went to Devonshire House. We went into their garden and the people gave us a new sheet of paper. It showed birds and different animals. The people helped us look for the birds and the animals. We saw some birds and some of us saw animals like a squirrel, frog, bunny and a cat.

Saturn Class Visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge – 6th February

To support their class learning about ancient Greek culture, Saturn class will be visiting the Fitzwilliam Museum to study the Ancient Greek galleries, next Thursday. A separate letter has been sent with further details.

Pupil Progress

We are changing the way we share information with families about their child's learning and progress in the Spring Term. Each year group will be invited to attend a workshop led by the class teacher. At the end of the workshop written feedback for your child will be available along with their books. A letter has been sent home and dates are also detailed below.

Mobile Phone Use

As you may be aware there has been media coverage this week about the impact of mobile phones in children's rooms at night. As part of our pastoral care and whole child emphasis, we are concerned that some children are communicating with each other using their phones and tablets after they have gone to bed. We would strongly encourage families to ensure they have the appropriate settings on their devices and internet parental controls are in place as, on occasion, upsets sent by social media have impacted on the school learning day. We will be sending a parent information sheet as part of our Safer Internet Day planned for 11th February 2020, but do please contact the school if you would like further advice or guidance.

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Parking

With so many parents bringing pupils to school by car we wish to emphasise the safe parking message to everyone. The Five Bells car park is available to park in on the side nearest the village green. The side nearest the pub is private, and we ask you to respect this. Parking beyond the Church is possible but is often difficult, so the village is the best option. Thank you for your cooperation in this. Please respect the need for children's visibility when crossing the road by not parking on the yellow lines under any circumstances. This supports the school when children are visiting the local area and also helps children who are walking home independently to be safe when crossing the road.

Homework and Home Support for Learning

Can we please remind parents of the importance of supporting children's learning at home. It is essential that reading, spelling and times tables are completed on a daily basis to ensure that skills and knowledge are committed to long term memory. Naturally, this work is differentiated according to your child's age and ability and may range from tricky word sounds and phonic blends, up to extended chapter reading of classic novels. All statutory spellings and grammar terms are available at the back of your child's planner; please use these to support home learning. The planner also contains relevant information about mathematical knowledge and content and all families have access to online MyMaths which contains many tutorials and practice sessions. Ten or fifteen minutes a day is enough to make a significant difference and will really impact on your child's learning. It is one of the best supports you can offer as a parent and is more powerful than one long session at the weekend. Thank you to those families who are already committed to this daily learning slot. The impact is evident in the classroom.

With research homeworks children are always able to attend lost learning sessions, in advance of the hand in date, to use school computers and printers, if you are unable to support this at home. We would prefer this rather than information being sent in on a stick, to avoid compromise to our security systems – Many thanks

Menu Change

The kitchen will be providing pancakes with chocolate sauce on Shrove Tuesday, 25th February.

Neptune Class

Two important dates for next year:

SATS Key Stage 2 – week beginning Monday 11th May 2020

Neptune Class Residential Visit – 30th to 31st March 2020 to Kingswood Residential

Mars Class – We have been listening to lots of Chinese music. We had a story about dragons. I also liked the dragon dancing last week. - Oliver

Jupiter Class – Yesterday we did English and made a leaflet about the seasons. We also did Maths. The Year 2s learnt division and the year 1s learnt adding equal groups. – Tom F

Saturn Class – In English we have been writing a dialogue using correct punctuation. In Maths we have been measuring each other. My favourite part of this week was learning our play son 'All Aboard'. I am really looking forward to our Greek play. – Oliver

Neptune Class – In English we have been learning present perfect and our Gelert stories. In Science we have been learning the life cycle of animals and plants. In PSHE we have been learning how to use medicines safely and we have been comparing medicines to drugs. In Maths we have been doing fractions and improper fractions. In RE we have compared Chinese New Year to other religious faiths. In Guided Reading we have been reading The Secret Garden, Not Bad for a Bad Lad, and Kensuke's Kingdom. - Matilda

Dates for your Diary

February

6 th	Saturn Class visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
6 th	Year 6 KS2 SATs workshop and feedback, 3.30pm
11 th	Safer Internet Day
13 th	Year 2 KS1 SATs workshop and feedback, 3.30pm
17 th – 21 st	Half Term
24 th	Children return
27 th	Interschool Basketball Tournament
27 th	Year 1 Phonics workshop and feedback, 3.30pm

March

4 th	Year 4 Multiplication check workshop and feedback, 3.30pm
10 th	Year 5 workshop and feedback, 3.30pm
12 th	Year 3 workshop and feedback, 3.30pm
19 th	Reception class EYFS workshop and feedback, 3.30pm

School Term and Holiday dates follow on the next page



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School Term and Holiday dates 2019/2020

Autumn Term

PD Day	Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September
Children Start	Wednesday 4 September
Half term	Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October
Last day	Wednesday 18 December

Spring Term

PD Day	Monday 6 January
Children Start	Tuesday 7 January
Half term	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
Last day	Thursday 2 April

Summer Term

PD Day	Monday 20 April
Children Start	Tuesday 21 April
Half term	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May
Last day	Wednesday 22 July