

## Chevening (St Botolph's) **CE Primary School Newsletter**









Friday 23rd April 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a restful break from school over the Easter holiday. It's been lovely to welcome both old and new friends this week—we hope our new friends soon settle in! The sunshine and drier days mean that we are able to enjoy the field again, without churning up too much mud. However, it has been quite breezy, so please do make sure your child has a fleece/jumper to keep them warm in class.

The children and staff hope you have enjoyed and been motivated by the children's affirmations as you walk in, round and out of school. The colourful display is really uplifting and a great way for the children to encourage and inspire each other.

Please do check the calendar dates on the final page of this edition—as bookings are made, more activities will be added. Now that the COVID-restrictions are being eased, trips and clubs are once again feasible and make a great enrichment to learning in each class. As with everything, changes in Government Guidance may mean our plans need to alter, but, hopefully, most activities will be viable.

Thank you to everyone who contributed feedback comments via the surveys for Biblical Vision and Relationships Education Policy. The comments will help to complete the processes for both aspects of school work.

Further thanks to parents, carers, Governors and staff who joined in Thursday evening's PTFA meeting. We have been able to agree a new Swimming Pool Working Party. Please contact the School Office if you want to join this group. Our temporary arrangements for Chair and Finance responsibilities: Liz & Peter Smith will oversee finances and Kelly Stiff will coordinate the committee and class reps.

Have a wonderful weekend, Miss Minnis





Just two of **Chevening Children's Affirmations**. There are many more to spot on your way in and out of school. Have you found yours?

#### 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)- Felix for his courage for joining in with the class discussions and being keen to learn!

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston) - Kitty for perseverance and respect; seen in her determined and careful approach to all her work.

Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde) - Otto for demonstrating all the school values at his time with Class 2.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - All of class 3 for being so respectful coming back to school so happily and ready to learn.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Lola for showing love and compassion, for being so kind and caring, and lovingly supporting a friend when they were in need.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- George D for having respect for our planet, he has been collecting unrecyclable plastic to make ecobrick rather seeing it go into landfill or the sea

Class 6 (Mrs Edwards) – Ollie for being honest about what he is capable of and striving to achieve this in his learning.

#### Class 5

Class 5 have had an exciting return to school as they have been recording music and images for their mini-animations. After mixing samples digitally to produce a fitness CD in the previous term (as well as sound for the computer games they have created); they are now busy with their music soundtracks for their own movies! Thank you Mrs McLean for this exciting opportunity to be composers and directors!



If you would like a copy of the fitness workout CD, please let Mr Qureshi know. Alternatively, you may download the tracks from Teams. The children are hoping to raise some money for 2 charities that we have a personal connection with and will be grateful for any donations. (The charities are '<u>Steps Worldwide</u>' and '<u>Chect</u>'. You can find out more using the links.)



#### Class 6

Class 6 have made a display for their Class R buddies this week. We found out their new topic from Miss Levy and then designed and created a display based on castles, thinking about the vocabulary that might help them in their learning.



For Science this week we have been exploring electrical circuits. We had a go at making circuits and then drawing circuit diagram using recognised symbols.



# St. Botolph's Chevening Church Survey

Rev Hannah Adams would like to hear your feedback, thoughts and suggestions on the Church reopening 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: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QVYH28S">www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QVYH28S</a>

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

We hope to hold basic lifesaving training on Sat. 22nd May Volunteer parents/carers are essential to support class swimming in Term 6. DBS renewals will be needed for any previous Life Guard volunteers and new DBS checks for new volunteers.

#### **School Photos**

We are delighted we able to have our whole class photographs again this year. These will take place on Tuesday 5th 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	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.

### **EMC Request**

If you have any small toy cars or vehicles that are no longer being used at home, please could we ask that you donate these to Early Morning Club.

#### **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/

#### **Cool Milk**

Every child can receive milk to drink during the school day. This is provided

for free for children under 5. If your child is over 5, and you would like them to continue to receive milk in school, then please place an order via the Cool Milk website:





Orders must be placed by 5pm on Tuesdays, for milk to be delivered for the following week.

## **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.

## **Condolences to HM Queen Elizabeth**



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Thank you to Tristan and James for preparing this poignant condolence card for HM The Queen on behalf of our school.

#### 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 providers have availability for:

- \* Athletics Class R, Class 1 and Class 2
- \* Boxing- Class 3 and Class 4
- \* Football—Class 3 and Class 4
- \* Cross County—Class 5 and Class 6
- \* Hockey—Class 5 and Class 6
- \* Netball—Class 5 and Class 6

We will need to meet the minimum number of children to enable some clubs to run, so please be ready to sign up and get active next week. Booking and cost information will be shared next week. shortly.

#### **Music Lessons**

Our new Guitar teacher (Marc Breeton) is offering lesson on Fridays, starting next week. Lessons are £18 for 30 minutes. If you would like your child to have Guitar lessons, please contact Natalie Dodd on natalie@weteachmusic.co.uk

#### **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



**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 <a href="http://thebigask.uk/">http://thebigask.uk/</a>

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. Attendance has stayed strong—please keep it up! 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	98.5%	97.2%
Class 1	99.3%	98.1%
Class 2	98.3%	97.9%
Class 3	100%	95.9%
Class 4	99.3%	97.8%
Class 5	98.7%	95.6%
Class 6	87%	95.9%
Whole school	97.1%	96.9%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	





## **New Nationally Recognised Level 2 Qualifications**

Upskill and add to your CV by completing these FREE distance learning courses:

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Awareness of Mental Health Problems
- Mental Health First Aid & Mental Health Advocacy in the Workplace
- Behaviour that Challenges
- Common Childhood Illnesses
- · Creating a Business Start-up
- Improving Personal Exercise, Health and Nutrition
- Introducing Caring for Children & Young People
- LGBT Inclusion in the Workplace
- Preparing to work in Adult Social Care Level 1
- Preparing to work in Adult Social Care Level 2
- Understanding Autism
- Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties
- Working with Individuals with Learning Disabilities

More information about all courses can be found online, on the individual course outlines.

Where: Online

Date: You can start this course at anytime

To book a place please visit our website <a href="www.kentadulteducation.co.uk">www.kentadulteducation.co.uk</a> and search using the course title.

Please refer to the website or contact SkillsVocational@kent.gov.uk for more information.

