Cavendish Church of England Primary School Newsletter - Spring Term 2020 Friday 17th January 2020 No: 015 Challenge, Creativity, Compassion: Create a pure heart in me – Psalm 51:10



Celebration Assembly & Headteacher Awards

Headteacher awards this week were given to Mars Class – Elizabeth; Jupiter Class – Emma; Saturn Class – Joe; Neptune Class – Joshua.

Chinese New Year – Thursday 23rd January

Children will take part in house activities on the morning of 23rd January as part of their cultural development with a focus on Chinese New Year. Please note there will be no library this week.

The Big Birdwatch – Monday 27th January

We will be taking part in the national Big Birdwatch study. Children will use the school grounds for their observations. We will then be visiting Devonshire House for a joint observation in the afternoon. You can also participate in the Big Birdwatch as a family, please check the online information.

Interschool Athletics Tournament – 30th January

Neptune class will be participating in the interschool athletics tournament at Thomas Gainsborough School. Details to follow regarding travel and kit arrangements.

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.

MyMaths

Please ensure your child completes their MyMaths homework each week. If you prefer your child to use the IT equipment in school, laptops and ipads are available at lunchtime and it would be helpful for a note to be put in the planner requesting this provision. The MyMaths resource can be used outside of homework tasks alone and there is a wealth of information and tutorials which families can share together. Many activities can be undertaken as a guest login, including times table practices.

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 <u>https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/</u> 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.

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

Mars Class – We made a colourful shield. The pattern is the coat-of-arms of knights. – Emily

Jupiter Class – We are learning about the weather and winter, spring, summer and autumn. In Maths we are learning about growing to 50 on the number line. - Maggie

Saturn Class – In English we have written our own start of Icarus. In Maths we have multiplied 2 by 1 digit. My favourite part of this week was yesterday because of our lesson about a 500 word competition. I am really looking forward to spending time with my mum. - Harley

Neptune Class – In Topic we have been learning about the Isles of England and the United Kingdom. We have been sketching the whole of England and Ireland. In Maths we have been doing decimal points, dividing and multiplying them. In P E we have gymnastics and we have been learning how to do rolls and shapes on the mats. We have been learning a dance routine and our theme is 'In the City'. In English we have been describing setting and characters in the story of Gelert. – Farren

Dates for your Diary

<u>January</u>

Chinese New Year Activities
Big Birdwatch
Interschool Athletics Tournament
Candlemass Service at St Mary's Church, 2.15pm
Saturn Class visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
Safer Internet Day
Half Term
Children return
Interschool Basketball Tournament

School Term and Holiday dates follow on the next page



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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