



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 25th June 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we welcome new Newsletter readers—our **Class R 2021-22** families! It was lovely to see familiar and new faces at our Teams Meeting on Tuesday evening and begin to introduce them to the Chevening family. Our weekly Newsletter is a great way to share individual/class news, activities and achievements from across the school and also to look ahead or beyond the immediate school family. We look forward to welcoming a small group of socially distanced new 2021 Class R families on Thursday afternoon.

Today's weather has provided uncertainty and cool temperatures for our races. Seeing the children arrive in their House Colours, armed with energy and eager smiles made a huge difference to the dank start. As well as children's physical activity today, the wild rabbits and Goose the cat invaded the field and a rather frightened frog was rescued from the swimming pool drain! News from Sports Day will be reported next week!

Next week is a shorter week for the children, with Friday's INSET training day for teachers. Even so, it's an action-packed week, with everyone participating in our Swimathon and also, for Class 3, their trip to Lullingstone. Friday's INSET day also means that our 2021 Class R children can take a look at their new classroom and play area on Friday morning.

Class 5 families— Please remember Kent Test Registration closes on 01.07.2021

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

With best wishes,

Miss Minnis

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful site! The daisies have all been cut and the white paint re-applied! The children did really well—we are really proud of them all!

Special thanks to James for his super commentary!

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)- Ruben for showing the **courage** and confidence to speak aloud and help his friends.

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- Ursula for her **perseverance** as she always tries her hardest at everything she does.

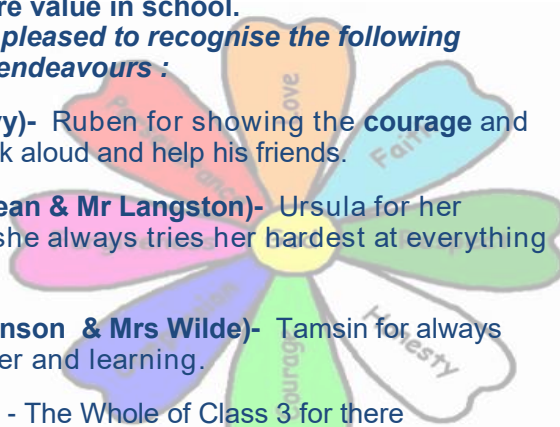
Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- Tamsin for always **respecting** her peer and learning.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - The Whole of Class 3 for their **Compassion, Respect, Perseverance**—and for their wonderful sportsmanship in our Sport's Day practices and their support for one and other throughout.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Leia for being exceptionally caring this week; showing **compassion** to others, whether through the loaning of an umbrella or sharing kind and empathetic words.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Molly T and Isla B for showing great **perseverance** in many ways, such as improving times in running races and working very hard in RE, science & computing work.

Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)— Yvaine for showing **compassion** and being a good friend, as well as getting on well with the whole class.



Class 1

Last week Class 1 made books that retold the story of Biscuit Bear. The children made some decorations - candied peel, strawberry laces and silver balls- to decorate a giant Biscuit Bear, just like they did in the book! Everyone had great fun making their own books!



We Are Family Festival

Missing the Chevening Summer Fair this year? Please don't worry, we've got something even better for you!

Presenting **'We Are Family' Festival!** The best way to celebrate the end of term and the beginning of the Summer holidays! Woohoo!!

THE family festival of the year! And only 10 minutes from Chevening. A beautiful location and great DJ's, it's a fab day for the whole family. Fair rides, arts & crafts stalls, pony rides, face painting, food stalls, a beer tent and dancing for all!

And the best bit - the organisers are donating £4 from EVERY TICKET sold to Chevening School to our PTFA!

