



Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been a lovely increase in festivity this week, with outdoor singing, indoor rehearsals and significant amounts of glue and glitter around school! Yes, Christmas preparations have started! This time of year provides a lovely buzz of activity, much humming of familiar tunes and some factory-like production lines for wreaths, cards, decorations, etc.

Amidst the busy atmosphere, the start of Advent might be easily overlooked. Last Sunday's human-Christingle at St Botolph's Church and other important traditions help us to remember what is at the heart of our Christmas preparations. If you would like some ideas, see the lovely suggestions available from Rochester Diocese, including the *Muddy Church Jesse Tree AVENT-ure*—click on their image if you are interested.



Awesome Art!

Chevening's Art Club took over the Gallery space at Sevenoaks Library this week—more details on page 3.

Chevening's Christian Values

Our school has 8 Christian Values, all centred on God. Each week we look carefully for individuals who have really shown one or more value in school.

This week we are pleased to recognise the following children for their endeavours:

Class R (Miss Levy & Mrs Robinson) - James P for the **compassion** he shows towards his friends in Class R.

Class 1 (Miss Levy & Mr Langston)- Rory for his **perseverance** in Maths work and sharing his knowledge with the class.

Class 2 (Ms Chiavarini)- Alice for her **perseverance** and **courage** in finding her voice during the Nativity rehearsals.

Class 3 (Mrs Archer) - Poppy for **love**; she kindly offered her friend one of her fossils to replace their broken one.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Huxley for always showing **honesty** and being so forthcoming with the truth.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Eva R for showing **respect** in the way she notices errors; she brings them to our attention in a very polite way.

Class 6 (Mrs Wilde & Mrs McLean)— Imogen for **love** and her caring, considerate attitude towards others in the class.



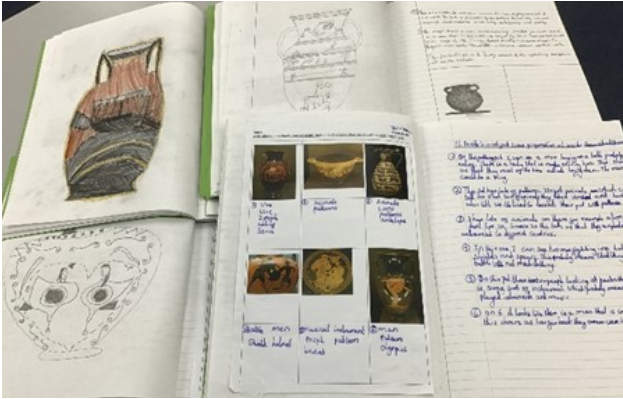
Please ensure your child has a **named fleece** in school on colder days, preferably in navy blue, or a dark colour. This is not a formal addition to our regular school uniform, but a temporary measure to help everyone stay warm!

On page 4 there is a reminder about Kent County Council's School Closure website. By registering for updates, you will be quickly informed of any need to make changes to school arrangements for bad weather. We believe the number of positive COVID test results is reducing and will enable us to carry on with our exciting plans for Christmas! Should amendments be needed, please watch out for urgent emails and updates! With best wishes for a lovely weekend, Miss Minnis

Class 5

This week Class 5 would like to share some of their Ancient Greek DT and History work with you. The children have been looking at sources of information, such as Greek pots and tried to explore what they can learn about the Ancient Greek civilisation from them.

Here are a few of designs that the children would like to make too.



The children also noticed that on Archimedes' Claw, there was a pulley system to assist the lever mechanism. Levers and pulleys can help to reduce the force needed to move objects. Here are some of their own designs made for homework. While investigating how the levers and pulleys work, the children discovered that pulleys can help in 3 different ways. Can you work out what they are?



It was great to see the variety of pulley solutions and different approaches used for building their designs. Abi needed screw-drivers and drills to make her design; and others like Ki, nearly needed a step-ladder to reach the top of his example! Where can you see pulleys out in the world around you? (Chipstead Lake may be home to a few.)

