

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Newsletter - Autumn Term 2020

Friday 4th September 2020 No: 001

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



Prayer of the week – by Lewis

Dear God

We thank you for all the food you give us

And the help we receive.

Thank you for the friends and family we have

And all the fun we have together.

Amen

Dear families and children

It was so lovely to see the enthusiasm and energy the children have shown on their return to school this week. Everybody looked extremely smart so thank you so much for your attention to new uniforms. (Please do make sure these are named as any item sent to lost property will need to remain there for at least 72 hours before it can be released.) We were especially pleased with the children's mature and sensible response to hand washing and social distancing measures.

House Captains

Our House Captain role is traditionally given to the oldest child in each house and provides an excellent opportunity for these children to become young leaders and to be living examples of our school vision statement by showing compassion and taking a creative approach when responding to challenge. Our House Captains for this year are:

Polar Bears – Joshua

Huskies – Ethan

Dolphins – Sam

Sharks – William

Newsletter by email

As this is the first week back after a long break for many families, we are sending the Newsletter in hard copy format this week. However, as an Eco-Silver School, we will send the weekly Newsletter by email and a copy is added to the Website, with a hard printed copy available in the Noticeboard by the main gate. Many families prefer to have the Newsletter sent directly to their email. If you are not already on our email list, please email admin@cavendish.suffolk.sch.uk to be added to our distribution list.

School Planners

This year, to minimise the movement between school and home settings, planners are to be used as a home resource. We would encourage children in Key Stage 2 to use these as a homework organiser as well as a support resource for learning. Key information including statutory spelling lists, grammar glossary, times table squares and supporting information for maths and science are included in your planner along with the school's privacy notice.

Data Collection Sheets, Permission Forms and Home School Agreement

These will be sent out next week and will include any consent permissions which are usually gathered from the school planner. As we require hard copy signatures, these will be sent out in paper format and we would appreciate your time in reading carefully for a prompt return as, until these are received, your child may not participate in certain activities requiring consent.

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School Meal Provision

The new menu has now been made available by our providers and is available on the following link: <http://www.eats-catering.co.uk/menus/> A copy of the new menu will be sent home in bookbags. The Menu for Monday is:

Margherita Pizza or Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese or Cheese Pack-Up
Strawberry Whip and Shortbread or Fresh Fruit Salad

Snack Time

We have been advised that the Government fruit and vegetable scheme for Reception and Key Stage 1 will recommence and we are working with our suppliers to ensure delivery as soon as possible. You may wish to bring in an additional snack for your child next and we will confirm once school supplies are re-established.

Government Advice

We have been asked to signpost parents to updated information about how to order a Covid-19 test and also includes the link for stay at home guidance, should this be necessary.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Free School Meals

We are aware that many families have been affected financially through changes to working patterns during the pandemic. If your circumstances at home have changed and you feel you may now be eligible, please see the information below to check if your child is eligible. If you are able to apply online, you will receive an immediate response or please call 0345 606 6067 for advice.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit but **no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work fewer hours per week
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month), as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).



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School Term and Holiday dates 2020/2021

Autumn Term

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