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Dear Parents/Carers,

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This term has flown by and I think we're all ready for a break! Let's hope the sun continues to shine a bit more readily and keep us warm as we rest and re-charge, in readiness for a busy Term 6!

Thank you all for your support this term. Once again, we've dodged some of the bigger difficulties and challenges that COVID can cause, by keeping our Risk Assessment protective measures in place. We have been able to make some adjustments, for the benefit of particular age-groups or everyone. Please remember that teaching in COVID times is incredibly stressful, as everything needs additional thought, care and planning. This means that the staff are in need of a good break next week.

The creativity of parents and children for today's Mad Hair Day has meant that some children are almost unrecognisable... and over £100 has been raised for the PTFA. Thank you all!

Next term sees more trips, activities, opportunities and, of course, the school's 2021 swimming season! We will await further information to see if some of our plans need adjustment to keep in line with Government Guidance or local restrictions.

The Summer term is often a time for change; we're sad (and a little jealous) to learn that Mrs Roll intends to move away to the seaside. This will be lovely for her, but means we are looking for a new teacher to join our staff team.

With best wishes for a happy Half-Term break, Miss Minnis

Friday 28th May 2021



As well as looking after each other, the children have taken good care of Mrs Edwards, Mrs Bates, Mr Garrett and Mrs Rudge. Keep reading to find out more about some of our inschool learning and activity!

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)- Millie for showing compassion as she is always kind and caring towards her friends.

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- Isabella for the honesty and courage that she shows towards tricky work.

Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- Klarissa for the love she shows towards others.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - Charlie H for showing **respect** and **perseverance**; he always works to the best of his ability and tries hard even when he finds work difficult.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Matylda for always being so kind and caring, and showing **compassion** to others.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Wilf and Leo for **respect** as they always try to involve everyone in the football games at playtime.

Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)– All of Class 6 for putting our school values into practice during the Bushcraft overnight visit.

Class 1

Class 3

This week, Class 1 have been practicing money skills. The children have identified and used all the different coins to buy items from the class shop. They have also thought about the different notes that used in this country, deciding they would love to see a real £50 note! In English, they have looked at the story of Little Red Riding Hood and the way that exclamation marks are used in the story. What a busy week!



This week, Class 3 worked very hard to learn about Stonehenge and created these absolutely beautiful pieces of artwork showing off 'Stonehenge at Sunset'.



Class 2 Trip to Bore Place

Class 2 had such an amazing adventure at Bore Place this week. They began by embarking on an expedition, foraging for food. Then they turned into 'Dengineers', working in teams to create a wind and waterproof den. Jo, the visit leader, invited the children to help build a campfire. The children then roasted delicious apple over the open fire. After lunch they all enjoyed a tour of the organic dairy farm. The children shone all day!





Thinking about Prayer





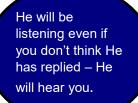
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Classes 5 & 6 looked at these two contrasting images from www.christian.art The children's feedback showed deep thinking. Here are some of their comments:

> I think that God will listen to people, whoever they are and whenever they want to pray. He is able to hear everyone at the same time, no matter how many people are praying.

He looks like he may have lost hope but we can still call out to God.



We can see an image of someone faintly in the background. I wonder if he is in slavery?

It's the astronaut's first time here and they may be feeling lost but God can

It is such a big place and we can often feel small in the world but God hears us all the same.

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!

Lunch for Term 6

We are delighted that the **Key Stage 1 Bubble** (Class R, Class 1 and Class 2) will be served hot dinners in the Hall for Term 6.

From 07.06.21 there will be changes for **Key Stage 1 children** when you log in to the CH&Co ordering system (Blue Runner). The KS1 menu for hot dinners has now been uploaded, enabling advance orders. Please ensure your child is aware (on a daily basis) of the menu choices you have made together, as school staff cannot access this information.

The school is still required to maintain separate Bubbles as much as possible; Key Stage 2 children will continue to follow the packed lunch route, whilst eating in the classrooms.

Please ensure you have either ordered a lunch or supplied a packed lunch for your child, each day.

Please use this link to order your child/ren lunch <u>https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com/</u>

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)

Marsden March

A group of **Chevening's 2020 Y6** children and parents took part in the Marsden March on Sunday 23rd May 2021. The Royal Marsden hospitals have cared for various members of our Chevening family including our friend James T, who was a friend to many in his class and is missed by all.

We are really proud that **Chevening's Marchers have already raised over £1000!** If you are able to stretch your (financial) muscles and sponsor them, it would help to fund these incredible hospitals as they strive to help those with cancer.

Please use this Justgiving link. Many thanks from us all. <u>https://</u>



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.

