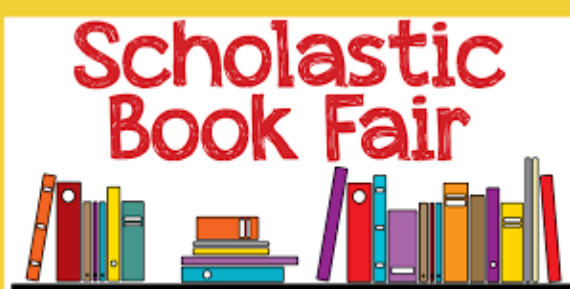




Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here's another bumper edition of the Newsletter, with reports showcasing super learning, activities, out-of-school endeavours and opportunities coming our way!

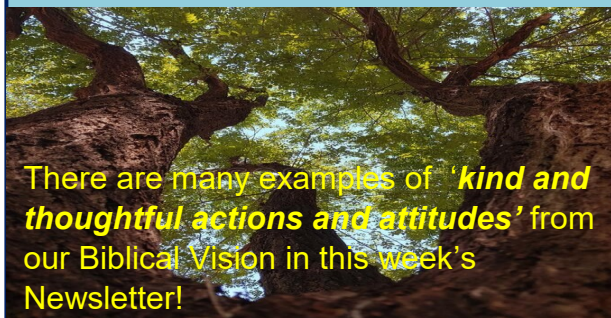


Many thanks to our parent volunteers who have quickly organised a **Travelling Book Fair** for next week. Make sure you pop along to make some great purchases!

News from Class 6's MacMillan Coffee Morning raising over £500 is inspirational and there's further compassionate fundraising news on p3 and p4. Please support if you can.

Next Tuesday we'll be meeting via Zoom for the **PTFA AGM**. There will be a review of past activities and information about future plans, so please try to join in!

Details for Thursday's **Harvest Service** are on p5. We are really looking forward to being thankful altogether. Please read the details for donations and the arrangements for keeping COVID-safe



Wishing you all a lovely weekend!
Miss Minnis



Congratulations to Class 6 for organising a fantastic **MacMillan Coffee Morning** last Friday! An **amazing £511** was raised!

Thank you to all the parents for supporting the event. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did!

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) - All Class R for their **respect** to each other and learning.

Class 1 (Miss Levy & Mr Langston)- Lottie for her **courage** in not being afraid to have a go at learning things and always trying her best

Class 2 (Ms Chiavarini)- Tommy for showing **love** and kindness as he helped all the little Class R children during lunch this week.

Class 3 (Mrs Edwards) - Blake for his **respect** to learning with his renewed focus and effort.

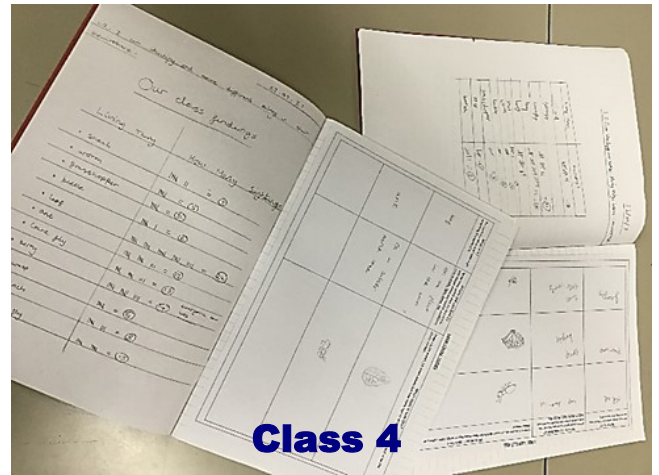
Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Sidney for showing **compassion**, always being in-tune with the feelings of others and doing little kind gestures which make them feel happy.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Matylda, Emmy, Eva P and Lola for the **perseverance** they have shown when calculating with numbers up to 1 million!

Class 6 (Mrs Wilde & Mrs McLean)– Stanley for his **perseverance** in all of his work this week

Class R

Class R really loved exploring Forest School for the first time today.



As part of learning about Living Things in their Habitats in Science, Class 4 have taken to going and exploring creatures in their local habitat. Equipped with bug viewers, binoculars, magnifying glasses and iPads, the children took to the outside world to observe and record their findings. Observational diagrams were drawn and detailed notes about the conditions of the environment were also made.

