

# Cavendish Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter - Spring Term 2020

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020 No: 027

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



*Prayer of the week – written by Lexi*

*Dear God,*

*We thank you for the adults and teachers in our school.*

*The teachers are always helping us with our learning.*

*The teachers aren't always here to teach us,  
they also are here for us if we are sad.*

*Please help the teachers to be happy as well as us.*

*We thank you that they are always kind wherever they are.*

*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.

### **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**

For those of you who still have your first pack, the last date for return to school is 20<sup>th</sup> April to enable teachers to review the children's learning. Teachers will require a prompt return of each learning pack in order to ensure future learning packs are tailored to children's individual needs whether at home or in school. 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.

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.

### **Free School Meals**

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals (through Pupil Premium, not Universal Free School Meals in Years , 1 and 2), please contact the school to discuss arrangements for term time provision of lunches from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Children of key workers who will be attending school from Tuesday should note that although school is open on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, a lunch provision will be available from Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

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### **A letter from Bishops of Suffolk, Martin and Mike**

A letter has been received at school this week, written to the Children of Suffolk and will be sent to families to share, by separate email.

### **Week four of staying at Home – from Mrs Samways, School Governor**

*We are blessed with more gorgeous weather for week 4 of our surreal life at home only, including a lovely rain for the farm crops and the garden. We have taken full advantage of this and spent a great deal of time in the garden. With extra time on our hands I don't think we have ever been so organised with our vegetable patch, the children have planted potatoes, tomatoes, several varieties of beans, sweetcorn, butternut squash, courgette, leeks and herbs. Archie is, as usual, in charge of the lawn cutting too! Indoors the challenge of the week has been jigsaws (must go and get my eyes tested when lockdown is lifted). We hope you are all well and refreshed for next week's next work pack.'*

### **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 is 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 30<sup>th</sup>/July 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April will not go ahead. Stour Valley will provide further details in due course.

### **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.

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

### **Reading and Relaxation**

#### **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K. Rowling**

Reviewed by Ellie – Saturn Class

Harry Potter writes his essay in the summer holidays. People arrive at Harry's house and he gets his memory taken away by a Dementor. Harry arrives at Hogwarts Castle where he has lots of fun.

My favourite characters are Harry Potter, Hermione Granger and Ronald Weasley. Harry is a schoolboy wizard and he is very brave. Harry's arch enemy is Draco Malfoy.

This is indeed a very un-put-down-able book. I think this is an interesting and mysterious series. My favourite part was when Harry went into the Night Bus. There are absolutely 100% no weak parts in these books!