Swimming Updates

2021 Swimming Season here we come!

Congratulations to the team of **Poolside Volunteers** who survived last weekend's wintry blast (the heated pool helped!) **and** passed their STA training. Fully certificated, they are now ready to help Mrs Turner as she resumes swimming sessions in Term 6.

Without the help of the Poolside Team and the escort/changing supervisors, Swimming would not be possible. Thank you to all who have committed their time and support.

This week, Mrs Turner met Class R and Class 1 children and introduced them to our Pool; exciting AND dry! The next time they meet, they'll be in the water!



Swimming Season 2021 Weekly Class Timetable

1	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
R	Y	Y		Y	
1	Y		Y		Y
2	Y		Y	У	
3		Y	γ	Y	γ
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

Governor Vacancies

We have two Foundation Governor positions available. Foundation Governors are expected to bring to the Governing Board an informed regard for the Church nature of the foundation of our school, to ensure that its Christian ethos is preserved and developed, and the religious worship reflects the tradition of the Church of England. Governors' responsibilities involve the considerable commitment of time and energy. It is not necessary for governors to be "experts" accountants, surveyors, solicitors, teachers - but they must be willing to bring to bear their own common sense and experience of life on the many issues presented for their attention. Rev. Hannah Adams will seek and recommend people who she regards as being able to bring a Christian perspective to the life of our school. They will have knowledge of what Christian values might be from their own learning and relationships within their Church. Suitable candidates will be considered from St Botolph's Church, as well as other local churches. Please contact Hannah if you are interested in learning

more, rev.hannahadams@gmail.com.

Chevening needs you!

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



All Welcome to Sevenoaks School



SEVENOAKS SCHOOL Please join us at our OPEN MORNING

Visit the school on Saturday 26 June 2021 Meet the Headmaster and teachers, bear from students and take a bar of our beautiful 100-acre campus.

Visit the website to book your place www.sevenoaksschool.org

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Calling all gardeners

Local, mature horse manure for sale. Great for garden beds and vegetable plots.

£5 per bag. Bring your own bag or 25kg bags available.

Cash payments on collection. All proceeds towards School Swimming Pool.

Please contact Prue

<u>prue.burrlock@jabbs.com</u> to arrange collection from her home in Chipstead.



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.

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





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!

For tickets please get in touch with your class reps or Leonie Paris on

Parisprojectsltd@gmail.com





The Big Ask – the largest ever national survey of children in England, designed to find out what their concerns and aspirations about the future area.

The Big Ask is now live at http://thebigask.uk/

The results from this survey will help identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve. Please encourage your child to take part in this unique national opportunity.

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.

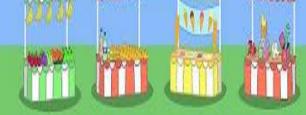
You can apply on-line <u>here</u>.

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.

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!



More information will be sent out towards the end of July.

Key Dates

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Date	Event					
31st May –4th June	Half Term Holiday					
7th June	First Day of Term 6					
10th June	Class 4 Bore Place Trip					
7- 11th June	Class 6 KCC Bikeability					
11th June	Class R Leeds Castle trip					
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)					
2nd July	INSET Day (No children!)					
7th July	Class 6 Safety in Action					
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.

House Points

Houses	Total House Points	
Churchill	6417	
Sackville	6165	
Stanhope	6810	
Wolfe	8124	

Parent Safe

It's never easy to know how to keep our children safe when they aren't with us, and sometimes even when are, if we don't know what's happening on their devices. Who are they talking to? What are they doing? Are they okay? DigiSafe are helping parents understand how to keep children safe: online and beyond.

Please click on the image for more details:



Chevening Nursery

Chevening School Nursery, on our school site, has a limited number of places for this September. For further information please <u>click here</u> or call Suzanne to arrange a visit on 01732 452 342.

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%		
Class 1	97.6%	97.8%		
Class 2	98.3%	98.1%		
Class 3	96.3%	96.3%		
Class 4	96.3%	97.6%		
Class 5	100%	96%		
Class 6	99%	96.1%		
Whole school	98.2%	97%		
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance			
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance			
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance			



WEDNESDAY WISDOM WORKSHOP 2ND JUNE @9.30 - DENTAL HEALTH Kent County Council The New Beacon School SUMMER Monday 19th July - Friday 20th August 2021 BOOK NOW - www.ultimateactivity.co.uk or 0330 111 7077



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME Garden Open For Charity

Chevening

nr Sevenoaks, TN14 6HG

Sunday 13 June 2 - 5pm Adults £7 Children £1

Pre-booked tickets available Visit ngs.org.uk for details

