



Our Harvest of Thankfulness 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

The three photos that head our front page capture different elements of our **Harvest Celebrations**. The first shows the collection of essential supplies that we have 'gathered in' - not for ourselves, but for those linked to the crisis in Afghanistan who have no homes, no household goods, no comfort and are trying to establish a home in new places. These gifts will be collected by Mr and Mrs Newman for Care4Calais, who are coordinating donations.

The second photo represents our **Biblical Vision**, with the three branches of the strong tree reminding us to **be true to Christ, to be kind and thoughtful and to be inclusive and welcoming**. Our children's understanding of the **Parable of the Mustard Seed** really shone through in yesterday morning's Harvest Service in Church. Their courageous voices spoke volumes about being thankful and thoughtful, as the Bible teaches. Coming together as a School Family, with children, staff, parents, Governors and Church friends was absolutely fabulous. I am really sorry if you were unable to attend, as you missed beautiful singing and powerful words. Mrs Caisley took the third photo of **traditional harvest symbols** in St Botolph's Church. Rev Hannah has invited the children to join in Sunday morning's Service— more information on page 2.

Wishing you all a lovely and thankful weekend! Miss Minnis

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) - Jacob and Zachary for playing so **respectfully** and learning to share

Class 1 (Miss Levy & Mr Langston)- Avish for his **respect** towards the classroom and always keeping it tidy and organised!!

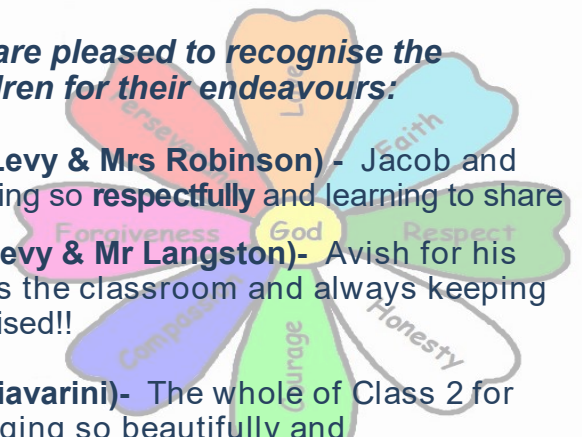
Class 2 (Ms Chiavarini)- The whole of Class 2 for **courage** for singing so beautifully and enthusiastically in front of a full church and for **faith** in their worship.

Class 3 (Mrs Edwards) - Arthur for showing **compassion** and looking after his injured friend.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Jessica W for showing **perseverance** when carrying out mental math calculations.

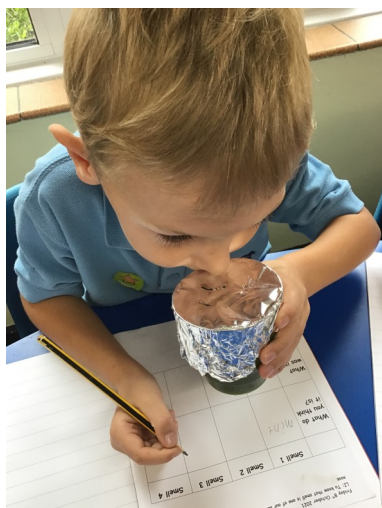
Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Emmy, Eva P and Heather for showing **respect** and **compassion** when people have been upset, in order to help them with their mental health.

Class 6 (Mrs Wilde & Mrs McLean)— Matilda for her **courage** in speaking at the Harvest Festival



Class 1

In Science, Class 1 have been exploring their five senses. They tasted a range of foods and noticed that their taste buds responded differently to sweet, sour, bitter and salty tastes. It was interesting to watch the children's faces as they sampled the mystery foods!



Class 1's Worry Monster

Class 1 have created a worry monster to eat up their worries. Yum Yum!

