

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we've had a small experience of COVID in school. Our additional safety measures have meant some changes to our routines, but it's been reassuring that class and school life has continued! We wish those who are battling the infection a speedy recovery!

There are always many opportunities and reasons to feel proud of our school and this busy week has been no exception! Our girls' football team excelled in Tuesday's Tournament. Whilst pleased with their success, their comments on the importance of teamwork were really heartening. During Wednesday's Open Morning, the visiting parents and grandparents praised the Class 6 tour guides for their excellent knowledge and honesty when talking about being part of Chevening School. On Thursday, Class 6 recorded Remembrance Worship for Key Stage 1 and then led Worship for the older classes. Their mature understanding of the difficult and sensitive issues raised by the topic really shone brightly.

School Council met yesterday to help review our recent Science Week. Each class has also been asked to respond to the headlines and findings from COP26; there are actions we can ALL take to tackle the climate crisis, as well as looking to influence others to make decisions and take action on issues that are beyond our control.

So, a busy week for us all, whether home learning or in school. Although we do need to postpone next weekend's Children's Disco, we are pleased to share news of two new Christmas events—Carol Singing at Collings Lifestyle and Tesco! More details on the Calendar!

Please take good care this weekend. If your child displays any of the three main COVID symptoms (new persistent cough, high temperature, change or loss of taste or smell, **please keep them at home until a PCR confirms a negative result.**

We hope to see lots of **ODD SOCKS** on Monday, for the start of Anti-Bullying Week! Best wishes, Miss Minnis



Class 6 created a super focus for Remembrance Worship on Thursday 11th November.

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) - William S for **love** and kindness he shows towards his peers.

Class 1 (Miss Levy & Mr Langston)- All of class 1 home learners for their **perseverance** in adapting so well to the changes in learning this week.

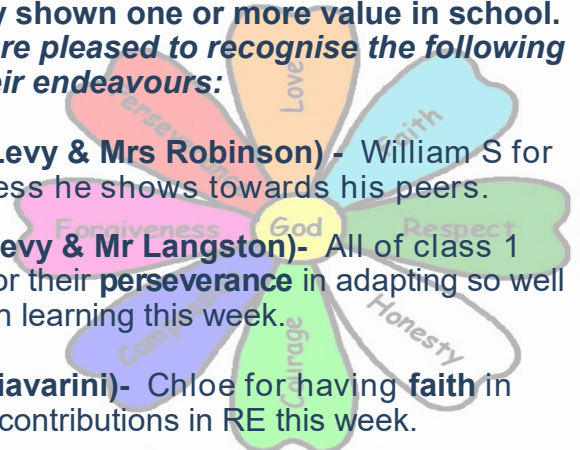
Class 2 (Ms Chiavarini)- Chloe for having **faith** in her outstanding contributions in RE this week.

Class 3 (Mrs Archer) - Murphy for his **courage** and showing a 'can do' attitude in all subjects, participating more often in class.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Trixie for being such a ray of light and showing **perseverance** in all she undertakes.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Elisa for great **perseverance** when breaking codes in 'The Chevening Adventure'.

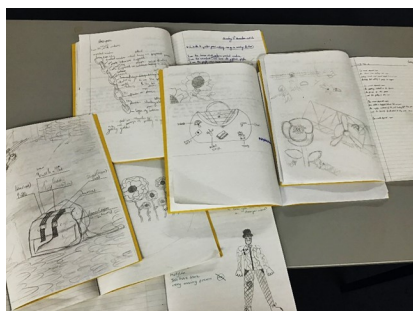
Class 6 (Mrs Wilde & Mrs McLean)— Jessica for her **perseverance** and effort she put into her role as a worship leader.



Class 5

Class 5 have been busy exploring Remembrance in different forms. The children have been looking at art from War Artists and have commented upon the effects used as well as the purposes of the artwork. Class 5 have also been working hard on poetry structures. You can see some of the moving poems they have constructed here, as well as some illustrations. There will be more posted on Class 5's page of the school website. Can you spot the structures within to write your own?

