

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Newsletter - Summer Term 2020

Friday 24th April 2020 No: 028

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



Prayer of the week – by Maggie

Dear God,

*Thank you for the people that read with us because,
if you get in trouble with a word, they will help you.*

Amen



Home Learning

This week we have seen some lovely art installations (see above by Paige), some more cooking photos and we have been sent a T-shirt design by Mason and a Cavendish booklet by Teddy. James has sent a photograph of his Viking Long Ship which he made at home. Logan is supporting the 'shout out' on TV!

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.

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.

Working at home

Thank you to the vast majority of people who have returned Pack 1. Feedback for Pack 1 has been included in Pack 3 where possible. Children with guided reading books at home should also return the key text along with their pack in Pack 2. Neptune class children have a book for writing in. When returning Pack 2, please cut out and send in any pages you have used, for marking, but keep the rest of the unused book ready for your Pack 3 work.

Pack 3 collection – Learning Pack 3 will be available for collection from Monday 27th April. Please note this Learning Pack is for the time period 4th to 18th May. We are offering an earlier collection date to enable families to stagger the collection times and so support social distancing. Please telephone or email the school before you come up so we can put your child's Learning Pack on the table outside. Once again, the basket is outside of the school for collections.

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We would like to pass on the following which we hope you will find helpful. Learning Pack 1 was a revision pack which was a consolidation of children's prior learning in school. Learning Pack 2 starts the Summer Term's topic and therefore is new learning. With these packs we ask that children try their hardest and have a go at every activity, however, there is not the same level of expectation as for Pack 1. We are aware that the Learning Packs look weighty as we have included supporting resources so there is not an over-reliance on using computers. We appreciate the level of support you are giving your children at home, however, if you feel your child is having difficulty with their learning or if you have any questions, please phone the school and a teacher will be able to provide appropriate support.

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.

Free School Meal Provision

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals (through Pupil Premium, not Universal Free School Meals in Years R, 1 and 2), you will have received a phone call from the school this week. We can now confirm that the weekly hamper will be available for collection from Midday on Mondays, starting Monday 27th April.

Key Worker Children School Meal Provision

Please note that 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 (as detailed above).

Week five of staying at Home – Mrs King, School Governor

To quote the media, these are, indeed, unprecedented times and we are all having to find ways of coping with new, and not always desirable, situations (queuing at the supermarket to name just one). A friend sent me a message the other day reciting the words of a song that was going round in her head – 'I'm busy doing nothing, nothing the whole day through, trying to find lots of things not to do'. She stated she had done all the things in the house she wanted to do and was actively talking herself out of doing the others. A lively, articulate, ten year old in the nearby village where I live made very similar comments about his school pack during our 'socially distant' conversation earlier in the week! Maybe now is the time to draw on our resources of routine, self-discipline and a positive work ethic to get us through these trying times. Like many people I am lucky enough to be spending time in our garden and just before lockdown I became the excited recipient of a 'vegtrug'. My dad, a retired farmer, cannot quite comprehend how my few radishes, lettuces, spring onions and strawberries are going to provide sustenance through the coming summer months, but I am satisfied with nurturing and watching my small number of seedlings grow each day!

I am missing my colleagues and the children at school very much. I wonder how they are getting on and look forward to the time when I shall see all their smiling, welcoming faces in school again.

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>

Reading and Relaxation

The Slime Squad vs The Toxic Teeth – by Steve Cole

Reviewed by Harley – Saturn Class

I suggest this book to you because it has action, good guys, bad guys and a resolution.

There is a lady called Countess Kiss and her 'sidekicks' are the 'Gruesome Gobs'. They all work together to stop The Slime Squad. The age group is for 7+. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.