



Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

There's been a swirl of emotions around school this week. The end of term exhaustion we've all been feeling, meant that last Sunday's late Football Final left some children parents and staff feeling rather low on Monday morning. Here we are a few days later and, hopefully, perspective makes a disappointing finish feel less painful.

Class 6 were quick to step up and join the tidal wave of protests against the appalling racist comments made to some of the #ENG team. We were really pleased to share the children's affirmations on Twitter. In this newsletter there are updates about SEND, as well as a hint or two for next term! On Tuesday, the 'Love to Dance-rs' gave a great performance to their parents! The children will see a reprise Performance next week and enjoy more singing opportunities.

On Thursday, the children met their new Class teachers (either live or virtually!) All very exciting! The final group of 2021 Class R children visited the school field today to collect their special **Welcome Bag**—full of surprises and fun! A great start to getting ready for September!

The **CH&Co** school dinner menu for September has arrived and can be found [here](#).

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!
With best wishes,
Miss Minnis PS:
Don't forget your Chevening tickets for 'We Are Family'
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Dear England players,
I want you to know that you don't deserve a single bit of the hate you've been getting. Sometimes people forget how far we've got and only focus on what we lost. You only lost on penalties but you made it all the way through the game. Penalties (in my opinion) are all up to luck, anyone could lose them. The hate and abuse you are receiving is so wrong and don't listen to a single word of it. It was so much pressure and you are so brave for just giving it a try.

Just one of the strong responses from **Class 6** to the messages of hate sent to England Football Team Players earlier this week. Good to see @CEChevening championing courageous responses to discriminatory behaviour and attitudes!

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)- All of Class R for **respect** and **love** as they have had an excellent attitude towards learning this year and for always looking out for each other.

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- Jonty for his hard work and **perseverance** with his writing this year.

Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- The whole of Class 2 for displaying all the **school values** over the year. Amazing job!!

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - All of Class 3 for **all the Values**—for being so wonderful this year, working so hard and bringing such big smiles into the classroom.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Ki for always being so **honest** and showing **respect** to all, everyone and everything within our class.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Jasmine for showing **compassion** by helping others to feel part of the team and enabling them to join in with more confidence.

Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)— Max for showing **forgiveness** and making a really positive change at the end of the week.

Class 3

In Science, Class 3 have been learning about light. This week, we learned about how light travels and how reflections are formed. We looked at our own reflections in mirrors to create self-portraits!



Class 5

Congratulations to Year 5 as they received some exciting correspondence from UKSEDS and Kent STEM Hub this week. Year 5 entered a competition to see whether they could write application letters for a variety of jobs connected to space flight. They had to demonstrate not only their knowledge but also their experience and scientific skills. 23 of the class received personalised letters explaining that their applications had been successful! The jobs included: Space Chef, Rocket Designer, Space Suit Designer, and of course - Astronaut. Perhaps Richard Branson will be signing them up later too?

Also, Kent STEM Hub were so impressed with our work following the Science Jamboree, as well as the investigations carried out on reaction tests; that they have sent these great books to the school as a prize. They also asked the children's permission to showcase the work on their website. Well done team!



Class 6– Chevening House

On Wednesday Year 6 visited Chevening House. The class really enjoyed it. We got to look at a hallway full of weapons and many more interesting things (including a suit of armour from the Spanish Armada!). We also had a tour around the garden and had brownies afterwards which were delicious! We even got to go in a maze designed by a mathematician. It was a fun trip that we will never forget.
Lottie and Jemima



Chevening School Nursery have had an amazing end to this term. Last week we descended on Godstone Farm where we enjoyed meeting and handling the animals, playing in the sandpit and having a fun picnic. This week we have made trips to the local allotments playing guess the vegetable and fruit also we have made a scarecrow and a bug hotel which can be seen this Saturday at the open day. Finally we say farewell and good luck to 26 of our friends this Friday. We are holding a party in Nursery then meeting in the park to celebrate their achievements and re-enact some of our sports day races.

Hope you all have a safe and lovely Summer.
See you in September.

Class 1

Last week, Class 1 visited Sevenoaks wildlife to find out about the work that the wildlife trust do and to hear about the animals that live there. We did this by pond dipping and going on a mini beast hunt. We all took turns getting a large net and skimming it across the surface of the water before emptying it into a tray. We found lots of animals that we never knew existed including water boatmen and a water scorpion!



