



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 11th June 2021

Swimming 2021 is under way!



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been lovely to welcome everyone back to a warm and mostly sunshine-y week. The positives have included welcoming Skyla-Lily to our school, two successful Class trips, Class 6 Bikeability training and the first week of Swimming!

Sadly, I do have to report some negatives as well; there was an overnight break-in on Wednesday, resulted in damage and theft of the automatic gate mechanism on the driveway. This leaves our site vulnerable to intruders during the day, so swift additional measures have been put in place, with CCTV footage reported to the Police to aid their enquiries.

Once again, with difficulties on the motorways, there were some dangerous moments on the way to school, especially on Thursday morning. Drivers speeding through the village are a great concern, particularly when they use the pavements as additional road space.

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 the entrances.

We do hope that the on-going COVID restrictions for schools may be eased with the Prime Minister's announcement next Monday. Until then, we continue to maintain our COVID-secure operating measures. Should we need to make adaptations to our plans for forthcoming activities, we will keep you informed. Please keep an eye on emails, the weekly Newsletter and the website for updates.

**With best wishes for a happy weekend,
Miss Minnis**

Thanks to the sunshine, Mandy, poolside and changing volunteers, our swimming season is well underway, with everyone making the most of our wonderful pool! Here's some of Class R making the most of their first dip! The older children have remembered more of the routines and will soon regain confidence and stamina, to secure improving

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)- Avish for **perseverance** for being keen to learn and always trying his best.

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- **Love** for all of Class 1 for being so welcoming to Skyla, our new class member.

Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- Jemima for her impressive reflection and **honesty**, Well done.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - The Whole of Class 3 for **courage**, 'jumping straight back in' to their swimming lessons with determination and enthusiasm.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- The Whole of Class 4 - for showing **perseverance** and being such super stars when facing many new, unknown and more trialling situations this week.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Isla and Sophie for **compassion** and **respect** in sharing with us the work of some charities that they are passionate about.

Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)- Lily for having a **respectful** attitude and behaviour during Bikeability this week.

Class 5

The children have been enjoying a 'Science Jamboree' this week with the help of 'Kent STEM'. They have explored some 'science magic' with [Dr. Matt Pritchard](#); as well as finding out about amazing plants from around the world to fit

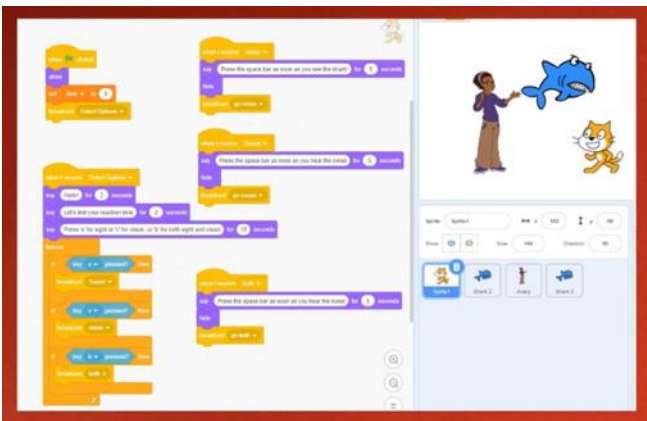
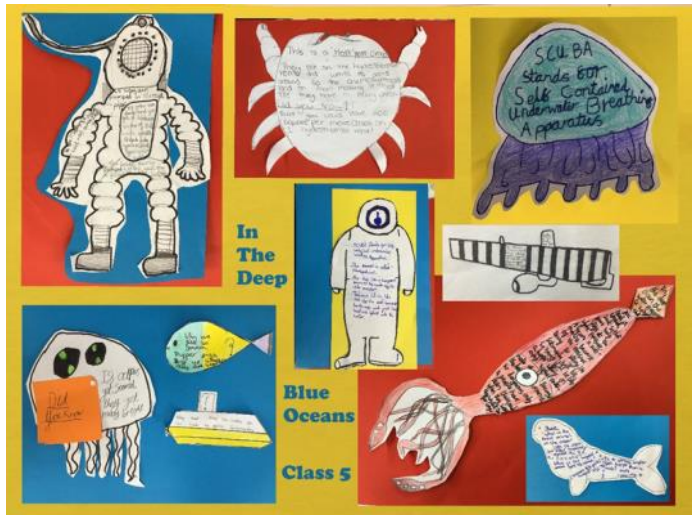
in with studying the Amazon, thanks to the [RHS](#). They also explored Amazing Oceans with the [Incredible Oceans TV](#) Team.

