

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Newsletter - Summer Term 2020

Friday 15th May 2020 No: 031

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



Prayer of the week – by Ava

Dear God,

*I am really happy that you have made all of the animals around the world
and I am happy because you listen to me.*

Amen

Plans for increased school opening

As part of the government request for schools to prepare to provide on-site provision for a wider number of pupils (once the five key safety measures are met), we are currently applying national guidance and expectations to the planning for our own setting, to ensure that the safety and well-being of both children and staff remains paramount.

A key part of the strategy is to manage numbers safely within each setting. The children of key workers and identified children remain the government's top priority for on-site provision and the ability of the school to manage numbers safely may mean a flexible timetable will be required.

Therefore is essential that we have accurate numbers for take up of provision of key worker requirements from June 1st onwards (second half term of the summer term). Please send confirmation of your requirements from June onwards by Thursday 21st May, by either telephone or email. This will help us in planning for this future provision.

The school will continue to provide Key Worker provision for the summer half term week (25th -29th May), including the Bank Holiday Monday. Please confirm your requirements for this week in the usual way.

Once we have key worker number confirmation, we will be writing again to all families to share our planned approach, subject to further government expectations.

We are pleased we have been able to remain open and provide a continuous provision for Key Workers since March and will continue with the same rigorous standard of safety and care as we welcome more children. I am sure you would like to join me in thanking the staff for their commitment.

Home Learning

We are pleased to hear about extra-curricular learning this week. Charlotte and Oliver exercising with a pony, Benjamin and Maggie painting Van Gogh's poppy fields, and Ethan's Viking Long Boat which has arrived at school.

Learning Pack 4

This pack is now available for collection for learning to commence the week beginning Monday, 18th May and the week beginning Monday 1st June. Please note that half term is scheduled for the week beginning Monday 25th May, and it is really important the children have this week as relaxation and rest with their families. We are currently working on the risk assessments to accompany a wider school offer, but as with the current provision for key worker children, any child attending school the week beginning Monday, 1st June will be required to bring their Learning Pack with them on days of attendance.

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.

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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

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

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

Wellbeing Relaxation

As part of your wellbeing this week, you might like to look at the following link below. Shimpling Park Farm is locally based and farms in some of the fields around Cavendish.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TpPrSUTTnQ>

Reading and Relaxation

'Tom Gates What Monster?' by Liz Pichon

Reviewed by Joe, Saturn Class

This book is about the life of Tom Gates a 10 year old boy who lives with his mum, dad & older sister, who thinks she is really cool (she's not)! The book reads as if Tom is telling the story and there are cartoons and funny pictures in the book too. In this book Tom gets a part in the school play as a monster and he also gets a surprise present which is to go to a rock concert.

I think this book is really funny and Tom sometimes reminds me of myself.

Liz Pichon is my favourite author and if you think you don't like reading I think you will change your mind after reading this.

This book is for children age 5-12