



**Friday 12th May 2023**

**Prayer of the week**

**Dear God**

Please give luck to the Year 6's who have been doing their SATs.  
Please help them to do well so they can do really well at secondary school.

Amen

By Tom

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*It's been another busy week at Cavendish with the Year 6s completing their end of Key Stage assessments and enjoying a delicious breakfast together before hand. I know that both Miss Wass and myself were really impressed with their relaxed and positive attitudes all week. Thank you to the rest of the children who had to delay their morning playtime slightly to enable the papers to be completed. There has been lots of exciting learning going on across the school this week, I know the Martians are particularly excited about their sunflowers (they even gave me some seeds to grow in my garden!).*

*I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend - remember we are back to school on Monday for all 5 days of next week (no more bank holidays)!*

*Kind regards*

*Mr. Gray*

**Pupil Voice: "Our class news"**

**Mars:** "We planted little sunflower seeds. We made a hole in some mud with our finger and put them in, then we watered them and put them outside so they could get sunshine and rain. They have started to grow now and they are the size of my finger. When they're big they will have a pretty yellow flower on them." Freddie

**Jupiter:** "Science has been really good this week. We did an experiment to find out if things float or sink. We tried different things in tubs of water. Lolly sticks float but pebbles sink, and sponge absorbs water." Fraser

**Saturn:** "In French this week, we have been learning the months of the year and how to say our Birthday months; we had a song to help us. Then in maths, we're learning about money; we have been adding two different amounts together then working out the change if we paid with a bigger amount." Thomas

**Neptune:** "This week we've been planning how to make a minaret (a kind of tower on a Mosque). We're collecting empty bottles and cardboard tubes to make the structure then we plan to light them up with tiny bulbs and battery packs." Tom

**School news**

**Year 6 SATs**

A huge 'well done' to our Year 6 children, who have now completed their SATs. They faced them with courage, ambition and confidence, and as a school community, we're all super proud of them. At the start of each day, the Year 6 children all sat together for a special SATs breakfast, ensuring that their bodies and minds were well fueled. This is always a highlight for the children, who have shown maturity, resilience and a fantastic team spirit in helping each other take the week in their stride.



### **Pond-dipping**

This week children took part in pond-dipping as part of their Forest School session. Mrs Lewis and Mrs Stone took groups of children to work in the schools beautiful, natural pond area, and much to everyone's delight found a newt, which has affectionately been named 'Sir Isaac Newt-on'. The children had a wonderful time studying plants, wildlife and mini-beasts, as well as enjoying the lovely school grounds and learning new practical skills.



### **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:

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



[Cavendish Primary School Clubs \(Mon 17th Apr 2023 - Thu 25th May 2023\)](https://prestige-sports.class4kids.co.uk/term/155)

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

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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 (reminder)**

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**

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**

*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](mailto: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**

- 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 11.45-12.45pm, 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