In the afternoon, we went on a mini beast hunt and found mini beasts in all sorts of areas. We shook trees and found that spiders and other bugs dropped out. We skimmed nets in the tall grass and looked around different flowers to see what animals lived there. We found bees, damselflies and so many more. We all had a thoroughly enjoyable time finding so many new animals!



Save the Date: PTFA Fun Day

The PTFA hope to organise some fun to kick off the new school year on **Saturday 11th September 2021, 2—4pm.**

Including Music, BBQ, Bar, Inflatables, Donkey Rides, Face Painting/Glitter Tattoos, Coconut Shy—there's fun for all!

Swimming Hats

Thank you to everyone who brought a Chevening School swimming hat. Leonie has done an amazing job and has sold 90 swimming hats. The total money raised so far is £195.

The office still have a couple of green and red hats if you would like to purchase one

Chevening Swimathon 2021

Thank you so much to everyone who has already put their Swimathon sponsorship form in the box by the School Office, and paid the money collected. We have had a fantastic response to this fundraising event and whilst we are still crunching the numbers and matching up payments (thank you Liz Smith for all your hard work with this), over £1,500 has already been raised! Go Team Chevening!

Let's see if we can get this amount even higher. So, if you haven't already done so, please return your sponsorship form and make payment by Monday 19th July, at the latest.

Here is a reminder of the different ways to pay:

1. Cash in a sealed envelope (with your child's name, class and total collected) to the school office.
2. Online through the PTFA website: "Swimathon" event.
3. Online via bank transfer:
Chevening Primary School PTFA
Sort code: 60-19-02
Account Number: 71585796

Please put 'Swimathon' and your child's surname as a reference.

If you have any questions, please contact me at yvonne.donoghue@hotmail.com

Thank you very much for your support and well done again to all our amazing swimmers!!

Key Dates

Date	Event
19th July	Deadline for Swimathon Sponsorship returns; Class 6 BBQ and Swim
21st July	Last Day of the Year! 1.45pm Leavers' Service—Y6 Guests only. NO Activ8 Club.
1st September	Inset Day (No children)
2nd September	First day of school for children in Class 1-6
11th September	PTFA Fun Day

First Summer Reading Medal

The holidays have not yet started, but Sofia has already earned her Reading Challenge Medal! Congratulations to Sofia!

Who will be next?

There's more information if you click the books below.



And explore the Kent Libraries catalogue! These titles (and thousands more) can be reserved for free with a child or teen library card...

SAVE THE DATE!

11 - 15th October

Chevening's Champions for Change!

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.

Out of school hobby ideas...

Sasha's number one passion is swimming, but when she is not in the pool she loves to be on a horse! Sasha has only been having lessons for 3 months and has already mastered cantering. She can't wait to have a go at the jumps.



	Weekly % attendance	Year to date % attendance
Class R	98.6%	96.9%
Class 1	98.75	97.8%
Class 2	100%	98.2%
Class 3	95.3%	96.5%
Class 4	97.9%	97.8%
Class 5	97%	96.2%
Class 6	97.1%	95.9%
Whole school	97.9%	97.1%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

KS2 Swim Sports

Houses	Y3/Y4 Total	Y5/Y6 Total	Grand total
Churchill	90	153	243
Sackville	106	74	180
Stanhope	72	93	165
Wolfe	55	105	160

Congratulations to Churchill House - the overall winner!!

The Maths Factor

Free Summer Adventure course now open! The Maths Factor Summer Adventure is now open and are calling **pupils aged 4 to 11** to join up to help boost confidence in maths.

- Completely **free course**.
- **Matched to each child's learning stage and confidence**.
- 1 x 20-minute session per day, 5 days a week.
- Virtual rewards can be earned as they progress.
- **Proven methodology** with tutorials, warm-up questions and lots of practice.

The Maths Factor supported more than **half a million children during lockdown** and are committed to helping children across the country stay on track with their maths.

Please click the link below for more information.



Thank you to the staff and Class 6 parents who have organised these lovely new troughs to brighten up the area by the School Office!

New Pupils!

Mrs McLean had great help from Class 5 and Class 6 in producing our entry for the **2021 Chipstead Allotment Scarecrow competition**.

Let's see what *James and Penelope* make of the last few days of term!



