

Cavendish Church of England Primary School

Newsletter - Spring Term 2020

Friday 27th March 2020 No: 024

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



Prayer of the week – written by Amelia

Dear God, We hope you can help us to be positive in a great way

And to help our friends when they are sad.

I hope you can help me to cheer people up and make their day happy.

Amen

Latest Updates

Please note we will be continuing with a weekly Newsletter until further notice. We will use this format to communicate changes in school provision and/or Government expectation as the need arises. If you are not already registered to receive the Newsletter by email and wish to do so, please email the school with your details. The Newsletter is always available from the school website.

School Provision to Key Workers and Vulnerable Children

We intend to open Cavendish CofE Primary School over the Easter holiday period for children of Key Workers and as previously detailed. The school will be open from 8.30am-3.15pm each week day (including Good Friday and Easter Monday but NOT weekends). Please contact the school - if you have not already done so - to request a place (and confirm which days and times if you are a shift worker, or as soon as you know your shifts) as this will help us to manage our own staff teams. Government guidance is still that, where possible, children should be educated and cared for at home. Children who need to come to school during the Easter holiday period do not need to wear school uniform and should come with clothes suitable for a range of activities, including outside learning. Currently we anticipate a lunch will be available to order to each day, but are awaiting final confirmation from the catering team.

Working at home

It has been lovely to hear how well children and their families have been managing with the home learning packs. Please note that a box will be available each day outside of the school for you to return completed packs which should be returned by Monday 20th April at the very latest. Learning packs for the fortnight of Monday 20th April to Friday 1st May have been compiled and will be ready for collection from Monday 30th March. You may prefer to come and collect your pack in advance so it is safely in your house and you have the flexibility of managing the learning over a longer period. Please telephone or email the school on the day you intend to collect your pack and we will put your named pack outside the school for collection. If wet, packs will be in the school entrance hall and we would appreciate your bringing the completed learning pack into the building. Currently government guidance for isolation is scheduled for 3 weeks. Whilst the second learning packs fall outside the remit of this time frame, they have been prepared in advance whilst staffing allocation allows. Should the situation change and the school reopen before 1st May, children will bring their learning packs into school to complete as these follow the summer term topic lessons.

It is our firm expectation that children complete every activity within the learning pack as each learning pack builds on previous knowledge. Additionally, it is important that when the children do return together, that no child has become significantly behind through not following the home working plan. We really appreciate the parental support and time which has been given to the children.

One of the nicest parts of our week has been the feedback about the children's learning and how they are keeping busy. There has been lots of cooking in Neptune class.....

Archie writes: I have found this week hard because I miss my friends but I have managed my 4 lessons every day quite easily. I really like being able to choose which lesson to do when. My favourite has been topic cooking – I made Welsh cakes by myself and they only lasted about half an hour. I also have liked Maths and mindful colouring. I have done lots of PE – Frisbee and trampolining. I hope we can come back soon.

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Week one of staying at Home (in the Vicarage) – from Revd Canon Stuart Mitchell

I hope that everyone is playing safe and staying at home unless you are a key worker, in which case I hope you take all the necessary precautions to avoid the virus and its effects. I'm staying at home most of the time except when I have to put on my vicar robes to do very vicar like things. Otherwise like most others I am catching up on small but less urgent jobs around the house and garden.

At the bottom end of the garden, farthest from the house, there is small wooded area, about the same size as our Forest School in Cavendish. It has been left to grow all manner of saplings and brambles. I love working outdoors when I can, and there was an opportunity to take my saw, loppers and cutters to work and clear a path. The pile of twigs and branches left over has now been chopped up to create a more tamed wildlife habitat! Green shoots are coming out and, as there is more daylight now for them to grow, very soon the damage caused by Storm Ciara will be hidden by fresh green growth.

I hope we can all stay safe, and see each day as a new day, a day closer to when we can all get back to school together. I pray each morning and thank God for the new day in these words '*This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it*'. You may want to use those words at some time during the day, to say thank you for being kept safe.

School Nursing Service Information

The following has been received from the School Nursing Team for parents and carers:

In light of the current situation we would just like to send out details of how the school nursing service can be contacted during school closures.

Contact our Health Business Centre on 0345 607 6688

Text a school nurse on our texting service ChatHealth on 07507 333356

Visit our website for more information on what the School Nursing service offers. It is also has lots of useful information and advice on children and adolescent's physical and mental health for parents to access.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/index.php/children-families-and-learning/childrens-health/school-nursing/>

Calendar changes

As you may have anticipated the following events have been cancelled or postponed:

Kingswood – currently rescheduled to June 30th/July 1st, further information to follow

Volunteers' Safeguarding training - postponed

Stour Valley Induction Evening – Year 6 transfer

We have been advised that the Induction Evening planned for Thursday 23rd April will not go ahead. Stour Valley will provide further details in due course.

Sport Relief Sponsor Money

Sponsor money can still be dropped off at school next week.

Dinner Money

The end of term credit/debits for school dinners will be carried forward to next term.

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

Guidance is available from the Department for Education to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. The helpline details are as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687,

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours are 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday.

Reading and Relaxation

The Two Sisters

Reviewed by Maddison, Jupiter Class

This book is about two sisters called Arna and Elsa and Elsa likes the cold and Arna likes the hot. I like Elsa because she is brave and strong and wears a pretty dress. My favourite part of the book is when Arna sits on the roof and eats a picnic and the castle is high. I think year 1 and year 2 children would enjoy this story.



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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



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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