Class 5 have been using the [Chevening](#)



[Adventure](#) code-breaking story website to see what they can discover about Chevening in the Second World War using the text, while testing their code-

breaking skills to progress. We have just made a paper version of the adventure and it will also contain a selection of war poetry from the class. Copies will be available to purchase at cost price if you would like to find out a little more about the history of our special village and read the children's moving poetry. But there is more... we wonder whether you have been following the journey of the refugee 'Little Amal'. (She is due to visit The Netherlands next.) We have constructed a book showing photos of her journey in London which is woven around the amazing forwards/backwards poem Class 5 wrote about the right to education. You can find out more using this external link... www.walkwithamal.org/

Finally, we are pleased to announce that we have just published two other books! One is a selection of funny, 'nonsense poems' written by Class 6. A great little book to lift spirits and have a giggle;

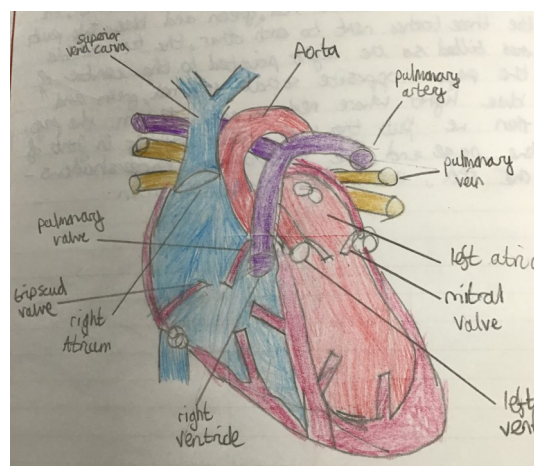


while the other features a selection of the affirmation artwork that the children in all classes produced on return to lockdown. If you would like a copy

of any of the publications, there will be more details about them soon.

Class 6

Year 6 have been learning about the circulatory system in Science this week. We talked about how blood travels around the body and why it is so important to keep the heart safe and protected to do this job. Finally, we all tried to draw the heart and main blood vessels.



Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you, not just for the noble soldiers, but for every person who has perished in wars across the world. Thank you that we live happily because they have made the greatest sacrifice of all for us. Sorry, that we have forgotten love for others in the rush of our lives. Sorry, that we sometimes forget that others have suffered for us. Please help us to forgive the people who we have fought against and to give them a second chance. Help us to establish harmony among the nations.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(Aoife)



Anti-Bullying Week



The children will be taking part in special anti-bullying activities next week. This year's theme is '**One Kind Word**'. Each class will work on age-appropriate activities to explore themes of friendship and anti-bullying. Click on the images for Anti-bullying Alliance information.

Remember to show your anti-bullying support by wearing **Odd Socks on Monday 15th November.**



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

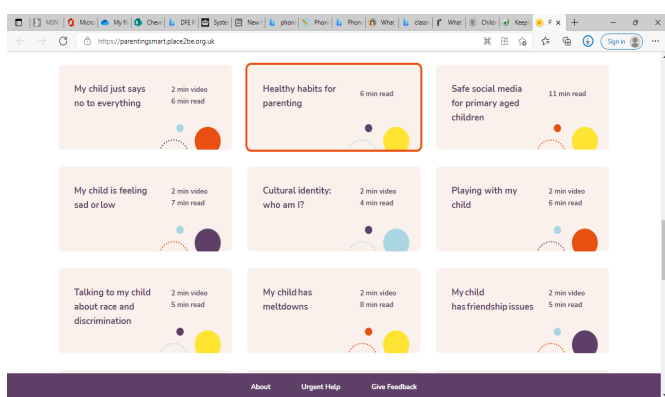


As in previous years, Stonepitts will offer a £2 donation to our PTFA fund for every Christmas Tree sold to a parent or member of staff. Please support us if you can**Happy Shopping!!**

Parenting Smart (Place2Be)

The children's mental health charity, Place2Be, has launched a new website aimed at helping parents with typical situations they can find themselves in with their children. Click on the image below for more details, including:

- Understanding sibling rivalry
- My child is lying, what does it mean, what should I do?



