

# Cavendish Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter - Summer Term 2020

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020 No: 030

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



*Prayer of the week – by Amelia*

*Dear Lord,*

*We are so thankful that someone put an end to the war.*

*We say thank you for the brave men and women who kept our country safe.*

*Thank you for the nurses who saved so many lives.*

*Amen*

We are sending the Newsletter a day earlier this week, as we are commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day tomorrow and we wish everybody some time with their families to reflect on the sacrifices others made for us. Thank you to staff and children attending school, for their help in making the bunting and decorating our school. We will be taking part in the 11.00am silence tomorrow along with the rest of Cavendish village and will be listening to the start of Churchill's speech before home time.

### **Home Learning**

We are pleased to hear about extra-curricular learning this week. Michael has bought in a fabulous Viking ship and Oliver has been organising quizzes for his and Emma's friends with 'general knowledge and maths and some homework questions thrown in'. We have had some great feedback about children making Angel delight for their 1960s project.

### **Learning Pack 4**

This will be available to collect from Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May for learning to commence the week beginning Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May and the week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Please note that half term is scheduled for the week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, and it is really important the children have this week as relaxation and rest with their families. Should there be a change in the school offer announced nationally during this time, any child attending will be expected to bring their learning pack into school.

### **School Provision to Key Workers and Vulnerable Children**

Whilst we are committed to supporting Key Workers it is essential that we have advanced notice, where possible, and as soon as shift times have been confirmed as this will help us to manage our own staff teams. The school will be open from 8.30am-3.15pm each week day. Government guidance is still that, where possible, children should be educated and cared for at home.

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### **Week seven of staying at home – Miss Robinson, Governor**

*Another week goes by, and just as I think I am getting into the lockdown swing- a technical difficulty hits my laptop, hampering the rest of my work day and I go through a range of emotions. After exhausting all options and having a very long phone conversation with our (now remote) IT services department, I closed my laptop and went out for my government approved daily walk. I am extremely lucky to live close by to fields which lead you on some lovely walks with glorious views of the Suffolk countryside. On this walk, I went passed the sheep field, and in it, about 10 new born baby lambs! I stopped for about 10 minutes- watching the lambs spring about. And it got me thinking; I need to slow down. I need to spend more time looking at the countryside around me, notice the amazing trees, the noise of the river, appreciate the quiet now the roads are less busy. I need to stop running on 100mph- that this is a time to appreciate being able to move slower, spend more quality time with those I live with, and explore new ways of communicating with loved ones far away. I hope that in this time you and yours are doing the same; enjoying time spent together, and exploring new and unique ways to have fun!*

### **World Health Organisation Book for Children**

The World Health Organisation have produced a book for children to help them understand the virus and how we're dealing with it. It's called 'My Hero is You' and you download it from the website below.

<https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/09-04-2020-children-s-story-book-released-to-help-children-and-young-people-cope-with-covid-19>

### **BBC Bitesize**

The BBC is offering additional home learning support through their Bitesize service, as well as additional radio and television programmes which may be of interest to you. The school Learning Pack should be your first priority but we would encourage families to explore a wide range of learning resources for your own curiosity.

### **School Meal Provision**

The weekly hamper for Free School Meal children will continue for collection from Midday on Mondays. Please remember to return the red box when collecting your next hamper. In order to support families in receipt of pupil premium, the school's catering service will no longer be offering a daily meal to key worker children. All children who come into school will need to bring their own packed lunch with them. Children who would normally be in receipt of free school meals should bring in their lunch made from the ingredients in their home hamper.

### **Department for Education Coronavirus helpline**

Guidance is available from the Department for Education to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. The helpline details are as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687 Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours are 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>