



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

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**  
**Prayer of the week - Oliver C**

Dear God,  
We send our thoughts and prayers to people that are in conflict.  
Please shine your light on these people and help to keep them safe.  
AMEN

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

**Mars:** We made Christingles by putting sweets on a stick and then we put the sticks into an orange. We saw things covered in frost on Fresh Air Friday - Carmen

**Jupiter:** At Colchester zoo we saw giraffes. They have long necks to reach the leaves on the tops of trees. We also saw baboons and lions. I liked it there - Jensen

**Saturn:** On Wednesday Saturn Class went to a cathedral and learned about Anglo Saxons. I had to act as a Viking. In maths we are using column method and number pyramids. In English we looked at shape poems. - Laurence

**Neptune** In Neptune this week we have had a lot of subjects. In DT we have been making Anderson shelters. In PE we played plants vs zombies and played hockey. We have been learning about the semi colon, subordinate clauses and perfect present tense. In science we are learning about light. In arithmetic we have been doing tests. – Tom F

**Christingle**

We are looking forward to our Christingle service this afternoon. There will be a retiring collection for the Children's society. We would like to thank the PTFA and the Open the Book team for their organisation and support for children making their Christingles.

We extend our thanks too to Tesco Sudbury who kindly donated the oranges for the service.

**Visit to Bury St Edmunds Cathedral**

Children in Saturn Class visited Bury St Edmunds Cathedral on Wednesday as part of their topic work looking at Early Christianity in the time of the AngloSaxons and Vikings. Children had an historical trail in the abbey grounds and were able to see our Messiah banner hanging in the cathedral.



### **Eco- Council**

Members of the Eco Council were able to put one of their planned actions into place this week. As part of their identified priorities this year children wanted to plant more trees, and our bid to the Woodland Trust was successful.

Elsie, our year 5 Eco Councillor writes:

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November members of the Eco Council planted trees in the Forest School area. The trees were: Hazel, Dog rose, Dog root, Crab Apple and Ash. Ben helped the Eco Council to prepare the ground and we dug holes for the trees.

Jacob and Elsie, our oldest Eco Councillors also attended Governor Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday, to put forward their proposals for the grounds, which the finance governors were pleased to approve.

### **Visit to Colchester Zoo**

Children in Jupiter Class visited Colchester Zoo and attended a workshop about Savannah animals and their habitats to support their geography topic.



### **It's a Nativity!**

Children in Key Stage 1 and reception have been practicing their play, and the singing sounds great. We look forward to seeing you in the church at 9.30am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Please note there will be no drop in reading session on Tuesday morning as children prepare to perform to the school and preschool.

## Our Healthy School Status

Could we please ask families to ensure that children's snacks and drinks are age appropriate. As a healthy school we would prefer children not to use Prime or other energy drink bottles, even if the bottle itself is being reused with a non caffeine content.

## School Day

A reminder as we head into the colder weather that children should be in class for registration at 8.45am

## Class Drop in

We would like to invite parents and carers into school at the end of the day in Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 3.15-3.45pm to be able to share your child's learning this term. No individual child can be discussed at this session, and appointments are always available via the school office if you wish to speak to your child's classteacher or SENDCO.

## PTFA News - *Dates for the diary*

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3.15-4pm - Christmas Crafts afternoon and Book Fayre - **Please look for the form to complete via parentmail and complete by 1st December.**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 5.30-7pm – School Christmas Disco - **Please look for the form to complete via parentmail and complete by 1<sup>st</sup> December.**

## Community News

### Christmas Prestige Sports Clubs

Over the Xmas Holiday Period Prestige Sports have 3 days of Sports & Activity Camps in Sudbury on the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December.

We have 60! FREE spaces available for children who are eligible for free school meals through the HAF programme.

Parents can book using the following link:

<https://prestige-sports.classforkids.io/camp/126>

After booking online, parents will be asked to provide us with their 16 digit HAF code.

Holiday Camps will involve Sport Activities, Nerf, Laser Tag and a chill out zone with Arts and Crafts, games and much more. The camps for HAF run from 9am - 3.30pm and a packed lunch is provided by Prestige Sports.



### Cavendish 2023 Christmas tree festival

This year, the festival will be made up of 35 real christmas trees with a variety of local businesses, groups, clubs and educational settings taking part to support three meaningful causes and funds.

The school's tree decoration theme will be 'Handel's Messiah' to link to recent learning which explores the same theme set by St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds. Children will be visiting in groups to see the event.

All are welcome to come along to the opening evening celebration on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 6-8pm, which will have a joyfully festive atmosphere. The event will be open daily until Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 from 1- 4pm if families would like to visit after school or during weekend openings.

Trees will be available to good to a good home afterwards. Please contact 07512 528751 to register your interest or if you know someone who would benefit.

### **The Cavendish Community Council is delighted to announce the Cavendish Children's Christmas Party!**

On: Sunday 17th December 2023

Time: 11am - 1pm

Where: Memorial Hall, Melford Road, Cavendish CO10 8AG

There will be an entertainer, a light lunch for the children and a visit from Father Christmas. New for 2023, this party is for all the young children of Cavendish, meaning those living in Cavendish (up to, and including, those in Year 4) as well as those who don't live in the village but attend Cavendish Church of England Primary School (again up to, and including, those in Year 4). All children are to be accompanied by an adult please (maximum of 1 adult per child). Numbers are limited, so it's 'first come, first served' with a planned waiting list.

How to RSVP: Either e-mail [helengreenhow100@hotmail.com](mailto:helengreenhow100@hotmail.com) with full answers please to all the questions below OR complete a paper slip from 'The Duck & Grouse' village shop, returning it back to the village shop. **Please RSVP by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.** This early reply date enables us to ensure Father Christmas has everything he needs before the day. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any replies after this date. After applying, please note that your place is not confirmed until you have received a confirmation e-mail in response (detailing whether you have secured a place or are on the waiting list). Any queries in advance or on the day, please contact Helen Deering on 07905 465133

- Full name of each child?
- Age of each child?
- Dietary requirements?
- Full name of accompanying adult (max 1 adult per child, if you don't plan to attend yourself, please detail which adult you have nominated as your child's guardian at the party)
- Address?
- Telephone number (both in advance & on the day, if different)?
- Email address?



#### **Dates for your diary**

- 6<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity 9.30am (information to follow)
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Class drop in – a chance to look at this term's work
- 13<sup>th</sup> December – PTFA Christmas Craft
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Afternoon Class Christmas parties
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - PTFA All School Christmas Disco 5pm-7pm.
- 19<sup>th</sup> December - All school Christmas Lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup> December - End of term Nine Lessons and Carol Church Service 1.15pm

## **School Term and Holiday dates 2023/2024**

### **Autumn Term**

- PD Days Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September
- Children Start Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September
- Half term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
- Last day Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### **Spring Term**

- PD Day Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January
- Children Start Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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