



**Friday 10th September 2021**

## **PTFA Fun Day: 11.09.21**

Chevening's amazing PTFA have planned some fun to kick off the 2021-22 school year!

**Saturday 11th September 2021**  
**2—4pm**

**Including Music, BBQ, Bar, Inflatables, Donkey Rides, Glitter Tattoos, Cake Stall, Coconut Shy—there's fun for all!**

**Thank you to Kelly and our Class Reps for all their hard work to organise and prepare.**

**Please park considerately and consider walking if possible.**

## **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)**- All of Class 1 for **courage** and **perseverance** for settling in so well and for a super attitude towards learning.

**Class 2 (Ms Chiavarini)**- Jasmine for showing **love** to all her classmates.

**Class 3 (Mrs Edwards)** - The whole class are being awarded the **love** value for looking after each other and making their teacher, Mrs Archer, feel very welcome. (Mrs Archer will lead the class for Mrs Edwards' maternity leave and very kindly stepped in this week whilst Mrs Edwards has been unwell).

**Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)**- The Whole of Class 4 for showing so much **love** and **respect** towards one another and our new learning environment - for settling back into school and routines with such ease.

**Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)**- It has been lovely to see the **respect** that Class 5 have shown as they were very keen to thank Class 6 for their **compassion** towards them within the week, particularly at lunchtimes.

**Class 6 (Mrs Wilde & Mrs McLean)**— Sophie for her **compassion** towards a friend.

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week! **Class R** have started school this week and we have really enjoyed meeting the children and their families.

Please help to make them feel welcome as they stay for a slightly longer day next week, building up to full-time very soon.

We also enjoyed welcoming **Mrs Archer** to **Class 3**, rather earlier than anticipated! Congratulations to Class 3 for helping her feel at home and for making sure Mrs Edwards feels well in school today.

Saturday is our back-to-school **Fun Afternoon, 2-4pm** on the School Field. We are very grateful to the PTFA team for planning and preparing for this family event— please try to join in, if you can!

Further thanks to all the parents who joined the PTFA Zoom meeting on Wednesday evening and also to **Mrs Bodek** for stepping in to Liz Smith's PTFA Treasurer role. We are really grateful to **Liz and Peter** for all they have done for Chevening over many years!

Look out for Mrs McLean, Mrs Robinson and our **Upper School Choir** on Monday afternoon—they have been invited to sing to some of the Leonard Cheshire Home residents on the Green by Chipstead Lake. We look forward to more singing opportunities over the year.

Last term's Swimathon has raised **£4000** for our swimming pool—a fabulous effort and total, which is helping to pay for the pool refurbishment. If there are any **Gift Aid** sponsorship forms lurking at home, please return them to the School Office, so a further 20% Gift aid can be claimed to increase our total. Huge thanks to all swimmers and sponsors!

I hope to see you tomorrow afternoon.  
With best wishes, Miss Minnis

## Class 4

Class 4 have made an absolute superb start to the new school year and already been on quite the adventure. As part of our RE lesson this week, seeing as it was a glorious afternoon, we took our learning outside where we embarked on a very important mission.



We went exploring and searching for things that we think are wonderful in the world. These varied from intrinsic spider webs to scurrying squirrels - which yes we all did try and capture a photo of, ever so subtly!

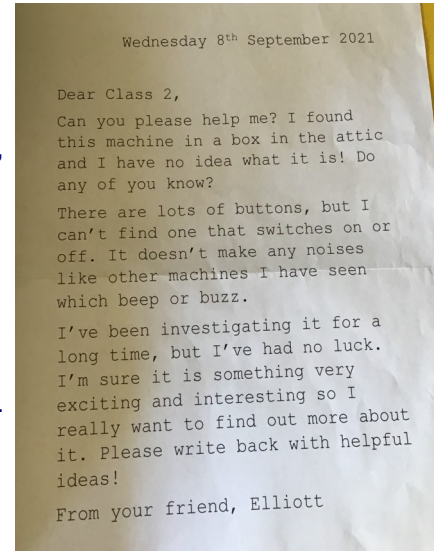


We also took the time for some reflection, appreciating the little details which we so often miss in our busy everyday lives, including 'nature's symphony', all in preparation to begin our learning about God's creation of the world and think about what Christians learn from this story.