Additional Learning Support

Each year we publish two documents with details about how children's learning is supported in class. This year's documents are now available on the school website. For more details, please click on the images below, or contact Mrs Caisley, our School SENCo.

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School



Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy

All Kent Schools are committed to and adopt a similar approach to meeting the needs of all pupils including those with special educational needs. There is a shared expectation that all pupils, regardless of their specific needs, should be offered inclusive teaching which will enable them to make the best possible progress in school and feel that they are a valued member of the wider school community.

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School
Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Report:
The School Offer 2020-2021

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School is an inclusive school and may offer the following range of provision to support children with communication and interaction, cognition and learning difficulties, social, mental and emotional health problems or sensory or physical needs.

The range of support deployed will be tailored to individual need following thorough assessment by internal or external agencies. It is designed to promote pupils working towards becoming independent and resilient learners and should not be seen in isolation.

Information and Guidance: Who should I contact to discuss the concerns or needs of my child?

Class teacher	He / she is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Adapting and refining the curriculum to respond to strengths and needs of all pupils. o Checking on the progress of your child and identifying, planning and delivery of any additional support. o Contributing to devising personalised learning plans to prioritise and focus on the next steps required for your child to improve learning. o Applying the school's SEND policy. <p>If you have concerns about your child you should speak to your child's class teacher first. You may then be directed to the SENCO.</p>
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Spot the Difference?

Some of our 2021 Leavers posed for Mrs Edwards earlier this week. Look for the mis-behaving staff! We have just learnt that another very long-serving staff member—Maria—will be transferring to the catering team at Lady Boswell's, so will not be here in September either. We will miss them all!



Summer Reading Challenge 2021

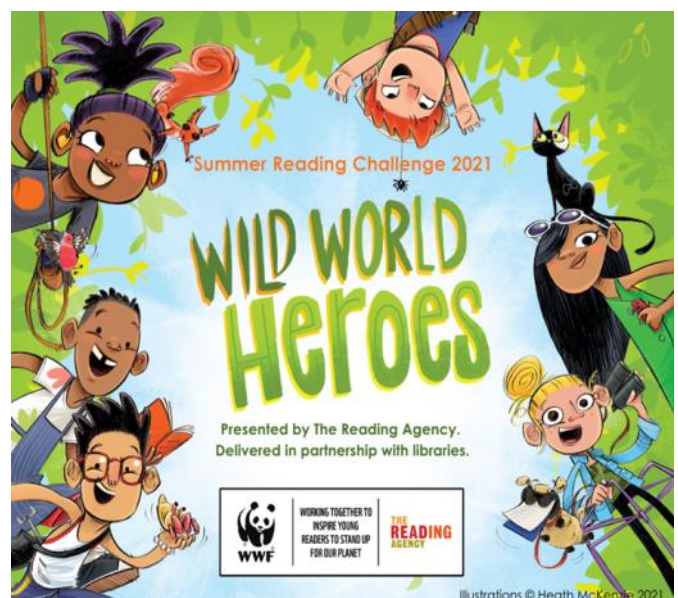
Get ready for the Wild World Heroes, as Summer Reading Challenge 2021 comes to Kent libraries!

Kent libraries are excited to introduce Wild World Heroes, Summer Reading Challenge 2021; a celebration of nature and action for the environment, in partnership with WWF UK.

Running from 10 July – 11 September 2021, for the first time, children can choose to sign up and participate in the Summer Reading Challenge either by visiting a Kent Library to claim their joining pack, or by visiting wildworldheroes.org.uk to take part online. Visit kent.gov.uk/lib to find an up to date list of our open libraries and information about when others will be opening.

Meet the Wild World Heroes - Carys, Marcus, Callum, Willow, Faiza, David and their trusted animal companions from Wilderville, who are all on a mission to take action and save their natural world.

Children can help the Wild World Heroes by signing up to the Summer Reading Challenge and reading six library books over the summer period. It can be any type of reading material including stories, information books, audiobooks, eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines and more. When they have read their six books and completed the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive a medal and certificate (while stocks last). And it's all for free!



Due to government guidelines the festival has been changed to Saturday 24th July. The organisers are donating £4 from EVERY TICKET sold to Chevening School to our PTFA! Buy tickets from Leonie Paris 07970006598 parisprojectsltd@gmail.com