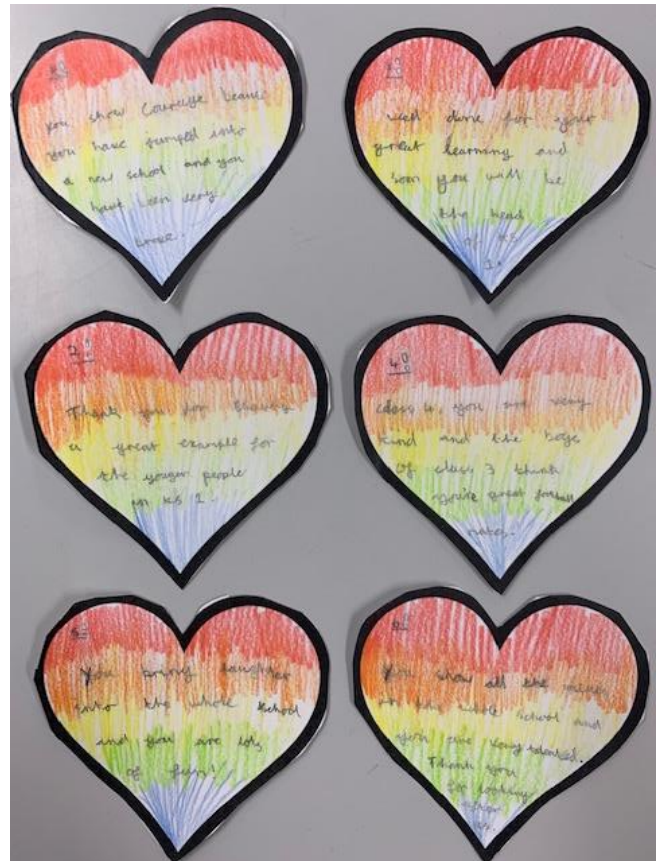
'We Are Family' festival kicks off at 12pm, 17th July 2021.

Norsted Manor Farm. Orpington. Kent. BR6 7PM.

This event is fully COVID compliant. Get your tickets and join in with this family jewel!

Class 3

In Act of Worship this week, Class 3 thought about the value of each class and what they all bring to the school. The children wrote notes to each class complimenting them on their contributions to our Chevening family. The children thought really hard about what to write specifically for each class and some of their ideas were so lovely and thoughtful.



In RE this week, Class 3 have been learning about the 5 K's of Sikhism. The children have learned about the importance of the 5 K's showing commitment to God.



Key Dates

Date	Event
29th June	Class 3 Lullingstone
30th June– 1st July	PTFA SWIMATHON 2021
1st July	Kent Test registration closes (Class 5)
1st July	Class R 2021—Welcome Bag Visit: 2.15-2.45pm
2nd July	INSET Day (No children!) Class R 2021 visits to classroom/outdoor area
7th July	Class 6 Safety in Action
8th July	Hever Triathlon—details to follow
9th July	Class 1 Trip Kent Wild-life Trust
9th July	Class R 2021—Welcome Bag Visit: 2.15-2.45pm
12th July	End of year reports to parents/caress
13th July	Love to Dance Pop Up to Own Parents
14th July	Class 6 Chevening House Tour
16th July	KS2 Swim Sports Event
16th July	Class R 2021—Welcome Bag Visit: 2.15-2.45pm
19th July	Deadline for Swimathon Sponsorship returns; Class 6 BBQ and Swim
21st July	Last Day of the Year! Leavers' Service—TBA NO Activ8 Club.

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

Plastic Troughs wanted!!

If you have any *spare plastic plant troughs* lurking at home, please consider if you could donate them to the school. We would like to put plant some flowers along the newly mended brick wall, to provide a little protection and decoration. **Thank you!**



Looking for ways to support your child's Maths over Summer?

For families with children between **Y5 and Y9**, Eedi Summer Club might be of interest! This is a 7 week programme to review maths topics before starting the new academic year. It's **FREE** if parents/carers register before 28.06.21 and involves a minimum of 30 minutes/week, starting from 05.07.21. Click [here](#) for more details!

Sports Day Places

Houses	Places
Stanhope	1st
Churchill	2nd
Wolfe	3rd
Sackville	4th

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	99.3%	97.2%
Class 1	98.3%	97.7%
Class 2	99.7%	98.2%
Class 3	94.7%	96.4%
Class 4	98.7%	97.8%
Class 5	98%	96.1%
Class 6	95.3%	96%
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	

Chevening Swimhats—now available!

With School Logo and in House colours...

just £5 each!



Why buy a Chevening Swimhat?

- 😊 So much easier to spot your child in the sea / public pool.
- 😊 Keeps their hair drier during monsoon downpours.
- 😊 Rumoured to make them swim faster!
- 😊 ***Help support fundraising for our school pool!***

Only 100 available, so buy your Chevening Swimhat ASAP!

