

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Newsletter - Spring Term 2020

Friday 3rd April 2020 No: 025

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



Prayer of the week – written by Evan

Dear God,

Thank you for all the adults that help us to learn amazing things.

Amen

Latest Updates

Please note we will be continuing with a weekly Newsletter until further notice. We will use this format to communicate changes in school provision and/or Government expectation as the need arises. If you are not already registered to receive the Newsletter by email and wish to do so, please email the school with your details. The Newsletter is always available from the school website.

Suffolk County Council

Suffolk County Council have asked schools to share the following link. The Children's Commissioner has produced a child friendly document for pupils. Please let the school know if you require a printed version. [Read the Children's Commissioner children's guide to Coronavirus](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/cco-childrens-guide-to-coronavirus.pdf)
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School Provision to Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

We will open Cavendish CofE Primary School over the Easter holiday period for children of Key Workers and as previously detailed. The school will be open from 8.30am-3.15pm each week day (including Good Friday and Easter Monday but NOT weekends). Please contact the school - if you have not already done so - to request a place (and confirm which days and times if you are a shift worker, or as soon as you know your shifts) as this will help us to manage our own staff teams. Government guidance is still that, where possible, children should be educated and cared for at home. Children who need to come to school during the Easter holiday period do not need to wear school uniform and should come with clothes suitable for a range of activities, including outside learning. Children will need to bring a packed lunch as there will be no school catering service during this two week period.

Please send your child with wellington boots, trainers and wearing clothes which can get muddy.

Working at home

Once again one of the nicest parts of our week has been the feedback from families about the children's learning and how they are keeping busy. We have watched Isla and Isaac's health video, found Ted's 3d church model in our returned work box, read Benjamin's Greek display, seen Teddy home photos and admired Colby's home made cross, beautifully adorned with Spring flowers.

Mrs Stone, George and Ellie share: "We mark the end of the "school" day learning time at 3pm. We stop and say the school prayer together. Then we can carry on with our outside and relaxation activities. It works really well for us, and we thought you might like to try it too."

Many families have now collected the second home working pack. As stated below, this is for the time period 20th April to 1st May. Please continue with reading, times tables and spellings over the conventional Easter holiday period.

Please note that a box will be available each day outside of the school for you to return completed packs which should be returned by Monday 20th April at the very latest. Learning packs for the fortnight of Monday 20th April to Friday 1st May have been compiled and will be ready for collection from Monday 30th March. You may prefer to come and collect your pack in advance so it is safely in your house and you have the flexibility of managing the learning over a longer period. Please telephone or email the school on

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the day you intend to collect your pack and we will put your named pack outside the school for collection. If wet, please call at reception. Currently government guidance for isolation is scheduled for 3 weeks. Whilst the second learning packs fall outside the remit of this time frame, they have been prepared in advance whilst staffing allocation allows. Should the situation change and the school reopen before 1st May, children will bring their learning packs into school to complete as these follow the summer term topic lessons.

It is our firm expectation that children complete **every activity** within the learning pack as each learning pack builds on previous knowledge. Please telephone or email the school for support, rather than leave sections incomplete. Additionally, it is important that when the children do return together, that no child has become significantly behind through not following the home working plan. We really appreciate the parental support and time which has been given to the children.

Community Village Support

It was super to see how many families from the school (past and present) have become key volunteers in supporting village residents at this time.

Week two of staying at Home – from Parent Governor Sarah Bowles

Hello Everyone. Hope you're all doing well and staying healthy. Week two of staying at home has nearly come to an end. We are managing to get out every day for our 1 hour of exercise. On our walks, we have seen the lambs in the field on Water Lane and the horses at Blacklands farm. Our neighbour has also been looking after a lamb in their house for a farmer friend of theirs, so our garden time has been accompanied by the bleats of Ferdinand the lamb. We've been on the trampoline every day too. Daniel and Jessica enjoy this more than myself. I'm working three days a week, so Daniel does his home schooling with Mr Bowles. Maths and English are done first to get them out of the way, then we do the fun things, like cooking, PE and science. This week science has consisted of making a rat trap and erupting a volcano. Hope you're all enjoying the extra time together. Have a wonderful Easter.

RSC - Shakespeare

Just in case you are missing out on your Shakespeare, please see the links below. We understand that the Royal Shakespeare Company will be broadcasting performances to support us in developing our cultural appreciation.

Shakespeare Learning Zone: <https://www.rsc.org.uk/shakespeare-learning-zone/>

This is the link for the Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet video

workshops: <https://www.rsc.org.uk/education/teacher-resources/scenes-in-rehearsal-and-performance/shakespeare-unlocked>

School Nursing Service Information

The following has been received from the School Nursing Team for parents and carers:

In light of the current situation we would just like to send out details of how the school nursing service can be contacted during school closures.

Contact our Health Business Centre on 0345 607 6688

Text a school nurse on our texting service ChatHealth on 07507 333356

Visit our website for more information on what the School Nursing service offers. It also has lots of useful information and advice on children and adolescent's physical and mental health for parents to access.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/index.php/children-families-and-learning/childrens-health/school-nursing/>

Calendar changes

As you may have anticipated the following events have been cancelled or postponed:

Kingswood – currently rescheduled to June 30th/July 1st, further information to follow

Volunteers' Safeguarding training – postponed

Stour Valley Induction Evening – Year 6 transfer

We have been advised that the Induction Evening planned for Thursday 23rd April will not go ahead. Stour Valley will provide further details in due course.

Dinner Money

The end of term credit/debits for school dinners will be carried forward to next term.

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

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

Reading and Relaxation

The Goosebumps Series

Reviewed by Keaton, Saturn Class

I think the Goosebumps series are good to read because they are really good fun. The writing makes me see pictures in my head of the characters. I think they need an age restriction though of about 7+.



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School Term and Holiday dates 2019/2020

Autumn Term

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| 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

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| 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

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



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Autumn Term

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| PD Day | Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September |
| Children Start | Thursday 3 September |
| Half term | Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October |
| Last day | Thursday 17 December |
| PD Day | Friday 18 December |

Spring Term

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| PD Day | Monday 4 January |
| Children Start | Tuesday 5 January |
| Half term | Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February |
| Last day | Friday 26 March |

Summer Term

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| PD Day | Monday 12 April |
| Children Start | Tuesday 13 April |
| Half term | Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June |
| Last day | Tuesday 20 July |