

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Newsletter - Autumn Term 2021

Friday 30th September 2021 No: 004

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



Prayer of the week - Ellie

*Dear God, we thank our beautiful planet and the animals that live on it.
We hope that we can care for your planet and live up to your expectations.
We celebrate the icy cold weather that is coming up and we are
thankful for the good that we have and the harvest festival to celebrate.
Amen*

Headteacher Awards

Headteacher awards this week were given to Myles - Mars Class; Eddie – Jupiter Class, Joshua – Saturn Class, Charlotte - Neptune Class.

Parent-Teacher workshops

We have had a few enquiries from parents in Jupiter class and would like to clarify the following points.

Children's work - by adjusting our provision to one year group at a time, we would be able to offer parents and carers the opportunity to come on site and view their child's work for this academic year and to gain firsthand experience of the classroom and the class teacher. This was very much missed under previous levels of Covid -19 management, and so although this means running extra events, staff have been able to accommodate this.

Timings of sessions – Schools are still working within a framework of Covid -19 risk management. In order to enable parents and carers to have onsite access, these sessions must be finished in time for robust cleaning and sanitising of the rooms used. It is not therefore possible to offer a later session on site, or to add to the risk load by having children attending the session. We appreciate that it is impossible to please everybody with the timings of the sessions but class teachers are happy to speak to any family that are unable to attend at a later date by telephone appointment.

Workshop and presentation –we feel that it is really important that parents and carers have clarity about expectations for the year ahead in terms of both knowledge and skill development. We already have a wealth of information on our website to support understanding of progression; the workshop will enable parent to have information given directly by their child's class teacher and also to gain an understanding of national expectations through statutory assessment as outlined in our earlier letter. We used this model at our last parent's consultation and we had very positive feedback. The workshop format will enable class teachers to convey a significant amount of information whilst maintaining social distancing.

Individual feedback - Class teachers will have written a one page summary tailored to your child's specific progress and needs, and this will be available in the tray of their work. Should you wish to speak individually to your child's teacher after reviewing this and after the workshop, this will be possible as previously mentioned. In line with our privacy notice and GDPR compliance this will be confidential and take place in an adjacent room. As there will be significantly fewer parents in the building and the timings of each workshop may vary it is not possible to allocate a specific time slot. Please note that these sessions will still need to follow school Covid-19 risk management and will be time limited in a well ventilated space. You will be offered the use of hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the sessions. Please remember that class teachers can always be approached at any time to discuss pupils learning development. We are keen to continue sharing home-school diary liaison in line with our ethos and vision statement.

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Reception - 5th October 2021

Year 1 – 21st October 2021

Year 2 – 7th October 2021

Year 3 – 19th October 2021

Year 4 – 12th October 2021

Year 5 – 18th October 2021

Year 6 – 14th October 2021

The workshops will commence at 3.30pm.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival service will take place at St Marys Church at **2pm on 15th October**. Children will be dismissed from the church unless they have an afterschool club. We are supporting the Reach food bank and would like donations for the following items.

- Sponge pudding (non refrigerated)
- Sugar
- Custard
- Tinned Potatoes
- Coffee
- Chocolates / Sweets

These should be brought into school from the week beginning the 11th October 2021. Unless restriction change families are welcome to join is in the church for this service.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday 3rd November**. If you would like your child to have their photograph with a sibling that does not attend school, the photographer will be available between 8.30am and 8.50am for a family photograph. Please notify the office to book your slot so we can ensure appropriate cleaning measures are in place.

Wake and Shake – 3rd November

Due to school photographs taking place in the school hall on 3rd November there will be no wake and shake on this morning.

School Jumpers

As the temperature is changing and the school doors and windows remain open in line with Covid-19 risk management, we ask all children to come into school with jumpers as well as coats for outside playtime.

Poetry Week and Arts Council- Poetry competition

It is national poetry week next week. Every class is learning a poem to perform in collective worship. There is a poetry competition for homework time, so that each child can learn a poem off by heart to perform in class. There will be a prize for the best one in each class. As Arts council we thought it would be fun and I am excited. - Spencer

Mars Class – We have been learning to write a - we say “a” round ball and stop, stick down with a flick – Henry.

Jupiter Class – This week we have been retelling Handa’s surprise in English. In maths we have been enjoying working groups to find one less, we also explored the human life cycle.

Saturn Class – In topic we are learning about why the Romans left Britain, this was because of Rome being invaded. In PE we are learning Tai Chi. In English we are learning how to use the correct conjunctions in a compound sentence. I am enjoying Year 3 and I hope everyone enjoys the year too - Quinn

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Neptune Class – This week in science we learned about how we see objects. We found out that light from the sun travels onto an object then reflects into your eye and that is how we can see. In maths we've been doing challenges, we did an arithmetic and a normal maths one. In English we have been planning character profile. In topic we learnt about the Jewish mass killing (Holocaust) that killed 6,000,000+ people. - Keaton

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>



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School Term and Holiday dates 2021/2022

Autumn Term

PD Days	Wednesday 1, Thursday 2 and Friday 3 September
Children Start	Monday 6 September
Half term	Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October
Last day	Friday 17 December

Spring Term

PD Day	Tuesday 4 January
Children Start	Wednesday 5 January
Half term	Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February
Last day	Friday 8 April

Summer Term

PD Day	Monday 25 April
Children Start	Tuesday 26 April
Half term	Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June
Last day	Thursday 21 July