Class 6

57 newspaper

Type Date Here 2nd September 1916

Vine Times

Publishing info Miss Shurmer	Price £0.69d	Strong solders fight for our lives. Catch up with WW1 on page 5.
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The newspaper which keeps you one step Exclusive News Today


Shackleton and His Crew Return

Editorial

Today we are celebrating bravery in our stories. We lead with the bravery of the men involved in the Endurance expedition. We hear the story of how Ernest Shackleton returned to rescue the men in his team. Elsewhere in the paper we hear more stories of bravery from our brave solders fighting abroad and the advances that they are making to help bring us to victory.

Shackleton The Saviour

Figure 1





On the 30th August 1916, Shackleton and his crew are rescued and return from Elephant Island, Puntas Arenas, Chile. He wanted to return with all of his crew, and he is responsible for all of the men, leaving them behind would be a crime to their families and them.

The Endurance has been stuck in ice. Those dog igloos look comfy!

Isla Rose Shurmer

After The endurance sinking, on the 21st of November 1915, they saved the life boats and made their way to Elephant Island.

Shackleton took a brave move to go to South Georgia for help. On the 30th August 1916 he came back and asked Wild "Are you all ok?" and he replied "We are all well boss."

Weather - 5 degrees partly cloudy till around 1pm.

Read the rest on page 3

Read all about it!

Class 6 have been writing newspaper articles this week inspired by Shackleton's adventure on ship 'Endurance'.

Key Stage 2 Choir Christmas Tour 2021

We are delighted to announce our Tour Schedule:

Mon 6th December 2.15-3pm - Coolings Lifestyle

Tues 7th December 8.45am Chevening Estate

Fri 10th December 4-5pm - Trafalgar Square (TBC)

Tues 14th December 2pm Tesco's Riverhead

Weds 15th December 2pm Rivermere Home

Thur 16th December 2pm Cheshire Home

Information about each event will be announced to the Choir members taking part.

Chevening Art Club Exhibition



On Monday 29th November, Chevening (St Botolph's) School Art Club transformed the gallery space at Sevenoaks Library into a stunning floor installation, featuring work produced over the last 9 weeks.

We are grateful to Sevenoaks Visual Art Forum and KCC for enabling this opportunity.

The Art Club children are predominantly from Years 4—6 and have thrown themselves with great enthusiasm into the after school club led by local artist, and mum at the school, Sarah Kaye Rodden.

The installation showcased a range of disciplines including clay sculpture, drawing, watercolour and some spectacular large scale collaborative pieces of action painting.

Each week the children have learnt about different artists and been given the chance to explore different styles and techniques using various mediums. The idea was to create an opportunity for artistic expression beyond the curriculum and to provide access to materials that really elevated the art work to a more professional level.

Most fascinating were the scale model galleries carefully constructed for each child by graphic designer and paper engineer Bethany Side, in which the pupils were encouraged to embrace conceptual art and to design and make their own gallery.

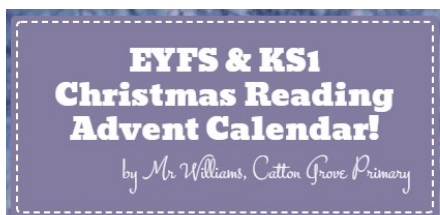


Complete with scale miniature people, these provided a wonderful insight into the children's ideas and passions, which focused heavily on animals and our planet.

The gallery at Sevenoaks Library provides a wonderful space for artists all over Kent and the exhibition was a brilliant way for the children to feel part of Sevenoaks' artistic community.

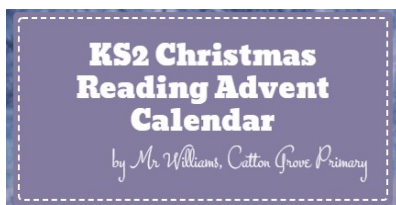
Christmas Advent Calendar

Thank you to Mrs Gawn for sharing these Advent story details and links.



Great for both home and school use!

All credit and congratulations to Mr Williams at Catton Grove Primary for his amazing work!