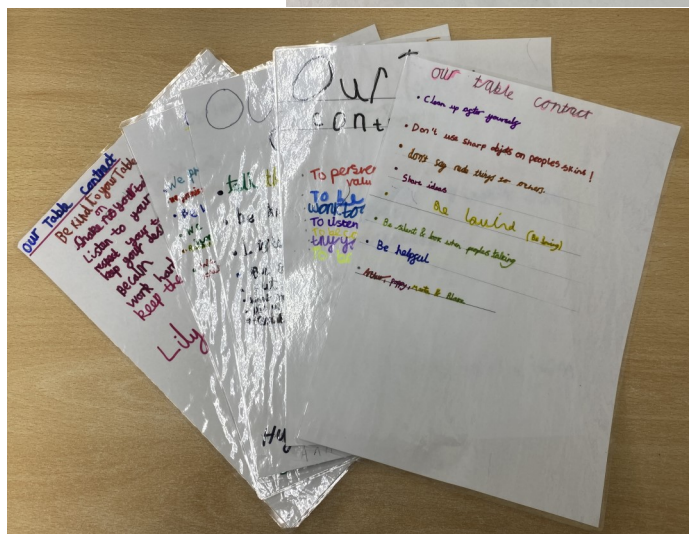
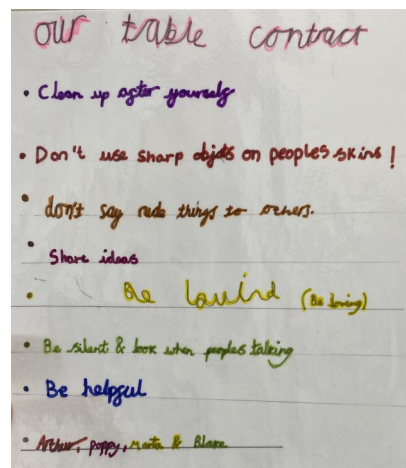


Rev Hannah needs your help on Sunday 10th October at 10.30am

Rev Hannah was so impressed with the children's singing on Thursday morning, that she has asked if some Chevening children could come to St Botolph's on Sunday morning to help lead the signing of 'Plough the Fields & Scatter' and '10,000 Reasons'.

Class 3

After an in-depth chat about promises, agreements and covenants, Class 3 used their RE lesson to make their own 'Table Contracts'. They worked together to think of things they agree to do to make their table a great place to work.



World Mental Health Day

In support of Sunday's World Mental Health, we asked children to wear something yellow to school today.

Mrs Cope has prepared some activities to do at school or at home, to help recognise that mental health is just as important as physical health.

Thank you to everyone who found a yellow 'something' to add to today's uniform.

Art Club

This week in Art Club the children were given the task of making a clay model of Mr Garrett who had kindly offered to model for them. We are not sure who made more fun.



Mrs Robinson's Tonbridge Half Marathon

Mrs Robinson is running a half marathon on Sunday to raise money for the amazing Cystic Fibrosis Trust, "They have looked after my little nephew for the past 4 years and supported my brother and sister in law through some very tough times."

Thank you so much for donations already received! If you still want to donate, please click the link: [Alexandra Robinson is fundraising for Cystic Fibrosis Trust \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/AlexandraRobinson)

Mrs Robinson and the children completed a mini workout this morning to give her courage for tomorrow.



Help!!!

We welcome and appreciate practical help and support from our parents and carers.

Please contact the School Office if you could come into school on a regular basis and help with activities such as organising an early morning running club, cooking, art and craft or assisting with the maintenance of resources and books etc.

We also welcome parents/carers who can coach sports activities, accompany trips, help with gardening, transport, DIY and computers.

A **HUGE** thank you to those who have stepped forward to offer voluntary support so far, we are working through DBS checks and will organise training shortly.

Chevening School Nursery is recruiting volunteers to join the Management Committee and take on the roles of Committee Chair and Treasurer. Can you help to serve this way?



Please see further information by clicking the Nursery logo.



Pupil Premium

If your family has experienced considerable change in circumstance, you may be entitled to apply for **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium**.

The criteria for successful application include:

- **Universal Credit** - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

You can apply on-line [here](#).

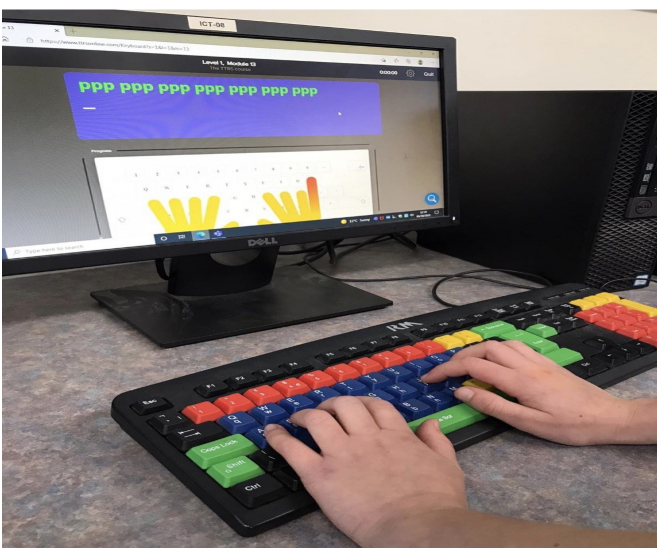
The application process must be completed by parents; The additional benefit to successful FSM applications, is that the school will receive **Pupil Premium Funds** to support a child's well-being and development in school.

