



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we've been able to bring all the children in our Key Stage 1 Bubble (Class R, 1 and 2) into the Hall for lunch. This has given the children the chance to be back in the Hall and enjoy time away from their classrooms. As a step back to more normal school routines, it's been great to see the children adjusting well, helping each other and remembering lunch routines. We have made some changes, so that the children are sitting in groups in their Houses, which means they can chat together before they head out to play on the field. We are really impressed with the way they have helped each other—and the staff - this week!

I hope you enjoy this bumper-edition, with news from different classes and the PTFA.

There is a range of opportunities for both family fun and support mentioned in this edition of our Newsletter. Please see pages 5 and 6 for opportunities to learn about 'Building Family Resilience' and First Aid qualification.

Please remember the PTFA events for May start next week, with **lollies** at the Rec, after school, on Friday 07.05.21.

For parents, there's an opportunity for **wine tasting with Wine Savvy** on 13.05.21.

The deadline for purchasing tickets is 05.05.21 via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/cheveningprimary> Don't miss out—see page 5 for more details.

For the whole month of May there's a family **Fitness Challenge** as well!

We'll end this term with the postponed **Mad Hair Day** on 28.05.21.

Have a wonderful—long- weekend,

Best wishes, Miss Minnis



Here's a peek into **Class 4's** learning, with this vibrant class display showcasing the children's writing skills. There is more information on page 2.

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)- Primrose for **perseverance** and **courage**; for always trying her best and growing in confidence.

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- Walter for the **love** and **respect** he shows to all his work and to all the class

Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- The whole Class for showing such **perseverance** and **courage** during their assessments this week. They also showed a great **love** for learning and strong **faith** in their capabilities.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - Ella, Elsie, Eva, Alice and Tabitha for having the **courage** to perform their brilliant dance and song in front of the whole school and Miss Minnis.

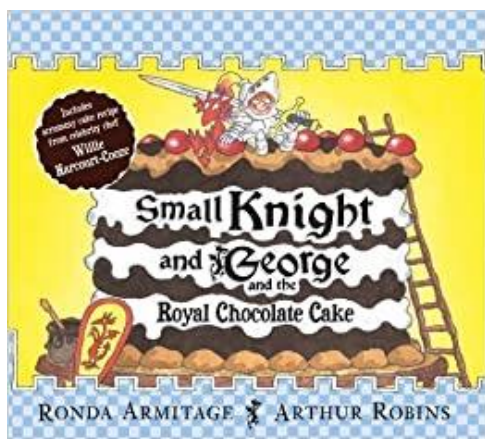
Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Hannah for always being so **respectful** to others and everything within our class and being an exemplary role model to others.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Aoife and Poppy O for showing **compassion** and **respect** for helping others with their work, as well as calming things when there are challenging situations.

Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)- Robbie for **perseverance** for a brilliant attitude to his assessments this week.

Class R

This week, Class R have been exploring the story 'Small Knight and George and the Royal Chocolate Cake'. The children learnt lots of facts about Knights and helped Small Knight to write party invitations for the King and Queen. The highlight of the week was making their own chocolate cakes!



Class 4

Over the last couple of terms, **Class 4** have been immersed in their learning about *woeful World War II*. Donning their evacuee tags with pride, they have covered such a vast amount of topics and writing genre, ranging from superbly creative *blackout poems* to spine tingling recounts of the *Christmas day Blitz*. This amalgamation of topic and English work has really helped bring their learning to life and also provided some great inspiration for writing.



Class 2

Class 2 have been exploring leaflets all about 'Bewilderwood'. They then created their own exciting Wild Wood leaflets.





If you are interested in learning more about preparation for **Confirmation** or the regular on-line activities for children on Sunday mornings, please see the [church website](#) or email Jess in the Church Office via cheveningoffice@gmail.com. The out-of-office reply provides links to the services.

Rev Hannah Adams is still seeking feedback, thoughts and suggestions on the Church re-opening and working with the wider community. The Church is planning some exciting community ideas and would like community involvement in the planning/thinking process!

Please complete the two below surveys for the Church by Monday 3rd May 2021.

(For members/attendees of St Botolph's) Church Reopening: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/D68MWQ6

Community Survey: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QVYH28S

School Lunches

Please remember to order school lunches in advance directly from CH & Co; 8am on the day the meal is needed is the absolute latest point for ordering. For Key Stage 2 children, each meal costs £2.30.

To order your meals via the CH & Co website, please visit: <https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com/>

School Photos

We are delighted we able to have our whole class photographs again this year. These will take place on **Tuesday 4th May 2021**. Please do check uniforms on that day, and be sure to encourage lots of smiles!

