

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your on-going support and understanding, as we have had to pull back on activities and opportunities that involve social mixing and larger groups gathering. We very much hope that these **temporary** measures will help reduce the spread of COVID. We know there are different infections spreading through families, so do ask for your support in terms of wearing *facecoverings* at drop-off and pick-up times on the playground.

We need to try and reduce infection by: -securing PCR tests for children and/adults **WITH** potential COVID symptoms -arranging *regular* LFD tests for those who may seem asymptomatic, <u>especially</u> when others in the household have tested positive. We do wish those who are battling infection a speedy recovery, as well as those dealing with other ailments.

Please remember to inform the School Office if your child is absent from school—giving relevant details, so we can keep track of spreading infection.

Anti-Bullying has been one of this week's themes, starting with Monday's Odd Sock Day! How many grown-ups joined in this celebration of our individual uniqueness? The news this week has highlighted the need for 'One Kind Word' in all areas of life, including sports and hobbies. Sadly, enjoying different interests can sometimes be a factor in bullying. See page 2 for some 'Bullying Facts' from Ditch the Label. Despite annual events and inclusive initiatives, bullying remains a common experience. One of our Mustard Seed 'branches' is dedicated to promoting attitudes and practice that challenge this norm—'Be inclusive' defies the objective of bullies who seek to belittle and alienate individuals. Let's see how our Chevening Biblical Vision counters bullying actions and attitudes!

Please take good care this weekend. If your child displays any of the three main COVID symptoms *please keep them at home until a PCR confirms a negative result.* Best wishes, Miss Minnis



To learn more about the national **'One Kind Word'** anti -bullying campaign, click on the logo.

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) - Edie for showing love and kindness to her classmates this week.

Class 1 (Miss Levy & Mr Langston)- Ted for showing great love and always being a kind friend.

Class 2 (Ms Chiavarini)- All of Class 2 for courage and perseverance shown as they adapted and coped brilliantly during this unsettling week!

Class 3 (Mrs Archer) - Ben for great **honesty** in PE, resulting in a different outcome for the teams.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Charlie B for the **courage** he is showing as he gets ready for hospital appointments and procedures.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Alicia and Eva R for **compassion**, when helping others who were struggling with a maths task.

Class 6 (Mrs Wilde & Mrs McLean)– Ellis and Molly B for **respect** and great teamwork, collaborating well while preparing their Shackleton display.

Class 1

Class 1 have been thinking about all the different ways to show kindness in school and at home. As a class, we created our own kindness song using a familiar nursery rhyme tune. The children had lots of wonderful ideas—here are a few:

If you're kind and you know it, help a friend

If you're kind and you know it, help a friend

If you're kind and you know it

And you really want to show it

If you're kind and you know it, help a friend

If you're kind and you know it, show love (heart with hands)

If you're kind and you know it, show love (heart with hands)

If you're kind and you know it and you really want to show it

If you're kind and you know it, show love (heart with hands)

Have a go singing it at home! Can you think of your own lyrics?

Class 3

Class 3 have wielded their poetic pens for Anti-Bullying week, writing a shared poem about what kindness means to them.

They have enjoyed paying each other compliments and catching their friends being kind. The children have talked about the power of words and focussed on 'thank you'. Here's their poem: "Kindness"

Kindness is forgiveness from your heart,

Forgive.

Respect others, like they are your friends,

Care.

Treat others like you would like to be treated,

Kind.

Love like you mean it,

Honest.

Stand up for people,

Courage.

Be forgiving like a loving unicorn,

Friendship.

As lovely as a flower,

Share.

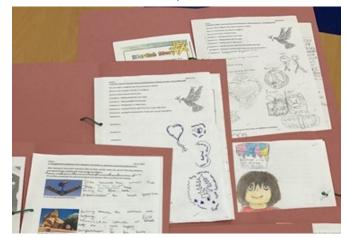
Courage is in your heart,

Be kind to others,

Love one another.

Class 5 have been busy thinking about kindness during anti-bullying week. We watched some famous short animation clips which showed elements of bullying.

The class then thought of opportunities of how we could show kindness instead. Following discussions about ways people can be caring and inclusive, we made some Calligrams illustrating the ways in which we could promote kindness to and for each other. You can see some of our ideas in the picture.



