



Dear Parents/Carers,

Today's soggy start certainly blew out the flicker of hope that our sports activities could go ahead. **Thank you** to Mandy and the Pool Volunteers for today's 'swimming in the rain', which proved a welcome distraction.

Thankfully, the week has not been a complete wet wipe-out; there's lots of great news on the following pages for you to read and enjoy.

I have been in contact again with the Council and the Police about the recent break-in and dangerous driving. **PLEASE** can I ask ALL parents to observe basic safety rules for parking. Whilst taking photos of obscured road signage this morning, it was clear that the school family is contributing to the dangerous conditions through unsafe stopping/parking.

Pedestrians need safe access to the driveway for drop-off and pick-up, so please can I appeal for more care and consideration by adults.

Please ensure your child knows how to stay safe in difficult and dangerous situations!

Please do not add to the difficulties and dangers by parking on the zig-zag and double yellow lines around school entrances.

The news that COVID restrictions remain for the next 4 weeks is disappointing, but understandable. This means that some of our plans need adapting to remain COVID-secure and sensible. The first impact is for the **Class R 2021 entrants' Welcome and Information meeting**, which will now be online. We have delayed making snap decisions, as KCC issued further help, which we need to absorb to see how what might still be safely possible.

With best wishes, Miss Minnis



A few weeks ago we sent a condolence card to the Queen after her husband passed away. This week, we received a letter back from the Queen sending her sincere regards to the school community. We were very surprised to receive a letter from the Queen herself! By Lottie and Eliza (Class 6)

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)- Freya for **courage** and **compassion** in sharing her ideas and showing kindness towards others.

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- Chole for showing **compassion** and taking care of her classmates

Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- James P for **love**; he always has such a kind and caring attitude to staff and children.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - Alfie for all his **perseverance** as he has been really trying hard with all of his learning this week, across all subjects.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Sienna for showing **honesty** and **compassion** towards a friend that she realised may have become upset and hurt.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- All the children in Class 5 for **perseverance** and **courage** when tackling tests; particularly for Max, Isla Rose, George S and Freddie for catching up with some that had been missed.

Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)- Marley for showing **faith**, for his sense of awe and wonder he expressed on entry to Rochester Cathedral.

Class R- Leeds Castle



Their Majesties!

Class R had a wonderful visit to Leeds Castle last Friday.

Here are some of the children's comments about the day:

Christoph- *"My favourite part was when we went into the dark Grotto and heard the water."*

Ruben: *"I loved the maze because it was very wiggly".*

Isabel: *"My favourite part was the Grotto because it was dark and scary."*

Lottie: *"I liked the maze because it was wibbly wobbly."*

Josh: *"I liked the library room in the castle because it had lots of books."*

Tabitha: *"I liked when we had the tour of the castle."*

Albie: *"I liked it when we went around the castle and I spotted arrow slits."*

**A fantastic first Class trip!
Well done Class R!**



Class 4- Bore Place Trip

Class 4 had quite an adventure last week- their trip to Bore Place.

The focus was on Science, with the trip providing enhancement of class learning about *Living Things in their Habitats*.

