



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

Wednesday 31st March 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

The shift to warmer weather and the release from the tighter COVID restrictions have been greatly welcomed this week. As the Easter Holiday starts, we will all benefit from making the most of safe outdoor social opportunities, within the current Government Guidance. Whilst we are again relieved to finish term with our Bubbles intact, please can we remind parents/carers to use [covidreporting@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:covidreporting@chevening.kent.sch.uk) to report any positive COVID test results.

We have enjoyed reflecting on and celebrating Easter from the perspective of our School Values. Mrs McLean prepared an array of activities to help the children respond well—see the photo opposite and class news on the next page. Today, the children really enjoyed the PTFA's fun virtual Easter Celebration with Captain Fantastic!

We are particularly proud of the way that the children have managed the changes and complications of this term, recognising that individual families have had varied experiences and emotions. After the holiday, staff will continue to focus on supporting each child in meeting their learning and well-being needs. **Parent Consultation** appointments will be offered for 17th and 20th May, so families and staff can share updates and identify priorities for action.

And finally, a reminder that we can arrange support for well-being needs via counselling sessions for children and Mrs Cope's **Emotional Literacy Support**. If you would like to know about these provisions, please contact the School Office.

Wishing you all a lovely holiday—Happy Easter!

Best wishes, Miss Minnis



Here's **Class R** re-enacting Palm Sunday events in class together. There are more photos to enjoy on the following pages.

## Christian Value Certificates

*This week we are pleased to recognise the following for all their endeavours and displaying our school values in school and at home:*

**Class R (Miss Levy)**- All of Class R for showing **perseverance** and enthusiasm in their hard work this term!

**Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)**- George and Jacob for their **perseverance** for trying so hard with their writing this week.

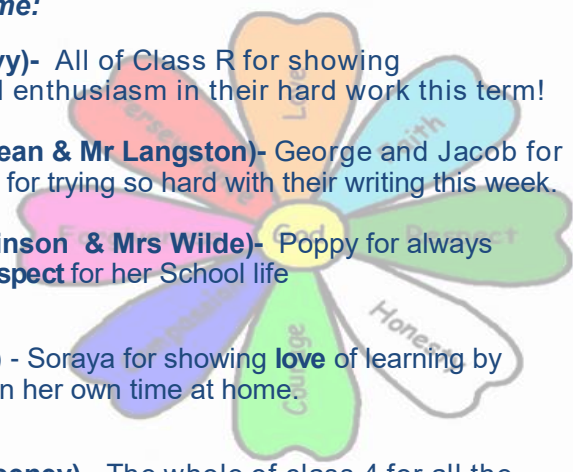
**Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)**- Poppy for always having **love** and **respect** for her School life

**Class 3 (Mrs Roll)** - Soraya for showing **love** of learning by finishing her work in her own time at home.

**Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)**- The whole of class 4 for all the **values** and being such super stars this term! Well done. Keep up all your fabulous work!

**Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)**- **Compassion** for the children who were school-learners during lockdown, since they welcomed and helped the home-learners return to school well. **Courage** from the children who were home-learners to come back so positively and cope with the work, pace and the restrictions needed at school. Faith for the whole class in how they interacted with the Stations of the Cross.

**Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)**— Annabel for always showing **respect** to others, no matter who they are.



## Happy Easter!

The whole school started this last week of term with a special reflective look at the Easter story and how this relates to our school values.



We considered all of the different parts of the traditional story and thought carefully about how our values of **Honesty, Perseverance, Courage, Forgiveness, Love, Faith, Compassion and Respect** were shown.



**Jesus arrives in Jerusalem:** *Respect;*

**The Last Supper:** *Forgiveness;*

**The Garden:** *Faith;*

**Peter's Denial:** *Honesty and Compassion;*

**The Crucifixion:** *Perseverance and Courage;*

**The Resurrection:** *Love;*



From the youngest to the oldest children we took part in a range of activities. Much perseverance was required for making our own crosses from a strip of paper! We took a moment to reflect on things for which we are sorry, writing them in chalk on stones or paving slabs and washing them away. It was a lovely chance for us to look in more depth at this amazing story and helping us to understand the verse John 15:13:

*Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.*



## Relationships Education Policy Survey

Following initial Governor approval, we are asking our parents/carers for feedback on this new Policy. **Please complete your survey by 23/04/21.**

A reminder of the link is included in the message accompanying this Newsletter.

## School Biblical Vision Consultation

As a Church School, we are seeking to identify a Bible passage that underpins the strategic vision, approaches, policies and all that happens in our school. Again, we are seeking the views of parents/carers, to help determine which Parable we adopt—The **Vine and The Branches** or **The Mustard Seed**. A reminder of the survey link is included in the email accompanying this Newsletter. **Please send your feedback by 23/04/21.**



## 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.



## Key Dates

Date	Event
5—16th April	Easter Holiday
19th April	<b>First Day of Term 5</b>
3rd May	Bank Holiday (No school)
4th May	Class Photos
17th & 20th May	Parent Consultation Meetings (More details to follow)
28th May	<b>Last Day of Term 5</b>
31st May –4th June	Half Term
7th June	<b>First Day of Term 6</b>
7- 11th June	Class 6 KCC Bikeability
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	<b>Last Day of the Year!</b>

These dates may be subject to amendment due to COVID restrictions.

## Book Collection for Rural Ghanaian Communities

Sevenoaks School are inviting all schools to join in their annual book and educational resource collection to support rural Ghanaian communities in partnership with EduSpots (see [www.eduspots.org](http://www.eduspots.org)). They aim to fill a shipping container which will **leave in May 2021**, containing 30,000 books.

