

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been lovely to hear the good half-term news from some families this week, but we have also been concerned to hear that some of our families have been dealing with COVID infection as well.

The Local Authority have asked all schools to ensure their preventative measures are consistently applied: **extra ventilation, enhanced hygiene and cleaning, isolation for those who have COVID infection.** We have looked again at our systems for Remote Learning, should individuals be well enough while isolating to 'virtually join lessons, or complete tasks at home. The final element is to ensure our Risk Assessment and Contingency Plans are ready in case we are required to increase preventative measures. For now, the number and timing of infections means that COVID is, seemingly, not spreading within school, but that may change in the coming weeks.

Our plans for Term 2 remain in place—see the calendar on p4. However, we are ready to be adapt if needed.

We are particularly proud of Class 4 this week, with Aiden's campaign to improve recreation facilities featuring in Kent Online. Class 4 are (currently) enjoying their great overnight adventure at RockUK; we look forward to hearing some of their news when they return this afternoon. There are a few photos on page 2 to enjoy!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Miss Minnis

If you are planning on enjoying fireworks this weekend, **please stay safe!** Click on the image below for details of Sevenoaks Round Table Charity display on 06.11.21



Darker nights are now here! Click on the evening picture above for **First Aid for Life** suggestions on teaching your child to stay safe. There is further information on pages 6 and 7.

## 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 M for his **courage** in class this week.

**Class 1 (Miss Levy & Mr Langston)**- Lucy for her **faith** in believing in herself and having a go when she finds things tricky!

**Class 2 (Ms Chiavarini)**- Maddie for her **love** as she displayed two branches of our school vision of being kind and inclusive when helping a lonely classmate.

**Class 3 (Mrs Archer)** - Marta and William for their **perseverance** in Maths.

**Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)**- Tendo for showing lots of **courage, perseverance** and fitting in so well to the Chevening Family.

**Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)**- Alicia for showing **compassion** when we were looking at remembrance poems and starting to write our own

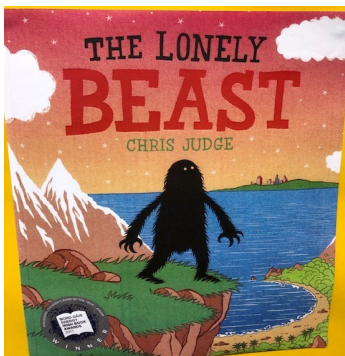
**Class 6 (Mrs Wilde & Mrs McLean)**— Aofie for her **honesty, courage** and positive attitude during the open mornings.





## Class 1

Class 1 have started reading a new book - The Lonely Beast. We came in after break on Monday to find a new visitor to our classroom! We didn't know what to expect as he looked very scary but we found out that he is friendly but quite lonely. Will he find some other Beast friends? We hope to find out soon.



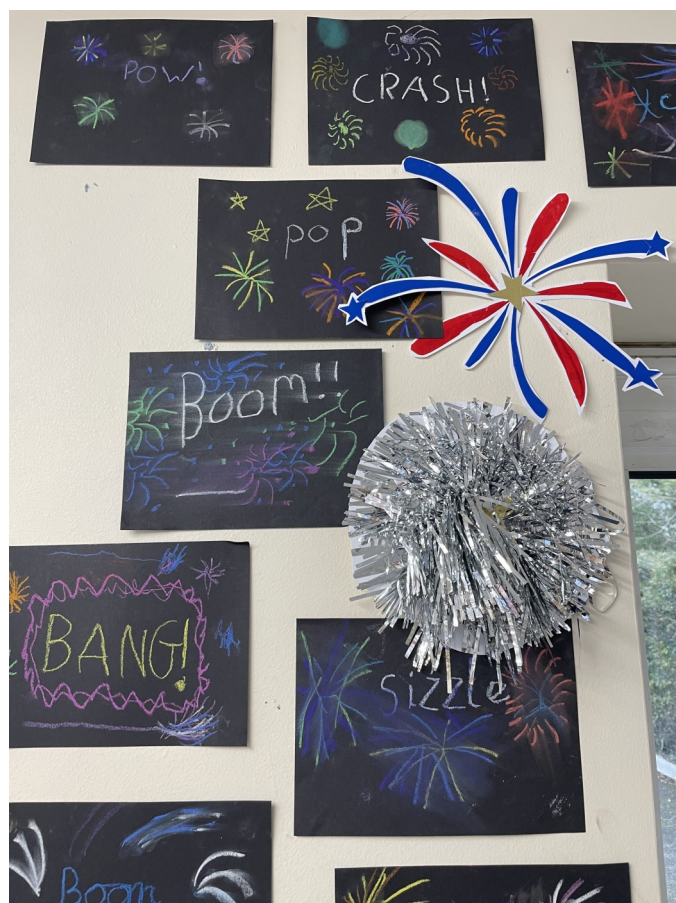
## News from Class 4's Residential

Here's a very quick look at some of the activities and challenges Class 4 faced at Carrotty Wood this week. *More news next week!*



## Class 3

Class 3 have been reading a selection of Fireworks poems as part of their Guided Reading. The children enjoyed making onomatopoeia posters to help support their learning.



