

# Cavendish Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter - Spring Term 2020

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 No: 023

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



*Prayer of the week – written by Myla*

*Dear God, thank you for all the leaves on the trees that help us to survive.*

*Also we thank you for lots of peaceful wildlife.*

*The whole WORLD appreciate the swishing grass that makes the floor soft,  
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.

### Key Worker School Offer

As has already been stated, we remain committed to providing support for children from families who have identified as Key Workers. We have had several queries regarding provision to cover part time working and/or increased need on part time workers to work flexible hours in the forthcoming weeks. We wish for our commitment to learning to be as supportive as possible within the parameters of safe practice from the Department for Education, and within our own local arrangements, eg: child/teacher ratios.

- Children of Key Workers who are full time should attend school as normal.
- Children of Key Workers who are part time and on fixed hours, need to decide as a family whether the children will attend each day or just on days where the Key Worker is employed. Once this decision has been made, it is essential it is communicated to the school in writing so we can best plan our provision.
- Children of Key Workers who are part time and may be required to work additional hours. The family should decide whether the child is to attend school each day or just days where the Key Worker is employed. The school would appreciate knowing on a weekly basis which days are scheduled for the child to attend school and, at the latest, within 24 hours of any change of working pattern.

Please note that this is not a 'drop-in' service but part of the school's civic duty and pastoral care to families. Any child who attends school will be expected to attend for the whole school day.

We will continue to offer 'Wake and Shake' each morning at 8.30am for Key Worker children but will be unable to accommodate after school clubs. Children who attend the paid-for early sports club will still be able to access this service until the end of term or as otherwise advised.

Thank you to Key Workers for the services they provide in the community and for working with us to share working patterns so the school can provide the best support.

We are aware that there has been some discussion about coverage during the traditional Easter holiday period, and will contact you before the end of term once schools are in receipt of more details from the Government about this provision.

It is **ESSENTIAL** that your child brings their own learning pack in to school each day they are with us, as all children are following the same work in their year groups whether they are in school or at home.

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### **Children's Home Learning Pack**

The vast majority of children have taken their learning pack home with them at the end of school today. Thank you to those families who have already arranged for friends to collect learning packs on their behalf. If you have not yet arranged collection for your child's pack, this needs to be done as soon as possible as the work within the pack is scheduled to start from Monday. Whilst we would not expect any ill child to continue with their learning just as we would not expect them to come to school, we do expect children who are self-isolating to continue with their learning as this is a lifelong commitment. Staff will be at the school within the usual school hours. We would appreciate contact in advance by email or telephone of your arrival or of the name of the person collecting on your behalf. Should you find yourself in a position of being unable to come to school at all, please telephone the school.

### **Calendar changes**

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

Year 6 – Crucial Crew – 24<sup>th</sup> March

Saturn Class Play – 'Fleeced' – 9.30am 25<sup>th</sup> March

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

Volunteers' Safeguarding training - postponed

### **Celebration Assembly & Headteacher Awards**

Headteacher awards this week were given to Mars Class – Elizabeth; Jupiter Class – Oliver; Saturn Class – Joe; Neptune Class – William.

### **Jupiter Class Visit to an Organic Farm**

*Oliver writes – On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March we visited Mrs Samway's farm because in our peaceful Topic we are learning about weather and in Science we are learning about plants. We found out about the crops that grow in the UK and the crops that don't grow in the UK. We looked at what farmers do in each season. Farmers harvest in summer, in spring farmers are weeding. We went onto a field growing beans for pigs. After that we walked to a clover field, what a big field that is! After lunch I ran down the footpath by the humungous field!*

### **Neptune Class Visit to Clare Country Park**

*William writes - We walked from our school to Clare County Park to find out about its heritage and the changing use of landscape over time. We learnt a lot about various subjects! We learnt about fire rules and whittling in a different way to Forest School. We used flint and sticks like cavemen. We learnt a song, Little Brown Jug. We sketched things we had seen in the park and on our walk. We drew the motte from above in medieval times. We also learnt a lot about its history. It was first a settlement and the inner bailey is where everyone lived and the motte was a watchtower. Later on Elizabeth de Burgh took over. The railway used to go through Clare and carry all the materials and sugar beet and wool.*

### **Sport Relief Sponsor Money**

Sponsor money can still be dropped off at school next week.

### **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](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

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

### **Stour Valley Induction Evening – Year 6 transfer**

We have been advised that the Induction Evening planned for Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April will not go ahead. Stour Valley advise that further details will follow in due course.

## **Reading and Relaxation**

### **The Cat in the Hat – by Dr Seuss**

Reviewed by Joshua B – Neptune class

This book is about a boy and a girl who have nothing to do on a boring rainy day. Then the Cat in the Hat appears and does some cool tricks. He shows the troublemakers, Thing 1 and Thing 2. My favourite quote is 'In this box there are 2 things, I will show them to you now. I will pick up the hook. You will see something new. Two things and I call them Thing 1 and Thing 2.'

Mars Class – We have been learning our numbers in order. If you stand at the front of the line, you are first - Henry

Jupiter Class – In Jupiter's Topic we are learning about weather around the world. In Science we are learning about plants and how they grow. We have made our own sunflower and we are going to see what will happen if we add water or sunlight or both. In Maths we are learning time. Year 2 is doing 5 minutes and Year 1 are doing o'clock and half past - Emma

Saturn Class – I am looking forward to the Easter Egg hunt. I enjoyed PCSO Jessica's safety learning talk. In Topic we are learning about the Greek Philosophers - Dan

Neptune Class – We have been designing shields for the Clare Country Park and we have been doing fractions in Maths and in PSHE we have been writing a letter to the Policewoman and the Clare Country Park people, because we really enjoyed our day. – Matilda When the Policewoman came she talked about cyberbullying, online safety and age limits on apps. During that time she also told us what would happen if we let anything out on the internet. She also told us to never talk to strangers online. It was very interesting. - Shannon



## **Cavendish Church of England Primary School**

### **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



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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**

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**

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