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 4 Carrotty Wood Residential

My, my what an adventure Class 4 had when they escaped off to Carrotty Wood last week! Many of the qualities we so pride ourselves on showing were certainly displayed as we tried our hands at many different adventurous activities. We scaled heights greater than we imagined, trawled through squelching mud to escape the clutches of 'Death Island' and focused on attention to detail as we took aim with archery. Perseverance, courage and even a glimpse of compassion were shown in abundance!



We could not be prouder of the children and all the qualities they displayed. A huge shout out and thank you to Mrs Rudge and Mr Garrett for all their help and creating much campfire fun! I am sure all the jollities and singing could be heard from many miles away.



Class contributions for Remembrance 2021

So much depends upon

So much depends upon
Those dutiful men
Striding with pride
Marching with hope

So much depends upon
That secretive journey
This held a warning
And was final for some

So much depends upon
The courage that they showed
While risking their souls
For our treasured lives

So much depends upon
That unforgettable Christmas
Where enemies were allies
For one pleasant day

So much depends upon – our Remembrance.

So much depends upon
The final gunshot
This rang like an echo
And signified victory!

By Emily (Class 5)



Autumn Club Schedule

- * Classes 4, 5 & 6: **Art Club** (Mondays 3.15 - 4.30pm)
- * Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **Netball Club** (Mondays 3.15—4.30pm)
- * Classes 5 & 6: **Love to Dance Club** (Tuesdays 8—8.40am)
- * Classes 1 & 2: **Multi-Sports Club** (Wednesdays 3.15—4.15pm)
- * Classes 2, 3 & 4: **French Club** (Thursdays 3.15—4.15pm)
- * Classes 2, 3 & 4: **Tennis Club** (Thursdays 3.15—4.15pm)
- * Classes 3 & 4: **Boxing Club** (Fridays 8—8.40am)
- * Classes 5 & 6: **Football Club** (Fridays 3.15—4.15pm)

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	92.5%	93.3%
Class 1	94.6%	94.2%
Class 2	93.6%	96.5%
Class 3	96.5%	97.7%
Class 4	99%	96.1%
Class 5	97.1%	98%
Class 6	94%	96.3%
Whole school	95.2%	96.1%
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
15th November	Odd Socks Day
15–20th November	Anti-Bullying Week
15th November	Children's Flu Vaccination
15th November	PTFA Christmas Card Deadline
16th November	Class 5 only Online Parent Consultations
17th November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
19th November	Phonics and Readers Training
20th November	PTFA School Disco
25th November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
25th November	PTFA Christmas Jumper Sale
28th November	Christingle Service at St Botolph's
2nd December	PTFA KS1 Film Night
3rd December	PTFA KS2 Christmas Pudding and Wreath-Making
6th December	T2 Reports issued to Parents
8th December	School Christmas Lunch
9th December	KS2 Carols (St Botolph's Church)
9th December	Community Christmas Carol Singing
10th December	PTFA's Once Upon a Christmas Story Bus Event
13th December	PTFA's Christmas Panto (online)
14th December	Community Christmas Carol Singing
15th December	KS1 Nativity (AM) more details to follow
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

These dates may be subject to amendment due to COVID

House Points

Houses	Total House Points
Churchill	2864
Sackville	2459
Stanhope	3187
Wolfe	2723



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HELP SANTA DECIDE WHO WINS!

THERE'S A SPOT ON SANTA'S SLEIGH TEAM THIS YEAR AND IT'S OPEN TO THE WHOLE OF THE ANIMAL KINGDOM. CAN YOU HELP SANTA DECIDE WHO'S GOING TO FLY WITH THEM?

FIND THE 10 CONTESTANTS IN BUSINESS WINDOWS AROUND TOWN, SCAN THEIR QR CODES, READ THE STORY AND TAKE SELFIES WITH THEM IN AUGMENTED REALITY. FINALLY, CAST YOUR VOTE ON WHO GETS THE SLOT.

GO TO THE BELOW WEBSITE TO START YOUR FREE FAMILY ADVENTURE.

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