Swimhats will available soon!

More details TBA via Class

Reps

**HELP US RAISE £38,000
FOR THE SWIMMING POOL PROJECT**



School Clubs Schedule

Summer 2021 clubs:

- * Classes R,1& 2: **Athletics** (Tuesdays 3.20 - 4.20pm)
- * Class 3 & 4: **Boxing** (Fridays 8am—8.40am)
- * Class 3 & 4: **Football** (Fridays 3.20pm—4.15pm)
- * Class 5 & 6: **Netball** (Mondays 3.20pm—4.30pm)
- * Class 5 & 6: **Hockey** (Thursdays 3.20pm—4.20pm)
- * Class 5 & 6: **Cross County** (Fridays 8.10-8.40am)

Swimming Season 2021 Weekly Class Timetable

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
R	Y	Y		Y	
1	Y		Y		Y
2	Y		Y	Y	
3		Y	Y	Y	Y
4		Y	Y	Y	Y
5	Y	Y		Y	Y
6	Y	Y	Y		Y

Swimming Kit List (all clearly named)

- * Swimming Bag & separate bag for wet kit
- * Close fitting shorts or one piece swimming costume
- * Swimming Hat
- * Goggles
- * Towel
- * Fleece

World Wellbeing Week

This World Wellbeing Week - Monday 21 June to Wednesday 30 June 2021.

HappyConfident.com are giving you a helpful Happiness Challenge pack absolutely **FREE**.

Using this guide, teach the child five important happiness skills in just five days to help them take an active role in improving their wellbeing.

Click the image to download your free pack.



Summer Reading Challenge is back!

Children aged 4-11 are invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge in all Kent's libraries this summer. The Summer Reading Challenge 2021 will start on 10th July & will continue to run through the summer, finishing on 11th September.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at keeping children reading throughout the summer while away from school, as well as supporting parents and carers with children already at home. And it's completely free!

Wild World Heroes is the theme for 2021 – in partnership with the WWF, this Summer Reading Challenge will inspire children and their families to stand up for the planet.

Children will join the Wild World Heroes characters as they head to Wilderville, for an exciting adventure in making the town even better for the people and animals that live there. As children read library books, they will collect special rewards along the way and there's a certificate and medal for everyone who completes the challenge.

Wild World Heroes will feature bespoke artwork from children's author and illustrator, Heath McKenzie and will celebrate adventure, environment, reading and fun!

As in previous years, children can choose to join and participate in the Summer Reading Challenge by visiting their nearest library or they can take part by visiting the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) website. Once completed, children (whether library members or not) can visit the library for their medal and certificate.

The Summer Reading Challenge has been shown to help encourage children to continue their reading over the summer and we would love your help in supporting as many children to take part as possible.

Chevening needs you!

Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! PLEASE nominate us by **31st July** - it only takes a minute! Click the image below for more details.



That's enough to buy hundreds of new books!
Nominate your school for the chance to take home a
£100 National Book Token just for you.

Spread the word: share with teachers, school staff and parents – the more entries for your school, the higher the chance they'll win!

NATIONAL BOOK tokens

Inspiring a lifelong love of reading
Enter at nationalbooktokens.com/schools
Terms and conditions apply

Pupil Premium

If your family has experienced considerable change in circumstance due to COVID-19, 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.

Activ8

Please note: There will be no Activ8 club on last day of term, Wednesday 21st July 2021.



On Thursday 8th July, we hope to take 30 children from Years 5 and 6 to Hever for a full introduction to triathlon. They will work with inspirational experts in the field and be exposed to a wealth of history and culture at the stunning castle. We have taken children in the past and they have really enjoyed the day.

You can watch a 2-minute video about the training experience at the following link:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/get-inspired/37457418>

The cost will be £15 per child. Mrs Roll is waiting for their COVID Risk Assessment to arrive and will send out letters next week and children will be selected on a first come, first serve basis.



Does your family feature in this first board of fish?

If not, please consider adding your fish to Boards 2 and 3! Individual names or family group names can be commissioned!

We want as many boards as possible around our Swimming Pool to inspire our children as they learn to 'swim like fish'!

More details available from the School Office or [School website](#).

Thanks to Mrs Side for designing the Board as part of our fundraising efforts for the Pool!

