

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Newsletter - Spring Term 2020

Friday 24th January 2020 No: 016

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



Celebration Assembly & Headteacher Awards

Headteacher awards this week were given to Mars Class – Barnaby; Jupiter Class – Phoebe; Saturn Class – Charlotte; Neptune Class – Freddie.

Chinese New Year – Thursday 23rd January

Matilda C writes - *Today it is Chinese New Year and it is the year of the rat. We told the story of the Chinese Zodiac race. In the race, they come up to the river and have to swim across it. In Diwali the monkeys come to a river but they have to cross it. We tried egg-fried rice, and this can be compared to Easter because at Easter you celebrate with chocolate eggs. We learnt how to say 1-10 in Chinese. We did dancing and we all danced under the Chinese Lion.*

Pupil Progress

We are changing the way we share information with families about their child's learning and progress in the Spring Term. Each year group will be invited to attend a workshop led by the class teacher. At the end of the workshop written feedback for your child will be available along with their books. Please see letter in your child's book bag for further details.

Homework and Home Support for Learning

Can we please remind parents of the importance of supporting children's learning at home. It is essential that reading, spelling and times tables are completed on a daily basis to ensure that skills and knowledge are committed to long term memory. Naturally, this work is differentiated according to your child's age and ability and may range from tricky word sounds and phonic blends, up to extended chapter reading of classic novels. All statutory spellings and grammar terms are available at the back of your child's planner; please use these to support home learning. The planner also contains relevant information about mathematical knowledge and content and all families have access to online MyMaths which contains many tutorials and practice sessions. Ten or fifteen minutes a day is enough to make a significant difference and will really impact on your child's learning. It is one of the best supports you can offer as a parent and is more powerful than one long session at the weekend. Thank you to those families who are already committed to this daily learning slot. The impact is evident in the classroom.

With research homeworks children are always able to attend lost learning sessions, in advance of the hand in date, to use school computers and printers, if you are unable to support this at home. We would prefer this rather than information being sent in on a stick, to avoid compromise to our security systems – Many thanks

The Big Birdwatch – Monday 27th January

We will be taking part in the national Big Birdwatch study. Children will use the school grounds for their observations. We will then be visiting Devonshire House for a joint observation in the afternoon. You can also participate in the Big Birdwatch as a family, please check the online information.

Interschool Athletics Tournament – 30th January

Neptune class will be participating in the interschool athletics tournament at Thomas Gainsborough School.

Saturn Class Visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge – 6th February

To support their class learning about ancient Greek culture, Saturn class will be visiting the Fitzwilliam Museum to study the Ancient Greek galleries. A separate letter has been sent with further details.

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Candlemas Service – 31st January 2020 at 2.15pm

We invite you to join us in our Candlemas Service at St Mary's Church. Children will be exploring the customs associated with this service and comparing Jesus's presentation to the Temple with Christian celebrations for new members today.

For Information

Please be advised that funerals are being held at St Mary's Church next week in the afternoon on 29th and 30th January. Parking may be restricted at school pick up time.

Mars Class – We celebrated Chinese New Year. I liked being part of the dragon - Phoebe

Jupiter Class – This week in PSHE we have been learning the Green Cross Code. In maths we are doing times tables. - Quinn

Saturn Class – In English we have been learning about the Spartans. In Maths we have been times tabling and scaling. My favourite part of the week was my clubs. I am really looking forward to doing my football match - Sam

Neptune Class – This week we have been learning about adding and subtracting fractions. In Science we have dissected a flower to find out about all its key parts and I really enjoyed it. In English we are learning about Gelert and in Dance we are practising to act like we are in the city. – Shannon

Dates for your Diary

January

27th Big Birdwatch
30th Interschool Athletics Tournament
31st Candlemas Service at St Mary's Church, 2.15pm

February

6th Saturn Class visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
6th Year 6 KS2 SATs workshop and feedback, 3.30pm
11th Safer Internet Day
13th Year 2 KS1 SATs workshop and feedback, 3.30pm
17th – 21st Half Term
24th Children return
27th Interschool Basketball Tournament
27th Year 1 Phonics workshop and feedback, 3.30pm

March

4th Year 4 Multiplication check workshop and feedback, 3.30pm
10th Year 5 workshop and feedback, 3.30pm
12th Year 3 workshop and feedback, 3.30pm
19th Reception class EYFS workshop and feedback, 3.30pm

School Term and Holiday dates follow on the next page



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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