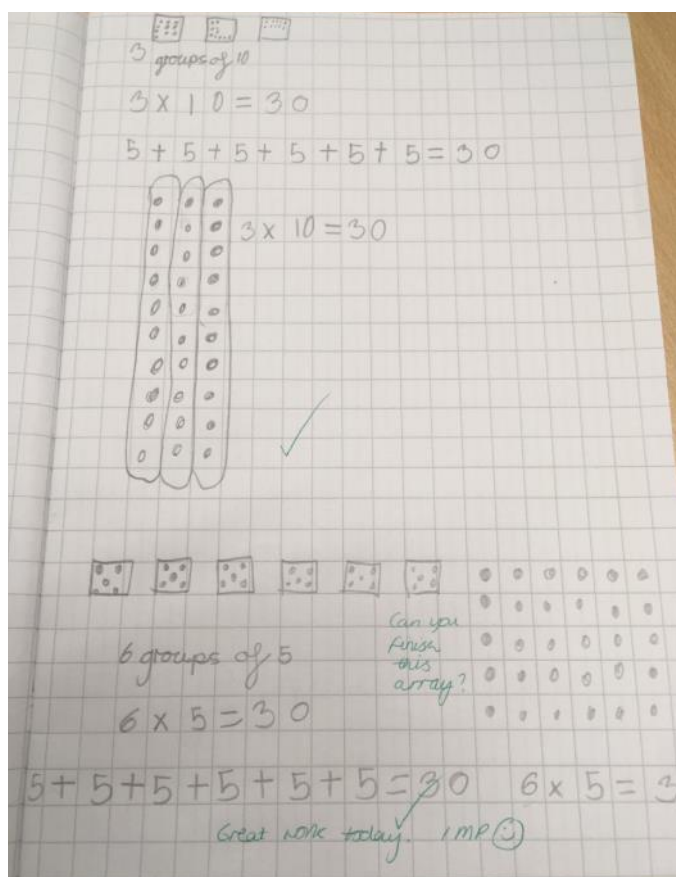
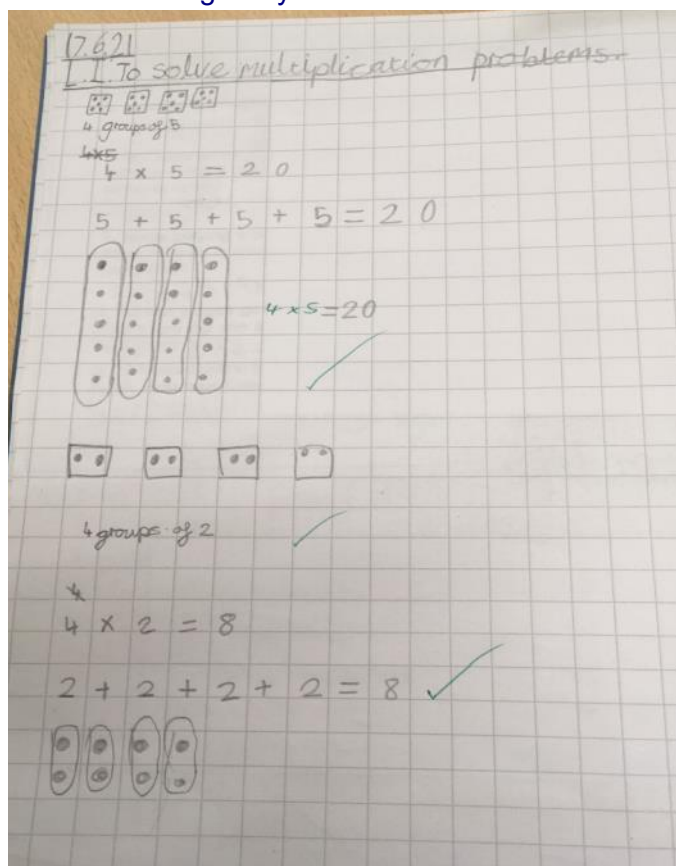


The day began with everyone embarking on a *Woodland to Grassland Discovery Trail*, to explore the gardens, meadows and woodlands; they even came across a snake! The children then conducted a *minibeast search* and experimented with some *pond dipping* too. This exploration allowed us to reflect on the nature of different food chains and to use identification keys to classify some more unfamiliar and unique creatures, including a newt and water scorpion!
Super Y4 Scientists!



Class 2

Class 2 have been looking at multiplication this week. They have been looking at the relationship between multiplication and repeated additions as well as drawing arrays.



Class 6



On Wednesday Year 6 took a trip to Rochester Cathedral. They were given a tour of this 1400-year-old building and spent time reflecting on their Chevening journey.

They did this by completing thought-provoking activities about their memories of Chevening and hopes for their new schools.



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!

Key Dates

Date	Event
25th June	Sports Day Afternoon (Parents invited for lunch and races)
29th June	Class 3 Lullingstone
30th June– 1st July	PTFA SWIMATHON 2021
2nd July	INSET Day (No children!)
7th July	Class 6 Safety in Action
8th July	Hever Triathlon—details to follow
9th July	Class 1 Kent Wildlife Trust
14th July	Class 6 Chevening House Tour
19th July	Class 6 BBQ and Swim
21st July	Leavers' Service—St Botolph's Church
21st July	Last Day of the Year!

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

Pre-loved School Uniform

We have good quality/hardly used school uniform available to purchase from the school.

There is a range of items and sizes, including shorts and summer dresses - great for the warmer weather.

We will be holding a sale on **Monday 21st June**, in the school playground, both **before and after school**. Payments will be cash only on the day.

In the meantime, if you would like some uniform for your child, please contact the school office.



Activ8

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

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!



House Points

Houses	Total House Points
Churchill	6487
Sackville	6541
Stanhope	7228
Wolfe	8526

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%	97.1%
Class 1	99.3%	97.7%
Class 2	99.7%	98.2%
Class 3	98.9%	96.4%
Class 4	99.7%	97.8%
Class 5	94.3%	96%
Class 6	94.3%	96.1%
Whole school	97.5%	97.1%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

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)

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

Class 5 Charity

Thank you to everyone who has given a donation in a response to Class 5's Fitness Workout Music CDs that they composed.

Thank you also to Isla and Sophie who explained what the charities do and how they are connected to our extended Chevening family.

The total has now reached £50 and this will be split evenly between 'Steps Worldwide' and 'Cheet'. (You can find out more on their websites: Steps Worldwide – <https://www.stepsworldwide.org/> and Cheet - <https://cheet.org.uk/>)



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](https://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/) 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.



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.

PFTA Sporty Dress Up Day

Thank you to everyone who joined in Monday's Sports Dress Up Day and made a donation. **Together we raised a total of £150.**



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!