Key Dates

| Date | Event |
|--------------------|--|
| 3rd May | Bank Holiday (No school) |
| 4th May | Class Photos |
| 17th & 20th May | Parent Consultation Meetings (More details to follow) |
| 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 |
| 7- 11th June | Class 6 KCC Bikeability |
| 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.

Activ8 Request

If you have any unused loom bands going spare, please could you donate these to Activ8, as they would be very much appreciated.

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.

ELSA

Mrs Cope, our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) has been busy making our ELSA area welcoming and attractive. Take a look at the home-made Worry Monster and some of the resources available.



Clubs

We are looking to reintroduce some of our before and after school sports clubs very soon! Details are being finalised with the different providers. To keep everyone COVID-safe, there will be separate clubs for each Bubble.

The clubs on offer are:

- * 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)

We will need to meet the minimum number of children to enable some clubs to run. The booking system opens at 6.30pm this evening.

Pre-Loved Uniform

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 hold a school uniform sale in the coming weeks. In the meantime, if you would like to purchase any items, then please contact the School Office.

Current Prices:

Chevening Winter Coat- £15
 Chevening V-neck jumper- £9
 Chevening Cardigan -£9
 Chevening Tunic - £8
 Summer Dress - £7
 Trousers - £6
 Pleated Skirt - £4
 Uniform Shorts - £6
 Chevening Polo Shirt -£5
 Chevening KS2 Sports Top -£8
 Chevening PE Shorts - £5
 Chevening PE Skirt - £8
 Chevening Book Bag - £4

House Points

| Houses | Total House Points |
|-----------|--------------------|
| Churchill | 4602 |
| Sackville | 4631 |
| Stanhope | 5869 |
| Wolfe | 4962 |



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.

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% | 97.2% |
| Class 1 | 92.3% | 97.8% |
| Class 2 | 99% | 98% |
| Class 3 | 97.9 | 96% |
| Class 4 | 99% | 97.8% |
| Class 5 | 99% | 97.9% |
| Class 6 | 92.7% | 95.8% |
| Whole school | 96.6% | 96.9% |
| Excellent | >97%: celebration of excellent attendance | |
| Good | 95-97%: note of good attendance | |
| Poor | <95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance | |

STEM Mars-Base Competition

Congratulations to Molly in Class 5 for winning a special, signed space book in the Canterbury STEM Mars-Base Competition.

Molly's amazing winning design is behind her (see below) showing how people might be able to live on Mars. Perhaps one day humans will be able to visit Mars if people like Molly design the structures for them?



Save the Date: PTFA Fun Day

The PTFA are hoping 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.



PTFA Wine Tasting Event

The lovely folk at **Wine Savvy** have produced a selection of 6 New World wines for you to taste in the comfort of your own home alongside video presentations of each wine.

Tickets cost **£35 per person** and this price includes the 6 wines and access to the videos. The deadline for [ticket purchase](#) is **Wednesday 5th May.**

As we are easing out of lockdown and getting a bit 'zoom-tired' we are pleased to offer 2 options:

1. Get together with friends in the garden and drink the wines and watch the videos at a time that suits you

2. Log onto a zoom on Thursday 13th May and we will show the videos for the wines from 8pm

Please confirm with Kelly via clarkson-kelly@hotmail.com who you will be doing the tasting with, so we can limit the use of plastic bottles by combining orders.

NB wines will be decanted so you ideally want to drink them within 24 hours. The wine will be available to collect on **13th May** at School.



PTFA Lolly Sale

After School on Friday 7th May, Friday 14th May and Friday 21st May the PTFA will be at the Recreation to sell lollies.





Building Family Resilience

Would you like to:

- Learn what resilience is and how it can promote our sense of wellbeing
- Find out how resilience strategies can help us deal with difficult times
- Help your child to learn resilience skills

This course is for you...

Live online Zoom classroom

Dealing with difficult times (Building Family Resilience)

Dates: Monday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th June (4 week course)

Time: 12.30 -2.30

To book a place please email: westkentchildrenscentre@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 420995

Kindly note this is an adult only course. Register your interest by: 13th May.

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

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First Aid for Families

Would you like to know:

- The emergency procedure and making an emergency phone call?
- How to place a casualty into the recovery position?
- How to use the primary survey?
- How to recognise and treat choking?
- How to treat and monitor bleeding, minor bruising and burns?
- How to practise cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)?

This course is for you!

Live online Zoom classroom

Dates: 3 Week Course starting Tuesday 15th June 2021

Time: 18.30 – 20.30

To book a place please email

westkentchildrenscentre@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 420995

Kindly note this is an Adult only Course. Register your interest by 21st May

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