



Friday 19th May 2023

Prayer of the week

Dear God

As we go from spring to summer,
thankyou for all the lovely nature around us,
and thankyou that we're able to be surrounded
by it during PE, playtime and outdoor learning.

Amen

By Emma

Star or the week:

Mars: Lucia

Jupiter: Joseph

Saturn: Isla

Neptune: Joe

Pupil Voice: "Our class news"

Mars: "This week we had an important job to do for Mrs Lewis. We went on a mini-beast hunt with Mrs Ward and Reverend Mark. We went all round the school grounds and found ants, worms, a slug, a spider, a beetle and a woodlouse. In English I wrote about my rabbit. Some people wrote eight whole sentences." Amelie

Jupiter: "We've been investigating how ice melts in science this week. First we made predictions, then we made observations to see how quickly it melted against a timer. We've also been practicing for the dance festival; I love our dance – we make a flower shape and do lots of jumping too – it's really fun." Rory

Saturn: "In maths, we have learned about equivalent fractions and also decimals. In French we have been practicing colours and we sang a song in class to help us. Also, PE has been really fun with Mr Ince; we got to do lots of running as well as games." Henry

Neptune: "We did a really fun creative writing task this week; we chose from a selection of images and wrote a story inspired by it. I chose a picture of a person trapped in a glass. Then in PE we played 'quick cricket' on the top field. I helped keep the scores and it was really nice when everyone cheered for their teams." Emma

School news

Crucial Crew

This week the Year 6 students attended a 'Crucial Crew' day, where they learnt various important skills. The day started with a session delivered by police officers, which was followed by sessions on water safety, drug and alcohol misuse, making 999 calls, bullying (which was delivered by TGS drama students), fire safety, and finally, sun safety. "We learned so much," explains Dan. "For the fire safety bit, we went in a caravan that was made to look like a bedroom, which had fake smoke in it. We learned how to identify fire hazards, how to get help and how to get out safely."



Creativity throughout the school

Rehearsals are well and truly underway for the much-anticipated Cavendish Primary Summer Dance Festival. Music has filled the hall, playground and classrooms this week as each class has worked hard to perfect an expressive and creative dance routine. It's a pleasure to see the children working as a team, having fun and putting so much creative energy into their routines. We hope you're able to join us on the 26th of May – the children can't wait to share their dances with you.

A well-earned treat

The Year 6 children breathed a sigh of relief as their SATS ended last week; they were treated to a well-earned afternoon of fun and ice-cream to celebrate their amazing efforts. Well done team Neptune – both to the Year 6's for their dedication, perseverance and fantastic attitude - and also to Year 5 who have supported them throughout.

Star pupil award

There's a brand new award for the Cavendish School community and it's up for grabs each and every week! Each teacher will choose a member of their class to be awarded a 'Star Pupil' award, based on 'Challenge, Creativity and Compassion'.

New seating area on the top field

We'd like to extend a big thank you to the children from Year 3, who helped to create a new seating area on the top field this week. The children worked together, under the supervision of Mrs Lewis, to move a picnic table up to the top field, making a new place to play, rest and learn within our beautiful school grounds. It's been a treat this week to be able to enjoy more of our grounds during both play and lesson times as the sun continues to shine and dry out the field.



Reminder about toys, keyrings and trinkets

Please ensure children aren't bringing toys, keyrings and trinkets into school with them. These can become a distraction for the child and for other children, and can sadly end up damaged or lost.

Medical appointments in school hours

We understand that sometimes you need to take your child out of school for a medical appointment, please can you ask the front office for a 'request of absence for medical appointment form', you can also find the form on the school website. The form should be completed and sent into school with a copy of the appointment confirmation. If the appointment is short notice, you can complete a form when collecting or returning your child to or from school.

Coats

As the weather continues to be very changeable, please can you remind your children to come to school with a coat/rain coat.

Prestige sports clubs

We are delighted to offer Dodgeball & Football Club as after school clubs this term. Dodgeball on Mondays and Football on Thursdays with Coach Branham (Mr Ince). Please use the following link to book your space:



Cavendish Primary School Clubs (Mon 17th Apr 2023 - Thu 25th May 2023)

Prestige Sports deliver fun, engaging activities for children including Football mania, Nerf Nation, Laser Planet & Mega Sports!

prestige-sports.class4kids.co.uk

Don't forget if you haven't been before you can try the clubs for free to see if you like it by booking a free trial.

