

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Newsletter - Spring Term 2021

Friday 12th March 2021 - No: 014

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



Prayer of the week – by Amelia

Dear Lord,

We are grateful that you have let us all come together to be one whole class again.
We are very happy that we can be a class and we can share all of our emotions with you.

We are grateful to be able to turn to you when we have emotions that we can't explain.

We are grateful that we can turn to you for advice.

Amen

The staff and I are so pleased to see all the children back in school. We have had an excellent week getting really hands on with our Science experiments and it has been great to see how quickly the children have got back to working and sharing their learning altogether in the classroom. We will be resuming our Headteacher's awards next week but a huge thank you to you at home for supporting your children and enabling them to reintegrate so quickly.



We are delighted to welcome Revd. Mark Woodrow to join us in our school and look forward to sharing our school community with him. Revd. Mark will become part of our Governing Body.

Today Revd. Mark attended Neptune Class to support learning in R.E. as we continue with our topic on The Eucharist.

Social Distancing

We would ask that, where possible, only one adult per family group brings the children to school each morning and after school to minimise the number of adults outside the school. We would ask you to remember to observe social distancing whilst waiting for collection and to stagger your walks along the slip road to ensure that we are all following safe protocols. As the weather improves please also note the advisory notices on the play equipment on the green.

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Science Week

We have done lots of investigations in Mars Class. My favourite was making music. We used bottles with blue water. We had different lots of water. – Eddie, Mars Class

This week we had eight Science activities to do. We enjoyed all of the activities. In some of the experiments we predicted what would happen. In our second experiment, Brilliant Bubbles, we made bubble wands out of pipe cleaners. Not many of us made a bubble though. In the sixth experiment, Music Maker, we filled different bottles with different amounts of water to make different sounds. When the bottle was full it made a low sound and when it was half full it was in the middle and when it was one quarter full it made a high sound – Quinn and Maggie, Jupiter Class

This week we have been learning about nature. Today we have made a bird's nest and this week has been so fun seeing all my friends again. I really hope that next week will be just as fun as this. – Phoebe, Saturn Class

This week was Science week when we do experiments or something to do with Science. In Neptune our first experiment was to fix a bucket with a hole in by only using sellotape, straws, blue tack and glue. My favourite Science activity was a ketchup experiment. Our aim was to find out the perfect thickness for ketchup. We used wallpaper paste to act as ketchup although we dyed it red! We kept adding water to make the ketchup more watery and less thick. This week was a fun week for the first week back – Oliver, Neptune Class

Red Nose Day Friday 19th March

We will be supporting this charity by asking the children to come to school on Red Nose Day wearing their 'happiest clothes'. As well as taking the opportunity to be part of this worthwhile charity fundraising, we'll be using the day as a learning opportunity. We'll explore the issues facing young people across the world, and how the money we raise can help. We are suggesting a donation of £1 to be bought in to school on the day, but understand that not everyone may be able to donate. All children will join in the events of the day which will include decorating a 'happy face' biscuit to enjoy.

Holy Week 22nd – 26th March

We will use the last week of the term to explore the meaning of Holy Week for Christians and to engage in a series of activities exploring religious and traditional customs.

Open the Book Outdoor Easter Story

We are hoping to be able to hold an outdoor Open the Book Easter Story as part of our Holy Week activities in the last week of term.

PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Many thanks to the PTFA who are working alongside the staff to ensure that this popular annual event can continue with adjustments for Covid-19 restrictions.

Last Day of Term – Friday 26 March

We will be holding a service in the school grounds with children as we are unable to invite families to join us in the Church. Please note that the school will close at 2.00pm, once the service finishes.

Free School Meal Ingredient Kits for Easter Holiday

All families eligible for additional support over the Easter Holidays have now been contacted and are reminded to check their email. Please note the deadline to register for the Ingredient Kits is 5.00pm on Monday 15th March.

Information from the DfE

We have been asked to share the following information with parents and carers:

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. You should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college. Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have.

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Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees*
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests*
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most*

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Dates for your diary:

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

March

19 th	Red Nose Day
22 nd -26 th	Holy Week
24 th or 25 th	Open the Book
26 th	Last Day of Term – School closes at 2.00pm

April

12 th	PD Day
13 th	Children return

School term dates follow on the next page.



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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