



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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Prayer of the week - Tom F**

Dear God,  
We thank you for all the people that help us  
get back up event in the toughest of times  
and all the parents and carers  
that provide for us

AMEN

From all the staff at Cavendish Church of England Primary School, we would like to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024.



If you have not already done so, please head over to Instagram. Please follow us at **Cavendishcofe\_school\_suffolk** for the latest updates and snapshots of what is happening in school.

### **Headteacher Awards**

**Mars: Ted**

**Jupiter: Jensen**

**Saturn: Henry**

**Neptune: Sienna**

### **Pupil Voice: "Our class news"**

**Mars:** I enjoyed the party, I liked drop the candy cane game. For Fresh Air Friday we looked for Elvis the Elf, and found him! - Rosie

**Jupiter:** We had a Christmas party, we played games and had snacks. We also visited the Christmas Tree festival and I loved seeing the pretty trees. - Amelie

**Saturn:** This week we have been preparing for the end of term, we had the Christmas party yesterday - Phoebe

**Neptune:** This week we have done a lot of fun things, such as Christmas party and going to Devonshire House and sing carols to residents. In Neptune we have been learning about the poet Benjamin Zephaniah, who sadly died. The poems we looked at were The British and Talking Turkey, Talking Turkey is about not eating Turkey at Christmas. – Sienna

### **End of Term Church Service, 9 Lesson and Carols – 20<sup>th</sup> December 1.15pm**

Please join us for the end of term church service and carols on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15pm. School will finish after the service at approx 2pm. Please collect or arrange collection for your child/ren from the Church.

### Collection of wellies

If you would like to collect your child's wellies for the Christmas holidays, please do so at the end of day collection on Monday afternoon.

### School Book Fair

The book fair was a huge success, thank you to all parents / carers and school staff who supported this event. We hope you and your children enjoy the books purchased.

### School Menu Change – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Menu change next Wednesday

Fish and Chip or Ham Roll pack up or Jacket potato with cheese and/or beans.

### Christmas week at Cavendish

The week has been filled with activities and local visits. All children were able to visit the Christmas Tree Festival this week. It was wonderful to see how the community have contributed to this event. Well done and thank you to Miss Ling and all the organisers of this event.



Children from KS2 really enjoyed singing carols with the residents of Devonshire House this week, all children in school made Christmas cards to give to all residents and staff. We look forward to visits continuing in 2024.

The class Christmas parties were enjoyed by all with games, snacks and quizzes. Thank you from all the children to the PTFA from their presents and to all the staff for preparing the quizzes, games and party food.



### Christmas Card Post Box

Christmas cards will be handed out to children on Monday afternoon, post box closes on Monday morning

### Our Healthy School Status

Could we please ask families to ensure that children's snacks and drinks are age appropriate. As a healthy school we would prefer children **not to use Prime or other energy drink bottles**, even if the bottle itself is being reused with a non caffeine content.

### School Morning Registration

School registration is 8.45am, the gates and main door close at this time. If you are late please come with your child to the main door and buzz for access so your child can be signed in and lunch orders taken. Children that arrive after registration will be marked as late.

### PTFA News

It has been a busy few weeks preparing for the festive events, just the disco left to go on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Wreath making workshop which was held in the village hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December raised £233.75, thank you to all that attended.

Just a little reminder that raffle tickets / books need to be handed in no later than Monday to the school office or to Louise King, if you have books that are not wanted please also return these so they can be used for any future events.

We hope the children all enjoyed the activities that the PTFA have organised, craft session and a visit from the man in red, I know the children were very excited.

I just wanted to say a MASSIVE thank you to all members of the PTFA for helping out, a special thank you goes to Tracy Knight, Alice Iveson, Hannah Griffiths and Marianna for making the craft session possible, for Tracy and Alice for being the most glamorous elves and helping Santa give the gifts out, and finally to all the helpers that will make sure the disco runs smoothly on Monday.

Finally on behalf of myself, and the rest of the PTFA we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2024.

Louise King  
Chair of PTFA



#### Dates for your diary

- 18<sup>th</sup> December - PTFA All School Christmas Disco 5.30pm-7pm.
- 19<sup>th</sup> December - All school Christmas Lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup> December - End of term Nine Lessons and Carol Church Service 1.15pm, collection for church, school closes at 2pm

#### **School Term and Holiday dates 2023/2024**

##### **Autumn Term**

- PD Days Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September
- Children Start Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September
- Half term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
- Last day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

##### **Spring Term**

- PD Day Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- Children Start Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January
- Half term Monday 19 to Friday 23 February
- Last day Thursday 28 March

##### **Summer Term**

- PD Day Friday 12 April
- Children Start Monday 15 April
- Bank Holiday Monday 6 May
- PD Day Friday 24 May
- Half term Monday 27 May to Friday 2 June
- Last day Friday 19 July