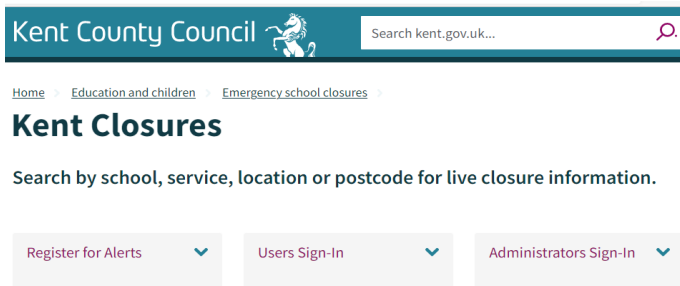


Learning with Lexia

Class 5 and Class 6 children that previously attended Lexia are welcome to re-join the before-school sessions again starting on Monday 6th December.

Well done to everyone who has achieved their 40 -minute target this week.

Kent School Closure Website



Kent County Council has re-built the school closure website.

Parents and carers need to register as a user via <https://kentclosures.co.uk/>,

Click on "**Register for Alerts**" tab and complete the fields. After registering as a user, you can choose to receive notification from one or more schools if needed. If you were previously registered under the old system, then that registration will have transferred over, but it's recommended that everyone checks that you are still registered.

Spring 2022 Club Schedule

- *Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **Fencing Club** (Mondays 3.15 -4.15pm) (Max 24- £5 per session)
- * Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **Netball Club** (Mondays 3.15pm-4.30pm) (Max 30- £5 per session)
- * Classes 5 & 6: **Love to Dance Club** (Tuesdays 8am -8.40pm)
- * Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **Judo Club** (Tuesdays 3.15pm-4.30pm) (Max 20- £5 per session)
- * Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **Performing Arts Club** (Wednesdays 3.15pm-4.30pm) (Max 20- Free)
- * Classes R, 1 & 2: **KS1 Multi-Sports Club** (Wednesdays 3.15pm-4.15pm) (Max 25- £5 per session)
- * Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **KS2 Multi-Sports Club** (Thursdays 8am-8.40am) (Max 25- £4 per session)
- * Classes 2, 3 & 4: **Tennis Club** (Thursdays 3.15pm-4.15pm) (Max 12- £5 per session)
- * Classes 3 & 4: **Boxing Club** (Fridays 8am-8.40am) (Max 32- £4 per session)
- * Classes 1,2 & 3: **Football Club** (Fridays 3.15pm-4.15pm) (Max 18- £5 per session)
- * Classes 4, 5 & 6: **Football Club** (Fridays 3.15pm-4.15pm) (Max 18- £5 per session)

Please see Club letters from the School Office for further details.

School Christmas Lunch

The School Christmas Lunch will be on **Wednesday 8th December. All parents are welcome to place an order for their child(ren)** via CH&Co website: <https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com/>



School Hot Dinners

The School Hot Lunches will resume on **Monday 6th December.**

Please place an order for your child(ren) via CH&Co website: <https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com/>

Easy Fundraising



Support Chevening (St Botolph) CEP School

Are you **online shopping** this weekend? Then please consider joining our band of supporters who use easyfundraising to generate donations for Chevening.

*There's no additional cost to shoppers; the stores commit to donating a small percentage to different registered charities, whilst regular grocery, gift, clothes, shopping takes place. Increasing our number of supporters would really help the school—please click on the **easyfundraising** logo for more information.*

Class Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance ensures that everyone benefits from all that is on offer in school—socially, emotionally and academically, now and into the future. **Our gates close at 8.55am, so learning can start and everyone is safe; please try to be on time!** Attendance and absence are closely monitored each day, so staff notice concerns and successes, even during COVID. The Government have said that absence, for reasons linked to COVID Guidance, will not impact individual children's attendance.