Class 2

Inspired by Elliott and his story machine, Class 2 have really enjoyed creating their very own picture books. What a fabulous imagination this class has with lots of budding authors and illustrators!



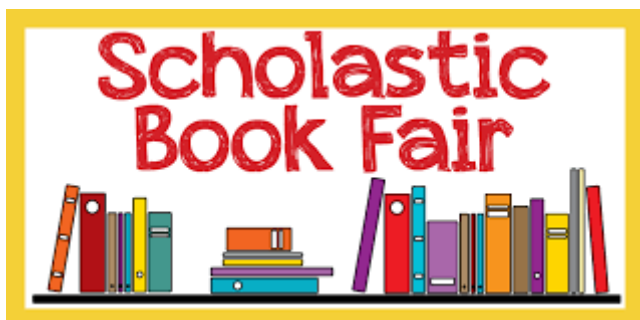
This brought up a few interesting questions. We wondered why is it that worms prefer dark and damp places? Why are wasps and bees, however, attracted to the warmer and brighter surroundings? We brought all our findings together and totalled our sightings, which led to some interesting discussions. Despite being able to identify crane flies and some other less familiar, insects some of the different leaves and branches had us stumped, but we soon identified these after a quick referral to resources and identification keys.



Hever Triathlon

Last Saturday, Aoife, George and Wilf (Year 6) took part in the Hever triathlon, with a team name of the "Chevening Champions". They swam in the murky waters of Hever lake, cycled along a hilly route around the grounds, before completing a run to the finish line. They showed such great determination and resilience to complete this triathlon and here is a picture of them proudly wearing their medals.

George is raising money with his family for Great Ormond Street Hospital, in memory of Anna Lewis. If you would like to donate to this very special charity, he would be very grateful: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Yvonne-Donoghue1>



The PTFA has organised a Scholastic Book Fair for everyone: before school **Monday 4th to Friday 8th October** in the Library.

This is a great opportunity to buy half-term books, presents for Christmas and stock-up on new books for autumn evenings! In addition, funds raised will help to provide the school with new books for classrooms and the Library.

Learning with Lexia

The following children have earned Lexia Certificates this week: Adam, Jasmine and Keira in Year 2, and Stanley, Max and Poppy in Year 6. Well done too to everyone who has achieved their 40-minute target this week.



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.

The grand re-opening of Chevening's Lending Library!

Just before we went into lockdown, Mr Garrett, the caretaker at Chevening, made a lending library. A lending library is a small box to store books in. The purpose of it is so that if you have read a fabulous book and you think you want to read it again then you hand it in to our Lending Library for other people to enjoy.

These are some quotes from people around Key Stage 2 about how they like the Lending Library. Isla (Class 3) said "I like that there are so many different books to choose from". Mrs Holdak, a teaching assistant at Chevening, said "I love seeing children choose their books from our lending library". Emmy (Year 5) said "I like that there are lots of choices of book".

A few key things about our Lending Library are:

- You should only ever access it with an adult so that you can be supervised in making your choice,
- make sure the door is closed after use
- the Lending Library should only be used by **Key Stage 2** children.
- Remind your children to bring in lots of books to share in Key Stage 2!

All of Chevening loves our Lending Library, we hope we see lots more exciting books in there soon!

By Issy and Nia (Class 6)

Mrs Robinson's Tonbridge Half Marathon

Mrs Robinson is running a half marathon next 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"

Hello! I'm fundraising for Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Here's my JustGiving page, if you'd like to donate: [Alexandra Robinson is fundraising for Cystic Fibrosis Trust \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/AlexandraRobinson)

**Cystic
Fibrosis Trust**

Chevening Nursery

Chevening School Nursery have made delicious apple, blackberry and sultana crumbles to enjoy with their families at tea time.

A couple of children also visited the Bricklayers Arms to pick up Leo's homemade bread.



This week the children have enjoyed water play which has included washing dolls, using syringes and pipettes to transfer water and fill containers. Believe it or not we have also made out Christmas cards which are being sent off to the printers. On Monday our mummies and daddies are meeting for a chat and a cup of team at the Bricklayers Arms which will be lovely for them, to make new friends like we have been doing at Nursery.



