



Friday 21st May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This has hardly felt like an summer week, with gale-force gusts blowing us towards the weekend! Hopefully, things will be calmer, warmer and brighter next week as we head towards a later half-term break.

Inside this edition of our weekly Newsletter you will read more about learning in different classes, opportunities for half-term camps and arrangements for swimming next term. Please check to see if the opportunities are helpful and that you know the arrangements for **class swimming** lessons. We still need some parents/carers to complete the survey for Mandy, our Swimming Instructor.

This week, we have updated two important documents—our [Child Protection Policy](#) and the [COVID Risk Assessment](#). We take the safety of our children very seriously, so share both documents on our website. (Please click each document's link to reach the right page of the website.)

You may have noticed that our website is now able to host audio-visual materials, which means we can more readily share clips from events, activities and classes more readily. **Class 5** have been using their animation and IT skills to create [short films](#) promoting environmental awareness and care. Great work!

Thank you to the parents and friends who have volunteered their time as Pool Assistants—they complete their training and assessment on Saturday. We do need other volunteers to help escort and supervise the children to/from their swimming lessons, so please see today's Swimming Letter email.

Best wishes, Miss Minnis



Class 3 are amazing artists and have used their skills and knowledge to explore **Pentecost**. The children discussed the significance of Pentecost to Christians and how these pictures capture the events of that special day. Congratulations Class 3!

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)- Leo for showing **courage** and being brave to share his ideas in class

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- Adam for his **perseverance** in working very hard on his handwriting and having the **courage** to speak up in class.

Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- Ethan for his **respectful** attitude towards his learning, teachers and class mates.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - Charlie B for his **compassion** and support in helping a friend with their work

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Eva R for always showing **respect** and being respectful to everyone and everything within our class, a truly commendable trait. Well done!

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- George D, Ellis and Robert for showing **respect** when at work and at play.

Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)— Matthew for his **compassion** and thoughtfulness in this morning's greetings.

Class R

This week, Class R learnt about the Artist Paul Klee. They created their own wonderful representations of his 'Castle and Sun' painting using oil pastels.



Class 2

Class 2 have been preparing for next term's swimming lessons. After discussing the importance of rules—to keep everyone safe—the children used their creative skills to design eye-catching safety posters.

Well done, Class 2! That's a great way to remind everyone how to safely enjoy swimming in our lovely pool!



Class 4

As the end of this term draws to an end so does Class 4's learning about the gripping and dramatic World War II

Topic. Under the watchful eye and careful guidance of Mrs Rudge, the children have certainly lived up to expectations

once again by concluding their learning as *explosively* as it began, with the production of some amazing and individually unique 'Anderson Shelters'. Design skills were most certainly put to the test as these sturdy structures were made all the while consolidating our learning about what life was like in Britain during these more woeful and trying times.



Bee Bombing

On Tuesday 18th May Class 6 walked into the village to help the Parish Council plant some bee -bombs at the start of the Sailing Club road. The seeds will grow into a variety of wildflowers which will attract bees. We also made some signs to encourage people to stay off the grass and allow the flowers to grow.



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 are taking part in the Marsden March this Sunday. The Marsden March is a sponsored walk which usually takes place in London walking between the two Royal Marsden hospitals. Due to Covid we are having to walk locally.

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 missed by all. We will be holding those we know in our hearts as we walk.

We are hoping to raise funds for these incredible hospitals as they strive to help those with cancer.

If you would like to sponsor us please use this Justgiving link. Many thanks from us all. <https://marsdenmarchathome.blackbaud-sites.com/fundraising/CheveningChampions2021>

Sevenoaks Hockey Camp

Boys Years 3-5 & Girls Years 3-6

Sevenoaks Hockey Club is offering a morning camp **09:30am-12:30pm** during **Half Term**. Camps are open to all abilities, from first time players to academy centre and above!