Fortunately, their swimming session happened before they found out about 'Hoff Yeti' crabs and Anglerfish, otherwise they may have been reluctant to go splashing in the pool! Then again, they have explored and tested our reaction times after making a computer program using '[Scratch](#)'—just in case.

If you have any interesting science questions to ask you can use this link to contact a STEM ambassador... askanambassador@canterbury.ac.uk. They also say that they have some great prizes to hand out to anyone who has brilliant ideas or work to show them. Why not give it a try?

Here are some amazing deep sea facts and questions from Class 5 as well as their [reactions computer program](#). Perhaps you can test your family to see who has the fastest reactions and suggest some theories as to why?

You can see more of our work on our class page.



Class 6

In addition to swimming, working on the yearbook and making their first steps into the world of Shakespeare, Class 6 have been completing their Bikeability course this week. The children have had an opportunity to train first on the playground before taking to the roads around the village.

In Maths this week the children have explored the nets of 3D shapes. First they used boxes and unfolded them to see what the nets looked like, then they attempted to create their own nets.



Sailing

Four Class 5 children (Ruby, Ellis, George and Stanley) have started a course at Chipstead Sailing Club and are working to achieve their Level 1 Sailing qualification. The children thoroughly enjoyed their first session and were a credit to the school, showing exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm.



House Points

Houses	Total House Points
Churchill	6425
Sackville	6451
Stanhope	7167
Wolfe	8436

Outside Interests?

Does your child participate in any clubs, or extra curricular groups, outside school?

Does your child have any hobbies?



From sports clubs to horse riding, arts and crafts, and everything else, if your child has any interests and hobbies outside of school, we would love to see photos of them enjoying their activities and share them in future newsletters.

With parents' permission, we can share your child's activities with others, so please email the photos to the office@chevening.kent.sch.uk

Please remember to include a brief description. Hopefully, we can inspire each other with new hobbies and activities to try!

Olly at 2021 BMX Regionals

Olly B attended the 2021 BMX Regionals at the Cyclopark last Sunday.

The children were finally able to return to training a few weeks ago after not being able to train since

November, so this was Olly's first race of the year. He has moved up a category since his last race, Olly was up against some tough competition, but he made it through to Final D for his category. **Well done, Olly!**

Who will be next to share their hobby?



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

Mr Garrett & Sons



On 28th August, The Garrett Gang will be taking part in a 26 mile **Rob Roy Mighty Walk** in Scotland to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please click the image to sponsor them.

Activ8

Active8 has a new telephone number!

Please contact the Active8 team on **07423 700 936** when you have arrived at the School Office Porch to collect your child.

Pre-love School Uniform Sale

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

There is a range of available items, in various 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. The sale will take place 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.

Key Dates

Date	Event
14th June	PTFA Sporty Dress Up Euros 2020 Fundraiser
16th June	Class 6 Rochester Cathedral
18th June	Inter-House Sports Carousel Morning (Children only)
25th June	Sports Day Afternoon (Parents invited for lunch and races)
29th June	Class 3 Lullingstone
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.

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.

PTFA Month of May Fitness

Please remember to submit your activity log and sponsorship totals to the School Office

All sponsorship to be made via PayPal on the PTA website. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/cheveningprimary/>



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 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!



Class 6– Bushcraft

Class 6 had a wonderful overnight visit to the Penshurst Estate for Bushcraft. The weather was incredibly kind and we were able to spend two wonderful days learning how to survive in the wild!



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%	97.2%
Class 1	94.7%	97.7%
Class 2	99%	98.1%
Class 3	98.9%	96.4%
Class 4	98.7%	97.7%
Class 5	98.7%	96.1%
Class 6	97%	96.1%
Whole school	98.1%	97.1%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	



EURO 2020 (21!)

DRESS UP DAY!

MONDAY 14TH JUNE

To celebrate the start of the EUROS the PTFA are running a SPORTY dress up day on Monday 14th June.

All children are invited to come dressed in their favourite sports gear.....football kit is optional....It can be any sports kit/outfit you like, dress as your favourite sporting star or wear what you feel comfy in!

*£1 donation to PTFA
to be collected in the school car park at morning drop off*



*Please refrain from sending your child in with any additional accessories - I.e: no sports helmets, bats, rackets, balls, sticks etc!!
Thank you!*