Book Buddy days

A reminder of 'Book Buddy' days for this term:

Monday – Mars class

Tuesday – Saturn class

Wednesday – Neptune class

Thursday – Jupiter class



Parent picnic and Sports Day - 19th June 2023

Sports day will take place on Monday 19th June at 1.15pm on the village green. Parents and carers are invited into school to share a picnic lunch with your children in the school grounds before sports day commences. If the weather is not suitable on this day the picnic and sports day will be on Monday 26th June.

Dates for Statutory Assessments

KS1 Phonics Screening – Week commencing 12th June 2023

Year 4 Time table screening - will take place between 5th and 16th June 2023

PTFA Monthly Update

Raffle tickets are now on sale for our Strawberry Fayre raffle, which will be drawn at the fayre on Friday 26th May (although you don't have to attend the fete in order to have your prize honoured). We have secured some fantastic prizes again from so many supportive local businesses, such as a Gainsborough Spa Day voucher for 2 adults, a cream tea for 2 people from Tea on the Green, tickets to see 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' at the Theatre Royal and a Willow Tree Farm Shop/Cafe voucher, plus many more. You will find raffle tickets, as well as a letter detailing how to buy or return these tickets, in your child's book bag today plus extra raffle tickets are now on sale at the 'Duck & Grouse' village shop. Please do help us raise funds to buy new educational experiences and equipment for your children by selling these to your friends and family! Thank you. We are now also collecting unopened bottles (alcohol, non-alcoholic drinks, toiletries, sauces etc) and preloved soft toys for our two tombolas so please have a root around at home and see what you can donate. All donations can

be given to your class representatives at drop off/pick up (if you are unsure who to donate to, please e-mail cavendishceprimarypta@gmail.com for more details). We also please need more help with setting up and/or hosting a stall at the Strawberry Fayre. If you (or a grandparent) can help - even just for an hour - then please let us know. Finally, a big thank you to Karen Vatter, Cavendish's resident yoga teacher, for her kind sponsorship of our school library this month in May, resulting in a new bundle of books for the school library. Very much appreciated!

Community news

Cavendish Brownies

The Cavendish Brownies meet at Cavendish C of E Primary School on Tuesday evenings during term time only. Brownies is on between 6pm-7.30pm and are for girls 7-9 years old. For further information email Rebecca (Leader 1st Cavendish Brownies) at cavendishguiding@gmail.com.

Community Pantry @ St Marys Church - Moved to Clare Church

Reverend Mark has advised that the Cavendish Community Pantry has been moved to Clare Church. Please take what you need and leave what you can. Should you need any further financial assistance please contact Reverend Mark.

Guitar & piano lessons with Up Beat Tuition

Dear Families - we have space starting at half term for guitar or piano lessons at Cavendish Primary School. These are taught one2one on Thursday afternoon during the school day. The lessons are £18 per half hour lesson and payable termly (half term payments are accepted).

If you would like to take a space on these lessons or for more information, please contact info@up-beat-tuition.co.uk or message 07834628470.

Dates for your diary



- Spring Dance Festival and Fete – 26th May 2023 from 1.15pm –All invited
- Mars Class trip to Gainsborough House – 9th June 2023 (details to follow)
- Picnic and Sports Day – 19th June, picnic onsite 11.45-12.45, sports day to commence at 1.15pm
- 21st June - Saturn Class Egyptian Workshop onsite
- 22nd June – Neptune class trip to Cambridge – details to follow
- 22nd June - KS1 Doorstop theatre workshop onsite
- 27th June - Neptune Class – Great Fire of London Workshop

School term and holiday dates 2022/2023

Summer term

- Half term Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June
- Last day Thursday 20 July
- PD Day Friday 21 July

School Term and Holiday dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term

- PD Days Friday 1 and Monday 4 September
- Children Start Tuesday 5 September
- Half term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
- Last day Thursday 21 December

Spring Term

- PD Day Friday 5 January
- Children Start Monday 8 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