## Class 2

In English this week, Class 2 received a mystery box and letter from Elliott, the main character of our new class book, asking the children to help him understand a machine he found in his attic. The ingenious children wrote back explaining that he had found an old-fashioned computer, aka a typewriter!



## Class R

Class R settled in very well this week. They sailed to secret lands, walked with dinosaurs, dug for treasure, visited the hospital, cycled, painted, built structures, and met so many new friends. What a busy first week!



## 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 sharing stories, cooking, swimming, 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. You may wish to train as a "Reading Angel" - volunteer who hears children read, having been trained in our methods. We also (urgently!) need help to sort through uniform donations.

## Activity Clubs

Autumn Term 1 2021 clubs:

- \* Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **Fencing Club** (Mondays 3.15 -4.15pm) (Max 24- £5 per session)
- \* Classes 4, 5 & 6: **Art Club** (Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm) (Max 12- £5 per session)
- \* Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **Netball Club** (Mondays 3.15pm—4.30pm) (Max 30- £5 per session)
- \* Classes 5 & 6: **Love to Dance Club** (Tuesdays 8am—8.40am) (Max 30)
- \* Classes 5 & 6: **Hockey Club** (Tuesdays 3.15pm—4.30pm) (Max 16- £5 per session)
- \* Classes 1 & 2: **Multi-Sports Club** (Wednesdays 3.15pm—4.15pm) (Max 25- £5 per session)
- \* Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6: **Multi-Sports Club** (Thursdays 8am—8.40am) (Max 25- £4 per session)
- \* Classes 2, 3 & 4: **French Club** (Thursdays 3.15pm—4.15pm) (Max 15- £5 per session)
- \* Classes 2, 3 & 4: **Tennis Club** (Thursdays 3.15pm—4.15pm) (Max 12- £5 per session)
- \* Classes 3 & 4: **Boxing Club** (Fridays 8am—8.40am) (Max 32- £4 per session)
- \* Classes 5 & 6: **Football Club** (Fridays 3.15pm—4.15pm) (Max 18- £5 per session)

Please see Club letters from the School Office for further details.

## The Story Machine

Following the success of our previous whole-school books, all classes are starting the year by looking at "The Story Machine" by Tom McLaughlin in their English lessons. This wonderful story centres around a boy called Elliott who finds a typewriter and discovers that he is capable of creating amazing things - much like our children!



## 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.

## Online Safety

NOS (National Online Safety) has created some useful back-to-school safety tips for children—all for free! You can download and share with your children by clicking on the image, to the right.



## Mr Garrett

Thank you to all those who gave support to our 26.5 walk over the summer break, we accomplished the challenge in just over 7 hours of walking!



## Key Dates for this Term

Date	Event
11th September	PTFA Fun Day 2-4pm
20th September	Clubs starting
23rd September	PTFA Class R Coffee Morning
11—15th October	Science Week
7th October	Harvest Service at St Botolph's Church
20th October	School Photos (individual)
22nd October	INSET Day (no children)
25– 29th October	Half Term break
2nd November	Term 2 starts

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

## Instrument Lessons

Piano, flute and group recorder lessons will begin next week. If you would like more information for your child to have a taster lesson, please contact Rowena Howey via email: [rowenahowey@outlook.com](mailto:rowenahowey@outlook.com)



If you would like to enquire about Guitar or Violin lesson, please contact the office.

## 1st Prize for Baking



Well done to Marine in Class 3! She won 1st prize for her baking at her local Dog and Flower Show.

Those cakes look absolutely delicious—no wonder Marine looks pleased!

## 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	100%	100%
Class 1	99.6%	99.2%
Class 2	98.6%	98.3%
Class 3	100%	99.4%
Class 4	98.9%	99.2%
Class 5	100%	100%
Class 6	99.3%	98.5%
Whole school	99.5%	99.1%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

**Calling All Swimmers!**  
Continue or begin your swimming journey



Sevenoaks Swimming Club is one of the largest and most successful Clubs In Kent & the South-East Region.

**Free Trials**

Sunday 19th September  
Walthamstow Hall

The experienced and dedicated coaching team has helped swimmers achieve multiple county, regional & national titles and records and achieve International selection. All with the support of a dedicated volunteer team (#RedArmy) to create a fun, safe and friendly environment!



**FREE TRIALS FOR ALL LEVELS**

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