



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

Friday 5th May 2023

<u>Prayer of the week</u> Dear God We thank you for the Shakespeare ambassadors and for them planning fun stuff for

Shakespeare's Birthday. We hope he is happy in heaven. Amen By Leo

We are delighted to tell you that Miss Wass is now able to return to work two mornings a week. Miss Wass received an amazing warm welcome while she was onsite yesterday and really enjoyed her time catching up with staff and children. Mr Gray will be continuing to support leadership at Cavendish until Miss Wass is back full time and we are grateful for his continued commitment to our school.

It's been another busy week at Cavendish, which started off with a Coronation picnic on the playground and ended with a splash of red, white and blue. It was lovely to meet the Neptune parents who are able to attend the Thorpe Woodlands meeting on Monday and those of you I have chatted with on the gates. Next week, the Year 6s will be taken their long-awaited end of Key Stage assessments. I know that they have worked incredibly hard in the lead up to this week and I know that they will do brilliantly. I spoke to them on Wednesday about the importance of relaxing and having a great weekend of Coronation celebrations.

I hope that you all enjoy a wonderful (long) weekend and enjoy the celebrations with family and friends. Warm regards

Mr. Gray

Pupil Voice: "Our class news"

Mars: "We've been learning even more about mini beasts this week. I painted a dragonfly today in lot of pretty colours, because they can be all different colours. They like to be near water and they have big wings to help them fly." Lucia

Jupiter: "For science, we experimented with different materials to see which were waterproof and which absorb water; I used wood, tissue paper, felt, hessian and cotton. We thought about which would be the best material to make an umbrella out of." Miles

Saturn: "This week we've learned so much about magnets in science. We've talked about magnetic forces and worked on experiments to see what materials are attracted to magnets and

which aren't; paper clips are, whereas coins aren't. The difference is the kind of metal they're made from. In Maths, we've been exploring time and fractions, and learning about denominators and numerators." Isla

Neptune: "This week we've been focusing on squared numbers in Maths – that's when you multiply a number by itself. We've also been working on our dance for the dance festival, with lots of different colour ribbons. One of the best bits of the week was the quiz on 'Shakespeare day' – we split into teams within our class and my team won so we felt really proud. It's also been really nice to have the 'tunnels' area open at lunchtime." Matilda

School news

Coronation picnic

A lovely time was had by all on Tuesday at our Coronation picnic. The weather was on our side, so the children were able to have their lunch outside in our lovely school grounds. Some children enjoyed the new picnic tables and benches, while others chose to spread out on picnic blankets. It was a pleasure to see the children out in the fresh air, celebrating the Coronation and having fun.



Shakespeare day

Thank you to our Shakespeare ambassadors, Emma and Daniel, who put on a superb assembly for the school, as part of a special day to mark his Birthday. Emma and Daniel enthused their peers with interesting facts and trivia about Shakespeare. Each class did Shakespeare themed activities throughout the day, which culminated with a quiz, with questions based on all the fantastic information the children had learned throughout the day.



Red, white and blue

Today Cavendish Primary was awash with colour as children and staff wore red, white and blue to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. Thank you for the amazing effort made by all.



Whole School Art Installation

Every child has printed a background with a King Charles silhouette to create a large Union Jack art installation for us to share with the community and village celebrations.

Arts and Faith Council created the painted art work to represent the four nations of the United Kingdom; the English rose, the Scottish thistle, the Welsh daffodil and the Irish shamrock.

Our work was inspired by the Coronation emblem.



A special gift

The Parish Council have a very special gift for each child to mark the King's Coronation. A specially printed, commemorative mug has been given to each pupil in the school as a special keep sake.



Spotlight on Wake and Shake

As ever, Wake & Shake continues to be a popular way to start the day at Cavendish Primary, and with our summer dance festival on the horizon, Mrs Bianchi and the team have been teaching the children some fun new moves and enthusing them with songs from across the decades. It's lovely to see the smiles on the children's faces and see them enjoying this uplifting time. Can you guess which dance they're doing in this picture?!



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.

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:

https://prestige-sports.class4kids.co.uk/term/155

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

School meal price increase and new menu

Due to the increase in costs of food, transport and staffing the price of providing school meals has risen. From the 1st of April the charge has increased to £2.60 per meal. The new menu is available to view on the school website.

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

KS2 SAT's - 9th-12th May 2023 KS1 SAT's - 15th-19th May 2023 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

Following some recent PTFA meetings, planning is underway for our summer fete on 26th May. We do need a few more volunteers to help set up and/or host some traditional stalls and games on the day. If you, your partner or a grandparent can spare the time that day, please let our Chair Louise King know. We will also soon be collecting unopened bottles for the tombola at the summer fete (alcohol, soft drinks, sauces, beauty products etc) so perhaps over the holidays you could please check your cupboards (or relatives' cupboards!) for anything you can spare! Charlotte Halsall (Mars) will be kindly collecting these after Easter during morning drop-offs. A big thank you to David Burr Clare for sponsoring our library this month and to Rosehip Hair Design for April's library sponsorship, resulting in a bag of new books being delivered to the school library, alongside additional 'World Book Day' surplus books which were kindly donated by Harris and Harris in Clare.

Finally, we understand that Mars class would love an additional 'Fresh Air Friday' volunteer - please get in touch with the school directly if you can help.

We are still on the hunt for a new Treasurer, if you (or your partner) can help, please contact our Chair, Louise King, on 07789 990894. Many thanks and Happy Easter!

Community news

Make a Coronation Crown competition



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



- Year 6 Crucial Crew 17th May 2023
- Neptune Class activity day trip 19th May 2023
- 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 onsite

School term and holiday dates 2022/2023

Summer term

- Bank Holiday Monday 8th May
- 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