In English they have started their new book 'The Pebble in my Pocket'. The children have found their own pebbles to describe and created a class poem including all their ideas.

### The Pebble in my Pocket is...

Very shiny and colourful,  
As smooth as a baby's ears,  
Reminds me of cake and watermelons,  
As rough as a woolly jumper made with curly hair,  
Smoother than chicken feathers,  
Has a lump on top,  
As tall and spiky as the Shard,  
Looks like a slide,  
Reminds me of a brown sweetie,  
Sharp,  
Looks like a brick,  
As soft as cotton wool,  
Lumpy,  
Reminds me of a small sausage,  
As soft as a bed,  
Looks like a football,  
Reminds me of a baby fish,  
Looks like a whale,  
Has a glittery star diamond,  
Is muddy,  
Reminds me of a ray,  
Has a star shining like fireworks.

By Class 3





## Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021



The Remembrance Poppies have arrived in school.

All children are welcome to bring in donations to support this national charity. Class 6 children are responsible for taking the poppy trays and collection tins to all the classes.

## 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](http://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!!**

## School Christmas Card

Three children's Christmas card designs have been selected as Chevening's School Christmas card this year. These cards will be sent to friends and contacts in the community. Congratulations to all our artists!

Jack (Class 6)



Millie (Class R)



Ruby (Class 6)



## Anti-Bullying Week

The children will be taking part in special activities next term, during Anti-Bullying Week: 15- 19th November. This year's theme is '**One Kind Word**'. Each class will work on age-appropriate activities to explore themes of friendship and anti-bullying. More details to follow!



## Being neighbourly....

A reminder to parents and carers who drive to and from school—please be mindful that when you park your vehicle you do not block a driveway. We value good relationships with our neighbours!

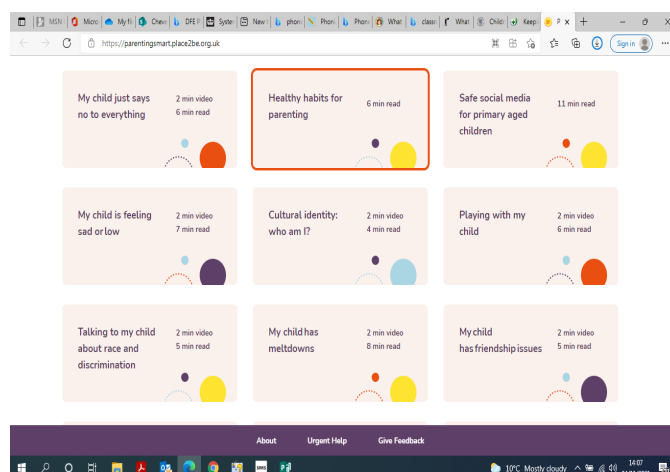


## Parenting Smart (Place2Be)

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.

Advice can be found on over forty topics including:

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



## 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
<b>Class R</b>	92.1%	93.5%
<b>Class 1</b>	98.4%	94.2%
<b>Class 2</b>	98.6%	96.8%
<b>Class 3</b>	97.5%	97.9%
<b>Class 4</b>	92.9%	95.7%
<b>Class 5</b>	97.4%	98.1%
<b>Class 6</b>	93.3%	96.5%
<b>Whole school</b>	95.9%	96.2%
<b>Excellent</b>	<b>&gt;97%: celebration of excellent attendance</b>	
<b>Good</b>	<b>95-97%: note of good attendance</b>	
<b>Poor</b>	<b>&lt;95%: alert to poor &amp; worrying attendance</b>	

## Dates for this Term

Date	Event
9 & 11th November	Online Parent Consultations (NOT Class 3 & NOT Class 5 on 9th)
9th November	Football Tournament for Girls
10th November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
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 <u>only</u> Online Parent Consultations
17th November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
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 Church
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)
10th December	PTFA's Once Upon a Christmas Story Bus Event
13th December	PTFA's Christmas Panto (online)
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
<b>Churchill</b>	<b>2580</b>
<b>Sackville</b>	<b>2330</b>
<b>Stanhope</b>	<b>3026</b>
<b>Wolfe</b>	<b>2487</b>





The PTFA will be taking donations of your preloved Christmas jumpers. Pop them in the box in the Office Reception. Then come along to our jumper sale on Thursday 25th November and grab a bargain!



# BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

*this winter*



Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier on, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

There are loads of ways to be seen and stay safer  
- so check over the page for some top tips!

# 5 top tips on how to **BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at [www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad](http://www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad)

**Be Bright,  
Be Seen**

**THINK** 