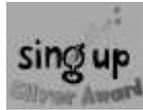


# Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Newsletter - Autumn Term 2020

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 - No: 013

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



Welcome to the last Newsletter for this term. I would like to say a big thank you to children, staff and families for working together under this term's Covid-19 criteria. On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Please note the school closes at **2.00pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020** - Miss Wass

Prayer of the week –

Dear Lord,

We hope that everyone can have a Happy Christmas this year  
and be able to share it with a loved one.

We also hope (although this year has been tough)  
that we can all get together in the end.

Amen

## Headteacher Awards

Headteacher awards this week were given to Phoenix - Mars Class; Barnaby – Jupiter Class; Daniel – Saturn Class; Joshua - Neptune Class.

## 'It's a Nativity'

Max writes – On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December Saturn class went to see Mars and Jupiter perform the Nativity. It was 30 minutes long. The play was about Angel Gabriel. He was covered in gold and went to see Mary. She was going to have a baby. My favourite bit was when the visitors went to the inn but the inn keepers said 'No' and my sister was a very good visitor.

Beau writes – My favourite part was when the three wise men travelled to see Mary, Joseph and Jesus. The most important parts are when Jesus was born and when the Angel Gabriel told Mary that she was going to have a baby. Their songs and singing was so good, I just wanted to jump out of my seat and join in. They all looked fabulous.

We will be sharing a photograph with each family and a montage will be available next week on the school website for children who have the relevant permissions.

## Open the Book Outdoor Nativity

It was lovely to be able to welcome members of the Open the Book team back in to the school grounds for our outdoor, socially distanced, Nativity. We would like to thank the Open the Book team for their flexibility in ensuring this could be offered to children whilst maintaining our Covid-19 risk assessment criteria.

## Kingswood Residential Refunds

As the insurance claim and refund monies are close to completion, families who had committed to this residential should now be in receipt of monies returned.

## Flu Immunisation

As planned, the Flu Immunisation programme has now taken place. If your child missed their flu vaccination and you wish to book a clinic appointment for a nasal vaccine please visit <https://immunisation-EOE.NHS.UK> For any queries or further help please contact the community and school age immunisation service on 0300 555 5055.

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## **PTFA**

A big thank you to the PTFA for all their support for our Christmas events and activities. We appreciate the time and effort that is involved behind the scenes in supporting the school.

## **Tuition and clubs**

Tuition and clubs have now finished for the term.

## **Post-box for Christmas Cards**

The post box is now closed and no more Christmas cards can be brought in to school for distribution. Children will receive their cards on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December to go home in book bags. Please note cards may not be opened in school.

## **Devonshire House**

Throughout the pandemic we have continued to maintain our links with Devonshire House, even though we are unable to visit. Every child in school has contributed towards a home-made Christmas card for each resident. We look forward to returning when this is possible.

## **School Christmas Lunch – 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Thank you for returning school Christmas Lunch orders. The ordering service is now closed. Please remember that **any child who has not returned a slip will be unable to have Christmas Lunch and will need to bring a packed lunch from home** as there will be no jacket potato or pack-up option on this day.

## **PTFA Treasure Hunt**

As we are unable to have an Advent Fair this year the PTFA have organised a Christmas Treasure Hunt for each class bubble. Children will need to find a selection of items in the school grounds.

## **Christmas Parties – 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Key Stage Christmas Parties will take place in the afternoon. As with previous years, we will be asking for donations of 50p attached to the class slips which will be sent out later on. This covers the cost of party food and prizes and should be returned to the class teacher. Children can attend school in their party clothes will day, but must have appropriate footwear and a warm coat for outside play. Jewellery and make-up should not be worn.

## **Last Day of Term – 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Sadly we will be unable to have our end of term service in Church with families. We will be holding a service in school with children to continue this tradition. Please note that the school will close at 2.00pm, once the service finishes.

## **Forest School**

Year 6 Forest School session has now finished for this term. Forest School for Year 4 will start in the Spring Term **on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January**. Children should come in to school in their Forest School clothes and wear these all day. Children will need to bring, but not wear, their wellington boots to school. School will provide waterproof trousers and coats as usual but, due to the weather you may wish to send your child in with gloves/a hat.

## **Free School Meal Vouchers**

All families eligible for additional support over the Christmas Holidays have now been contacted and are reminded to check their email.

## **Department for Education Covid-19 Arrangements Over the Christmas Holidays**

The Department for Education recommends all schools ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Families are asked to contact the school by email only as this is the only means of remote communication during this period.

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Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Further information is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

### Headlice

We have had a case of head lice reported to us. Could you please check your child's hair today for any signs and treat accordingly. Thank you

### Admission to Primary School 2021-2022

For Parents and Carers of pre-school children who were born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 - Applications for a full-time school place for September 2021 must be received by the Admissions Team by the closing date of **Friday 15 January 2021**. Parents and Carers should apply for a school place online at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions). Only those who are unable to apply online should complete and return a paper CAF1 application form which is available to download from [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions) or by contacting the team on 0345 600 0981.

Further information is available on the School Admissions website at [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions) including information about the School Travel Policy and some School Travel Scenarios; Information on how to apply for a school place, including the steps to follow and what to do if you have any queries. This information can also be found in the Admissions to Schools in Suffolk 2021/2022 guide on the website which can also be downloaded; details of all primary (including infant, junior and middle) schools and how places are offered when a school gets too many applications.



### PTFA News

*Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Christmas Raffle Fundraiser. The draw took place this morning at drop off in the presence of Mrs Byford, using a random number generator.*

*The lucky winners are Richard Batchelor (Child's hamper), Paul Street (Adult hamper) and Elsa Bowen (Food hamper).*

*We are delighted to say that we have raised a fantastic £430 for the school from ticket sales!*

*Merry Christmas from the PTFA!*

Mars Class – For our Nativity, we told the story when Jesus was born. I was a star. - Molly

Jupiter Class – I had fun doing art with Mrs Ling. We made stables with baby Jesus in a Manger. Half the stable was yellow and it had a star on top of it. Inside there were shepherds with baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph and a donkey. There were lots of angels too. - James

Saturn Class – This week Saturn class went to watch the Nativity acted by Mars and Jupiter. We celebrate this because it is the story of Jesus' birth - Myla

Neptune Class – This week we have been making Christmas cards in art and they have candles with holly on them. We've also been talking about Christmas ideas and activities we can do at school in our classes. We'll have lots of fun next week doing festive activities - Millie

Dates for your diary follow on the next page.

Dates for your diary:

*The following is for your information but may be subject to change following national guidelines.*

**December**

14<sup>th</sup> Christmas cards sent home  
14<sup>th</sup> Christmas treasure hunt (in bubbles)  
15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch  
16<sup>th</sup> Christmas class parties  
17<sup>th</sup> Key Stage/Class bubble Christmas worship  
17<sup>th</sup> Last day of term. Fish and chip lunch.  
**School closes at 2.00pm**

January

4<sup>th</sup> PD Day  
5<sup>th</sup> Children return

School term dates follow on the next page.



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

### **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