

Friday 17th September 2021

Autumn

Our Biblical Vision

Being true to Christ and His teachings;
Being known for kind and thoughtful actions and attitudes;
Being inclusive in serving, sharing and showing God's love to bene-

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." Matthew 13:31-32

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 1 (Miss Levy & Mr Langston)- Freya for **perseverance** for excellent effort in all her learning.

Class 2 (Ms Chiavarini)- Darcie for her **perseverance** in creating a super story map!

Class 3 (Mrs Edwards) - Murphy for his **perseverance** in wanting to complete his Maths to the very best of his ability.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Charlie B for showing **compassion** as he always puts others before himself through his actions and words.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Finlay and Sienna for showing **compassion** as they think about other children in the class and how they could help.

Class 6 (Mrs Wilde & Mrs McLean)- Holly for her **loving** and caring attitude to everyone around her.

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's the end of Week 3 and Class R have impressed us all by joining in lunchtimes. Next week, Class R will stay for lunch Monday-Wednesday and then ALL Day to end the week. It's been exciting to see them around school already.

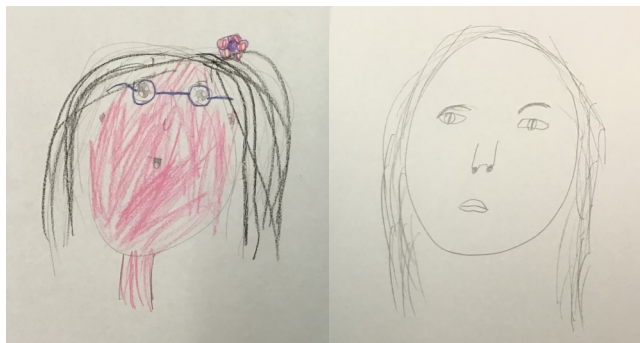
On Monday afternoon, Mrs McLean, Mrs Robinson and our **Upper School Choir** entertained the residents of the Leonard Cheshire Home and promoted our musical talents. We have more community-focused events next week—Class 6 are hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning for their grown-ups and also their Class R Buddies' parents and carers. These kind of activities reflect the wider learning and development for children in Chevening, in addition to all-important academic learning and progress.

In Worship we have been considering our school **Biblical Vision**. As Ellis said, this is helps to connect children, staff and parents to God. Our headline shows the Bible text and a tree, with 3 branches that encompass how the Parable of the Mustard Seed underpins Chevening (St Botolph's) Primary School. Please take a look at the image and words—these will now be at the heart of all our activities, procedures and policies and are relevant to us all.

With best wishes, Miss Minnis

Class 1

In Art, Class 1 have been learning about Picasso. They created their own self-portraits and compared their first draft to their final draft and were surprised by the results!



Learning with Lexia

Well done to all Key Stage 2 children who use Lexia for learning and have remembered to arrive in school at 8.30am for an extra session! Congratulations to Chloe who have been awarded the Lexia certificate this week.



Class 6 will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 24th September at 9.30am for Class 6 parents, Class R parents, Governors and our neighbours.

Mrs Caisley

Hello to all readers - I am Mrs Caisley, one of the teachers here. You may have seen me around school, or on the playground. My role is the Special Needs Co-ordinator - working with parents and staff to support children who have any additional or special needs. Over the coming months we are highlighting our SEND provision and so from time-to-time we will feature different interventions and strategies that we use within school. If you ever want to discuss any issues or worries about your child, you can email me on senco@chevening.kent.sch.uk and we can arrange a meeting. It's been lovely to speak to so many of you already this term.



Class 3

Class 3 have been learning about how historians find out about the past, taking on the role of archaeologists this week. We dug for artefacts to try and find out which member of staff each tray



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Chevening Nursery News

We have only been back in Nursery for two weeks but already our new children have made themselves at home. It has been so lovely to see our families able to come into Nursery to drop off. The children have enjoyed making new friends and catching up with old. The garden is full of insects which we have discovered and investigated closely with magnifying glasses and viewers. The addition of a new pirate ship has provided lots of role play and map drawing which has led to the discovery of and hiding of treasure boxes.



Safeguarding

Keeping children and adults safe and promoting well-being is a core duty for staff, volunteers and Governors. We take our responsibilities seriously and seek to work alongside parents, carers and families to protect our community and keep everyone safe and secure. Please take time to read our [2021 Child Protection Policy](#).

Governors News

I am pleased to announce that Mr Frank Simon has been appointed by St Botolph's, Chevening Church to our Governing Board, as a Foundation Governor. Frank is a parent of the school, previously serving our Chevening School Nursery as Treasurer. We look forward to Frank's input into our strategic governor duties.

We currently have a Foundation Governor vacancy and are calling for nominations for a Parent Governor (please see separate email relating to nomination process for Parent Governor).

Foundation Governors are expected to bring to the Governing Board an informed regard for the Church nature of the foundation of our school, to ensure that its Christian ethos is preserved and developed, and the religious worship reflects the tradition of the Church of England. Governors' responsibilities involve the considerable commitment of time and energy. It is not necessary for governors to be "experts" - accountants, surveyors, solicitors, teachers - but they must be willing to bring to bear their own common sense and experience of life on the many issues presented for their attention. Rev. Hannah Adams will seek and recommend people who she regards as being able to bring a Christian perspective to the life of our school. They will have knowledge of what Christian values might be from their own learning and relationships within their Church. Suitable candidates will be considered from St Botolph's, Chevening Church, as well as other local churches. Please contact Hannah if you are interested in learning more about the Foundation Governor vacancy via

rev.hannahadams@gmail.com.

Prue Burrlock

Chair of Governors

Family Magazine

Family First is a magazine that is packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown.

Please click the image for more details:



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 this week 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.

Introducing our Head Boy and Head Girl

Head Boy: Hi, my name is Leo and I have been at Chevening since year R. My favourite subject is computing and I like that the community at Chevening is very friendly. We all get along well: children, teachers and parents.

Head Girl: Hi, I'm Ellis and I have been at Chevening since Year R. My favourite subjects are art, PE, ICT and PSHE. I think Chevening is special because it welcomes people, accepts difference and



Key Dates for this Term

Date	Event
20th September	Clubs start
23rd September	PTFA Class R Coffee Morning 9.30am
24th September	Class 6 Macmillan Coffee morning (see page 4 for more information) 9.30am
11—15th October	Science Week
7th October	Harvest Service at St Botolph's Church
18th October	Term 1 reports issued to parents
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
8th November	Online Parent Consultations (NOT Class 3) (more details to follow)
10th November	Parent Consultations via Teams

These dates may be subject to amendment due to COVID restrictions.

Club Schedule

Autumn Term 1 2021 clubs:

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

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	96.7%	97.9%
Class 1	93.3%	96.8%
Class 2	96.6%	97.6%
Class 3	100%	99.7%
Class 4	92.5%	96.3%
Class 5	94.1%	97.6%
Class 6	95.2%	97.1%
Whole school	95.4%	97.5%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

ONE OF THE GIRLS

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FUN SKILLS TRAINING AND MATCH PLAY.



Netball for all – come and join us!

Netball club Saturdays 9 – 10.30am New term
Sept 11th 2021, Oxted School, girls 6+, join any time

Monthly Minis Workshops for under 8s
1st Sunday of every month, 9.30 – 10.30am: Oct 3rd, Nov 7th,
Dec 5th

Netball Camps ...October half term 25th/ 26th
10am-3pm

Ladies Back to netball, Mondays 7pm

Structured and enjoyable programs run by experienced,
enthusiastic England Netball trained coaches

CONTACT THE TEAM AND BE ONE OF THE GIRLS!