- **Tuesday 1st June**
 - **Wednesday 2nd June**
- Registration between **09:15 -09:25**
 Bring: **Shin Pads, Mouth Guard, Drink, Snacks and Clothing appropriate for the weather**
A hockey stick can be provided
 Click the link for further information and to purchase your tickets: [Sevenoaks Hockey Club Half Term Camp Mornings Tickets, Tue 1 Jun 2021 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)



Thy Kingdom Come continues until 23.05.21, with great resources on line for all ages to spend time in prayer. In previous years, Chevening children have contributed to Prayer Stations in St Botolph's Church. This is not happening in the same way this year, but there are still opportunities to reflect individually, in small groups and on-line in different ways. Click on the image above for an introduction, or the Cheeky Pandas below.



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 a 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.

PTFA Month of May Fitness

Class 6 challenged everyone at the beginning of the month to **Walk, Run, Scoot, Cycle, Swim...** any activity where you can measure the distance you travel for the whole month of May.

Use the *activity log* to add up your total and let's see how far we can travel as a school! A copy will be sent via email

Please remember to submit your activity log and sponsorship totals at the end of May.

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



The Hay Literary Festival starts next week and runs over half term. They have a whole host of children's events which are free to watch virtually (and lots that may interest the parents too!) For more information, click on the link: [Hay Festival – Wednesday 26 May to Sunday 6 June 2021](#)

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 (prue.burlock@jabbs.com) to arrange collection from her home in Chipstead.



Family First Magazine

Family First is a magazine that is packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home. Please click the image for more details.



Tokyo Challenge

Team Chevening have reached Tokyo!

We are **very proud** to be the second Sevenoaks school to arrive. As a one-form entry school, this is no mean feat and we have overshadowed some of the larger schools in the area. **Thank you** to everyone who contributed their energy and 6387 miles to help us reach Tokyo.

SCOPay

Please remember that when you receive emails from cheveningschool@scopay.com via SCOPay, any replies you try to send will **NOT** be received by the school office team! ScoPay is an unmonitored email system. To send a reply you **MUST** email office@chevening.kent.sch.uk

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 [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.

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

Date	Event
25th May	Class 2 Bore Place trip
27th—28th May	Class 6 Bush Craft Trip
28th May	PTFA Mad Hair Day
28th May	Last Day of Term 5
31st May —4th June	Half Term
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.

Music Lessons next week

There will be **no piano, flute or reorder lessons** next week with Rowena Howdy. Rowena will email the relevant families..

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 [click here](#) 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	97.8%	96.9%
Class 1	98.6%	97.8%
Class 2	98.3%	98.1%
Class 3	96.8%	96.3%
Class 4	99.7%	97.7%
Class 5	96.7%	95.9%
Class 6	95.9%	96%
Whole school	97.7%	97%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	



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



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PLANTS FOR SALE



WHEELCHAIR ACCESS



**Kent
Children's
Centres**

**Tonbridge & Malling and Sevenoaks
Children's Centres**

Half Term Activities 29TH MAY - 4TH JUNE 2021

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

MAKE A HEALTHY PICNIC

TOGETHER AND THEN TAKE IT SOMEWHERE TO ENJOY!

1ST JUNE & 2ND JUNE @10AM VIRTUAL GROUP VIA MS TEAMS

SUNCATCHERS

LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN SUNCATCHERS

3RD JUNE & 4TH JUNE @10AM VIRTUAL GROUP VIA MS TEAMS

PARK HUNTS

GO ON YOUR OWN BEAR PICTURE HUNT IN YOUR LOCAL PARK

SWANLEY AND EAST MALLING STARTS 2ND JUNE & TONBRIDGE

FROM THE 29TH MAY

SING AND STORY

2ND JUNE @ 1PM AND 3RD JUNE @10AM

BABY TIME

1ST JUNE @ 1PM VIA MS TEAMS

WEDNESDAY WISDOM WORKSHOP

2ND JUNE @9.30 - DENTAL HEALTH

To book email
TMCC@kent.gov.uk or
SwanleyChildrensCentre@
kent.gov.uk
Phone 03000 418 008
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BOOKING
27TH MAY**

