

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Newsletter - Spring Term 2020

Friday 10th January 2020 No: 014

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



A very warm welcome back to the start of a new term and a new year.

The staff and I would like to thank for all your kind words, cards, gifts & goodies at the end of last term – it was extremely kind of you.

Autumn Term Cup Winners

Challenge Cup – Lydia, Music Cup – Evan, Science Cup – Lexi, Writing & Literacy Cup – Shannon, Arts Cup – Sam P, Forest Schools Cup – Archie, Tables Cup – Harley, Maths Cup - Paige.

Celebration Assembly & Headteacher Awards

Headteacher awards this week were given to Mars Class – Amelia; Jupiter Class – Maggie; Saturn Class – Beau; Neptune Class – James.

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Pocock on Mondays in the office. Mrs Pocock already works as our GDPR officer but will be taking on additional responsibilities as the school Bursar.

Collective Worship Value

Our Collective Worship value this half term is 'Creativity'. This is one of our school's core values and your child should be confidently able to explain how they use the gift of creativity in their learning in all subjects. In Collective Worship we will be exploring the uniqueness of each of our gifts, God's creation of the world and our duty of care all living things. You may find the Creativity Home Value Sheet helpful when discussing this with your child.

Open the Book and Bible Puppet Assemblies

We have been developing the range of ways in which we worship together as a school. We are delighted to welcome the 'Open the Book' team back to Cavendish this term. We are also pleased to be introducing Bible Puppet worship led by Mrs Cresswell, which will help our understanding as we explore key themes in our Key Stage worship on Tuesdays.

Candlemass Service – 31st January 2020 at 2.15pm

Diary date - We invite you to join us in our Candlemass Service at St Mary's Church.

Clubs

Wake and Shake Club is open to all years and starts promptly at 8.30am. There is no admittance to the club after this time. Doors open for school at 8.45am. All other clubs will commence on Monday 13th January. We are very grateful to the staff and volunteers who give up their time to enrich the curriculum. Please note that once a child has been given a club place, attendance is expected weekly. In the event that a club is significantly undersubscribed, the school may decide not to offer this provision in the interests of best value spending.

Absence and Late Arrival

Parents are reminded that regular attendance at school is essential in order for children's progress not to be disrupted. All schools are now set attendance targets and as a result it is only possible to authorise leave of absence during term time if there is an exceptional reason, therefore no planned absences are authorised unless they meet the county's strict guidelines. A Leave of Absence form should be completed and returned to the school. Forms are available from the school office.

A reminder that registration closes at 9.00am. Children who are not in their classroom by this time will be marked as 'Late'. Early bird (from 8.45am) is a valuable time when children get to read and reflect on the previous day's learning and respond to their marking comments. Class Teachers and support staff use this time to give individuals a little extra support for reading, grammar, tables and spelling – if your child is not there, they cannot benefit! In addition year 6 have specific work set for 9.00-9.15am which really does take the whole 15 minutes. If your child walks to school independently, please check they are coming via the most direct route.

Absences should be telephoned in and then confirmed in writing once your child returns to school. If your child has been unwell, please provide a copy of a Doctor's appointment card or a written letter. This is requested for the school to be able to verify reasons for absence to the Education Welfare Service. You can leave a message on the school answerphone at any time. Mrs Fenn is available on the door from 8.45am for informal enquiries, and the office is fully staffed from 9.00am. Thank you.

Playtime

Children will need a change of footwear, preferably wellington boots before they are allowed on the field in poor weather. If your child already has wellington boots in school, please check the size to ensure they still fit comfortably. It is most helpful if these are named on the sole so we can read them when they are on the welly pegs. You may wish to include a pair of plain joggers to pull on over school trousers. Joggers should also be provided in your child's PE kit.

Medicine Permission

Following guidance from the Department for Education, a 'Record of medicine administered to an individual child' form must be completed should you wish the school to administer medicine to your child during the school day. If your child receives long term medication in school, a separate letter will follow. Forms and more information are available from the school office.

Dinner money

Thank you to those who pay for their dinners every Monday. Please send the correct money for your payment in your envelope. Dinners are £2.30 per day. If you wish you may pay by cheque made payable to Suffolk County Council. **Dinners are payable in advance.** There is a new menu for the Spring Term which has been sent home.

Full time admission to primary school in the 2020/2021 school year

The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 15th January 2020**. Applications can be made online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions where you will also find further information. A leaflet is available from the school office. We warmly welcome visits to the school. Please telephone the office to make an appointment.

Free School Meals

Suffolk County Council is committed to promoting the health and well-being of children, providing assistance for children from entitled households to have their meals free of charge while at school. 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 not the 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 less hours per week*
- *Universal Credit*

Further information about entitlement to Free School Meals and how to apply can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/> or contact the Free School Meals team on 0345 606 6173.

Whether actually taken or not, Free School Meals registration triggers additional sources of funding for your child's education, should this be required. We would therefore urge all who think they may be eligible to apply, even if you are a committed eater of packed lunches! Please see Miss Wass if you would like to discuss this further.

This is especially important for children in Year R, 1 and 2, as parents may not realise that applying for this status qualifies their child for Pupil Premium Money. Details of the impact pupil premium money has had for children in our school can be found on our website.

Class News

Please see topic sheet in your child's book bag

Relief Food Service Assistants

Vertas Catering are advertising for 3 Relief Food Service Assistants to join their team. The position are zero hours contracts and are to help cover at various sites in and around Sudbury. Term time only. £8.21 per hour. For further information please contact Kelly Pearson, Operations Manager 07966 387332 or email your cv to Kelly.pearson@vertas.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

January

7 th	Children return
23 rd	Chinese New Year Activities
27 th	Big Birdwatch
30 th	Interschool Athletics Tournament
31 st	Candlemass Service at St Mary's Church, 2.15pm

February

6 th	Saturn Class visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
11 th	Safer Internet Day
17 th – 21 st	Half Term
24 th	Children return
27 th	Interschool Basketball Tournament



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School Term and Holiday dates 2019/2020

Autumn Term

PD Day	Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September
Children Start	Wednesday 4 September
Half term	Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October
Last day	Wednesday 18 December

Spring Term

PD Day	Monday 6 January
Children Start	Tuesday 7 January
Half term	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
Last day	Thursday 2 April

Summer Term

PD Day	Monday 20 April
Children Start	Tuesday 21 April
Half term	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May
Last day	Wednesday 22 July