	Weekly % attendance	Year to date % attendance
Class R	94.8%	94.6%
Class 1	95.8%	94.5%
Class 2	95.2%	95.3%
Class 3	100%	97.1%
Class 4	93.1%	95.1%
Class 5	100%	97.9%
Class 6	97.7%	93%
Whole school	96.7%	95.4%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

Dates for this Term

Date	Event
6th December	Community Carol Singing at Coolings Lifestyle, 2.15pm
6th December	T2 Reports issued to Parents
8th December	PTFA Hamper Donations Day
	School Christmas Lunch
9th December	KS2 Carols (St Botolph's Church)
10th December	Class 6 Secrets' Room
13th December	PTFA's Christmas Online Panto Wear your Christmas Jumper and donate £1
14th December	Community Christmas Carol Singing at Tesco
15th December	KS1 Nativity (AM)
15th December (new date)	PTFA KS2 Christmas Pudding Event
16th December	Community Christmas Carol Singing at Rivermere
16th December	KS1 Nativity (PM)
17th December	Last Day of Term 2 2pm End of Term Service at St Botolph's Church
4th January	INSET Day
5th January	First Day of Term 3
22nd January	PTFA School Disco

These dates may be subject to amendment due to COVID

Stonepitts Christmas Trees

The Christmas season is almost here! **Stonepitts Farm** will be selling Christmas Trees. Orders can be placed in Farm Shop in the yard and also online www.stonepitts.com



As in previous years, Stonepitts will offer a £2 donation to our PTFA fund for every Christmas Tree sold to a parent or member of staff. Please support us if you can**Happy Shopping!!**

House Points

Houses	Total House Points
Churchill	3684
Sackville	3087
Stanhope	4089
Wolfe	3339



CHRISTMAS AT CHEVENING CHURCH



DECEMBER 12th:

Beer & Carols

6pm

At the Bricklayer's Arms

DECEMBER 19th:

Nine Lessons & Carols

10:30am & 5pm

DECEMBER 24th:

Crib Service

4pm

Midnight Communion

11:15pm

DECEMBER 25th:

Christmas Day Family Celebration

10:30am


ST. BOTOLPH'S
CHEVENING CHURCH

cheveningchurch.org/events



St. Botolph's Chevening Church
Chevening Road TN14 6HG





Children's Christmas Party



Friday 17th December

Time: 5pm - 7pm

The little ones won't want to miss this! A disco like no other with games, dancing and a children's buffet.

Meet our very special guest, Father Christmas!

We're also giving each child a gift to take home and unwrap at Christmas time.

BOOK ONLINE NOW!

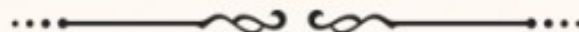


PRICES:

MEMBERS £10

NON-MEMBERS £12

AGES: 2-8 YEARS



Sevenoaks District Childrens Centres Christmas Week

Date and Time	Activity	Venue	To book
Monday 13 th December 1.00-2.00pm	Foodtastic Family Session	West Kingsdown Children's Centre	Swanleychildrenscentre @kent.gov.uk
Tuesday 14 th December 10.00-11.00am	Movers and Shakers Family Session	Swanley Children's Centre	Swanleychildrenscentre @kent.gov.uk
Tuesday 14 th December 10.30-11.30am	Wild Science Christmas	Edenbridge Children's Centre	Edenbridgechildrenscentre @kent.gov.uk
Tuesday 14 th December 1.00-2.00pm	Wild Science Christmas	Spring House Children's Centre	Springhousechildrenscentre @kent.gov.uk
Wednesday 15 th December 10.30-11.30am	Wild Science Christmas	New Ash Green Children's Centre	NewAshGreenCC @kent.gov.uk
Wednesday 15 th December 1.00-2.00pm	Wild Science Christmas	Swanley Youth Hub	Swanleychildrenscentre @kent.gov.uk

Wild Science sessions: A seasonal story of either Santa's workshop or The Three Wise Men. There will be a range of animals giving the children the chance to touch, hold and interact with the animals.

Foodtastic: Christmas themed workshop for children aged 2 and up.

Movers and Shakers: A Christmas themed session using instruments, learning songs and dances.