Bullying Facts

Standing up to bullies and bullying behaviours is crucial as you read some of these sad facts from <u>Ditch the Label 2020</u> (21 Facts about bullying you probably never knew)

- More than half (54%) of under 25 year olds say that have been bullied
- 20% of those surveyed say they often experience verbal bullying
- 24% of young people are worried about online bullying
- Those who bully are far more likely to have experienced stressful and traumatic situations recently
- The most common reason for bullying is due to attitudes towards appearance, with attitudes towards hobbies/ interests and clothing coming second and third.
- Almost 2/3 of people believe that social networks don't do enough to combat bullying
- 44% of people under 25 years of age believe 'real life' means 'only things that happen offline'

Class 5

Special thanks to **Class 2** who kindly spent time this morning writing jokes to spread cheer at the end of a long week!



Stonepitts Christmas Trees

The Christmas season is fast approaching! **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!!**

Learning with Lexia

Lexia Certificates have been awarded this week to: *Rory (Y1), Keira, Gregory, Isabella, George (Y2), Ella, Beatrix (Y4) and Max (Y6).*

Congratulations to you all! Well done too to everyone who has achieved their 40 -minute target this week.

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.

Girls' Football Tournament



On the 10th of November 2021, Poppy W, Molly B, Aoife, Nia, Jasmine, Poppy O, Immi and Ellis went with Mr Q to Knole Academy to take part in the girls' football tournament.

There was a total of four matches: The first match was Amherst vs Chevening, which the team won 3-0. The second match was Sevenoaks vs Chevening, which the team won 5-0. The third match was Lady Boswell's vs Chevening, which the team won 3-0. The fourth and final match was Edenbridge vs Chevening, which the team won 3-0.

In the end, Chevening won their group and did not concede a single goal! We also got more points than any other team which would make us the overall winners even though there wasn't a final.

The whole team played extremely well, working as a team, communicating well and just generally having fun!

Congratulations to you all for your successful match play and for making the most of this sporting opportunity!

Our PTFA Team are seeking donations of any outgrown <u>Christmas Jumpers t</u>o sell on! Donations can be left in the boxes in the School Office Porch. Time to turp out those drawers & wardrobes!

Autumn Club Schedule

Dance 8.40am)

Sports Club

3.15-4.15pm)

French Club

3.15-4.15pm)

- * Classes 4, 5 & 6: **Art Club** (Mondays 3.15 4.30pm)
- * Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: Netball (Mondays 3.15—4.30pm)
- * Classes 5 & 6: Love to Club (Tuesdays 8—
- * Classes 1 & 2: Multi-(Wednesdays
- * Classes 2, 3 & 4: (Thursdays
- * Classes 2, 3 (Thursdays 3.15—4.15pm)

Noily

Please ensure your child is collected on time!

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	93	93	
Class 1	95	94	
Class 2	94	97	
Class 3	97	98	
Class 4	99	96	
Class 5	97	98	
Class 6	94	96	
Whole school	95	96	
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	
25th November	Open Morning: POSTPONED	
25th November	PTFA Christmas Jumper Sale	
28th November	Christingle Service at St Botolph's Church	
2nd December	KS1 Film Night: POSTPONED	
6th December	Community Carol Singing at Coolings Lifestyle	
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	PTFA's Once Upon a Christmas Story Bus Event	
13th December	PTFA's Christmas Panto (online)	
14th December	Community Christmas Carol Singing at Tesco	
15th December	KS1 Nativity (AM) more details to follow	
15th December (new date)	PTFA KS2 Christmas Pudding Event	
16th December	KS1 Nativity (PM) more details to follow	
17th December	Last Day of Term 2	
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

Family First

This magazine is packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown. Please click the image for more details.



House Points

Houses	Total House Points	
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Sackville	222	
Stanhope	260	
Wolfe	190	

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20 DECEMBER - 21 DECEMBER

Ages	Venue	Time	Code
Year R - 4	Hayesbrook Academy, Brook Street, Tonbridge, TN9 2PH	09:30 - 12:00	SS-HYB-K-10
Year 5 - 8	Hayesbrook Academy, Brook Street, Tonbridge, TN9 2PH	13:00 - 15:30	SS-HYB-K-11

Safeguarding: The Safeguarding of our participants is of paramount importance to us. All of our coaches are recruited in line with Safer Recruitment guidelines, are fully qualified and hold enhanced, barred list checked DBS disclosures, Safeguarding and Emergency Aid certificates.