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.

Harvest Service

The Service starts at 9.30am and families bring their children **to the Church** (not the School!) from 9.15am.

Early Morning Club will meet at St Botolph's Church from 8am. Children booked in for EMC need to be dropped off at St Botolph's Church. These children will be supervised by staff until the Service begins. After the service, they will be escorted back to school – either walking or in the minibus.

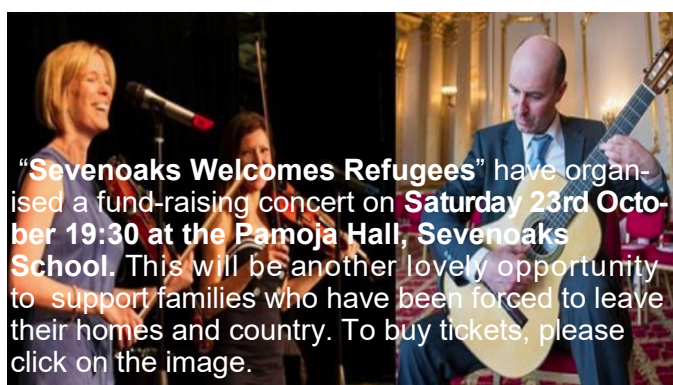
COVID-measures to keep everyone safe:

- **Good ventilation via open windows/doors**
- **Face-coverings to be worn by parents/carers and non-school adults**
- **Parents/carers can enjoy the children's singing.**
- **Parents/carers to sit behind class pews.**

This year, the difficulties in Afghanistan have made us feel even more thankful for the food and homes that we love. Harvest contributions for Afghanistan can be brought to the School Office Porch until Thursday 7th October. Donations will be collected on Friday 8th October. The list of suitable and needed items is below:

- Tents
- Men's and boy's coats
- Sleeping bags and blankets
- Jogging bottom or jeans, size 26-34 waist
- New boxer shorts
- Socks, hats and gloves
- Hoodies and jumpers
- Waterproof walking boots, size 38-45
- Unlocked mobile phones with chargers
- Powerpacks
- Tarpaulins
- Rain ponchos
- Backpacks
- Toiletries
- Rollmats
- T-shirts, Trainers
- Bin bags
- Anti-bacterial hand wash

Alternatively you can make a money donation on [Care4Calais](#) | [Refugee Crisis Charity](#) | [Fundraise Donate Volunteer](#)



Chevening's Champions for Change

We are looking forward to a special focus week on Science between Monday 11th - 15th October.

If you work in a science related job and would like to share your experiences with the children, please contact the School Office on office@chevening.kent.sch.uk



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	97.9%	96.8%
Class 1	93.3%	95.8%
Class 2	96.6%	97.3%
Class 3	98.3%	98.6%
Class 4	97.5%	95.9%
Class 5	99.3%	98%
Class 6	96.2%	96.2%
Whole school	97%	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	939
Sackville	813
Stanhope	1183
Wolfe	1015

Dates for this Term

Date	Event
5th October	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
5th October	PTFA Zoom Meeting
4—8th October	PTFA Autumn Book Fair with Scholastic Books
7th October	Harvest Service at St Botolph's Church.
11th October	PTFA Christmas Card Design
11—15th October	Science Week
19th October	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
20th October	School Photos (individual)
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
17th November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am
25th November	Open Morning 9.30-10.30am

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

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NOT JUST FOR BOYS
NOT JUST CONTACT
NOT JUST EXERCISE
NOT JUST A GAME
NOT JUST FUN
MORE THAN JUST RUGBY



GIRLS RUGBY

NEW PLAYERS WANTED
ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME

**MAKE FRIENDS, GET ACTIVE, CHALLENGE
YOURSELF, HAVE FUN**

Years R to 2 - Mixed Tag Rugby - Sundays at 0900
Years 3 to 6 - Girls Only Tag Rugby - Sundays at 1100
Years 7 to 13 - Junior Girls Only Rugby - Sundays at 1100

4 FREE TRIAL SESSIONS

To find out more or to introduce a new player,
contact email henley.srfc@gmail.com



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