Update September 2021: The Government have announced that they will issue **additional Recovery Premium** funding to support children entitled to Pupil Premium 2021-22. Please check the above criteria carefully, to see if it is applicable to your family's situation. **These funds are vital for additional support for children.**

For advice and support, please contact the School Office or speak with Miss Minnis.

Inclusion News 2

This week is **Dyslexia Awareness Week**. To celebrate this we thought we would share with you our new collection of Barrington Stoke, dyslexia-friendly texts that have just arrived. They have great story-lines, with text that is easier and simpler to read on tinted paper and are written by well-known authors such as Jeremy Strong and Anne Fine. These texts are good for readers in Class 3 and 4.



In the photo you can see one of our Touch Typing Club using the online Touch, Type, Read and Spell Programme. Some of the Club members from Class 4 wanted to share their thoughts about it with you: "It's fun!" (Trixie), "It helps me with typing quicker. I use all my fingers now." (Alfie), "It's exciting" (Ella), and "It will help me when I go to college" (Alice). We are glad you are all enjoying it and finding it useful in developing speed and accuracy. Mrs Caisley

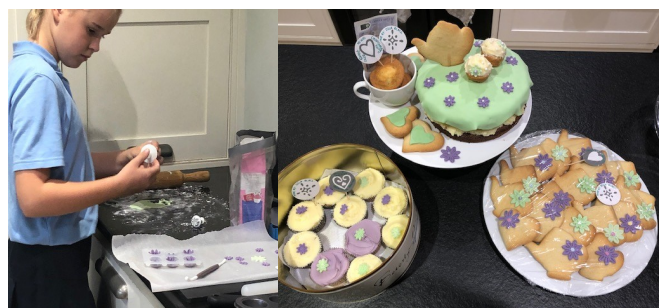
Learning with Lexia

More Lexia Certificates have been awarded this week to Alfie in Class 4 and Emilia in Class 5. Well done too to everyone who has achieved their 40-minute target this week.

Baking for Macmillan

Isla B in Class 6 has found a new passion for baking for the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Isla even managed to squeeze the baking into her busy swimming schedule!

Isla is very proud of the design and baking. Well done Isla!



Safeguarding News

The NSPCC have created some new resources for parents about keeping children safe in sport. Please click the NSPCC image to watch the 3 minute video.



Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

Going back to school or to a new school can be an unsettling time for children with SEND – and their parents/carers. Please click on the **Top 10 Tips** image to see the top 10 tips to settle into School. Please see attached Kent SEND Newsletter with more resources and advice.



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	97.1%	96.9%
Class 1	90%	94.7%
Class 2	97%	97.2%
Class 3	98.3%	98.5%
Class 4	100%	96.8%
Class 5	100%	98.4%
Class 6	98.6%	96.7%
Whole school	97.2%	97%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

House Points

Houses	Total House Points
Churchill	1319
Sackville	1211
Stanhope	1596
Wolfe	1349

Dates for this Term

Date	Event
11th October	PTFA Christmas Card Design deadline
11—15th October	Science Week
19th October	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
20th October	School Photos (individual)
21st October	Kent Test results released
21st October	Last Day of Term
22nd October	Class 3 (ONLY) Online Parent Consultations (more details to follow)
22nd October	INSET Day (no children)
25— 29th October	Half Term break
1st November	Term 2 starts
2nd November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
9 & 11th November	Online Parent Consultations (NOT Class 3) (more details to follow)
10th November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
15th November	Flu Vaccination
17th November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
25th November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
6th December	T2 Reports issued to Parents
9th December	KS2 Carols (St Botolph's Church)
13th December	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

These dates may be subject to amendment due to COVID restrictions. *** We have already had to make some changes to our plans.**

How are you feeling today?



happy



anxious



sad



angry



excited



calm

6 things you can do to help you feel good

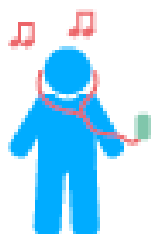
Talk to someone you trust about how you're feeling



Go outside and get some fresh air



Listen to your favourite music



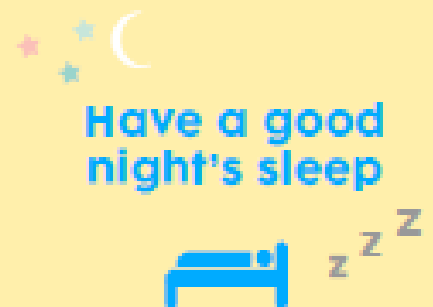
Keep active
- run around or play games



Eat lots of healthy food



Have a good night's sleep



Need someone to talk to?

Call Childline
for free
0800 1111



In an emergency,
text SHOUT
85258

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