EduSpots works to support rural communities to establish community-led and owned libraries and won the TES International Award in 2018. Since 2015, through a mainly volunteer-led team with strong links to parents, staff, alumni and students at Sevenoaks School, 42 education 'Spots' have been created, with a team of over 200 local volunteers running the projects to support 15,000 users. Many of the libraries are fitted with solar-power to enable communities to have free light to read and study by in the evenings.

Please see below a list of items that they would like to receive:

- \* African fiction and non-fiction for all ages
- \* Children's fiction/non-fiction (children's books with pop-ups, noises, etc are always particularly popular!)
- \* Dictionaries (in English and in other languages – French is often studied).
- \* Encyclopaedias and atlases (again, recent is preferred)
- \* Adult fiction (please only donate high quality fiction that is likely to be read).
- \* Science books or STEM resources (these are in particularly high demand)
- \* Any educational resources (e.g. abacuses, shape boxes, spelling cards, posters, stationary etc.)
- \* Excellent quality and fully operational laptops and mobile phones.

Please ensure that the items are in good condition, or new (everything that comes through will be checked) and non-fiction: books should ideally not be not older than 10 years old.

Please bring your donations to the School Office and put in the box in the Porch before **23rd April 2021**.

## Easter Activities and Celebrations

Please click on the images below for Easter activities and online clips to enjoy with your family.



Three Friends and the Miracle Man



The Seriously Surprising Story

There are a number of live & on-line **Easter opportunities** at **St Botolph's**. Click on the image for more details.



There will be a zoom **PTFA meeting** on **Thursday 22nd April at 8pm**. Joining information will be sent in due course. If you are interested in taking on the role of Chair, Vice-Chair or Treasurer, please contact Emma Parmley, the Committee, or the School Office. At the meeting, we will thank our outgoing Officers and share information about a Swimming Pool Working Party.



This is a great way to raise some easy money for the school by shopping at normal stores but through this website. If you register to support the school and then shop through the easyfundraising website, a percentage will be donated from the retailer to our cause. It doesn't cost any more to buy the products/services.

The school has raised £270 in the past 12 months through this. Click the logo (above) to access the link.

## Music

All of Key Stage 2 and Class 2 have enjoyed singing some Easter hymns outside in the sunshine this week.



We will share a link with you shortly.

## 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 been brilliant—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%	97.1%
Class 1	98.3%	97.9%
Class 2	97.3%	97.8%
Class 3	100%	95.7%
Class 4	98.6%	97.9%
Class 5	98.7%	95.3%
Class 6	97.3%	96.5%
Whole school	98.3%	96.9%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	



## Activities to do over the Easter Half Term



### EASTER SOCCER SCHOOL

PSA are eagerly anticipating a busy Easter Half-Term Soccer School in 2021. Our April Soccer School will be full of new challenges and games in an environment where players will create new friendships. With outdoor sports returning during the Easter Half-Term this will be the perfect return for any aspiring footballers.

Spaces are very limited so be sure not to miss out on our return!

#### SOCCER SCHOOL INFO

**DURATION:** 6 DAYS  
**DATES:** WEEK 1 - 6TH, 7TH & 8TH  
 WEEK 2 - 13TH, 14TH & 15TH  
**TIMING:** 10AM - 3PM (9.30AM EARLY DROP OFF)  
**YEAR GROUPS:** YEAR R - YEAR 7  
**VENUES:** WROTHAM SCHOOL  
 PLAYFOOTBALL, RAINHAM  
 KIT BAG, DRINKS, LUNCHES (NO NUTS), FOOTBALL BOOTS  
 (NO METAL STUDS), SHIN PADS & SUITABLE OUTDOOR CLOTHING

#### RESERVE SPACE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE FOR THE PSA EASTER SOCCER SCHOOL PLEASE CLICK THE LINK TO SECURE YOUR SPACE.

**PSA SOCCER SCHOOL**  
**CLICK HERE**

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

Check out our YouTube channel [here](#) for our Soccer School highlights from December 2020

#### COVID GUIDELINES

During our Easter Soccer Schools PSA will be following all Government guidelines regarding Covid-19 and will be implementing all rules & regulations for players to fully experience the environment by training like a pro throughout the 2 weeks



## JOIN SEVENOAKS VINE CRICKET CLUB!

Sevenoaks Vine Cricket Club would like to invite junior cricketers of all ages and abilities to join our thriving Junior Section!

With access to the best coaching and facilities in the area, we are passionate about providing every Junior the opportunity to develop as a cricketer and most importantly, have fun!

#### Training Times:

Girls U11, U13 and U15 - From Monday 12th April @ 6pm - Orchard Field, Otford  
 U15s - From Wednesday 7th April @ 6pm - Orchard Field, Otford  
 U13s - From Thursday 15th April @ 6pm - Orchard Field, Otford  
 U11s - From Friday 16th April @ 6pm - Orchard Field, Otford  
 U7s and U9s - From Sunday 18th April @ 10am - Hollybush Astro, Sevenoaks

For Membership enquiries, please contact Alan Smith  
[alan.smith@svcc1734.org](mailto:alan.smith@svcc1734.org)  
<http://svcc1734.org>



The Hive creates immersive adventures and projects for children to explore, create, problem-solve and collaborate in the outdoors

### EASTER 2021

#### ADVENTURES



#### BUSHCRAFT



### FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO BOOK

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[girlsattackit@gmail.com](mailto:girlsattackit@gmail.com)

## FUN SKILLS TRAINING AND MATCH PLAY.

### Netball Camps Easter 2021 Book online

- Girls age 6+, skills progression & match play in a fun, friendly team environment
- Experienced England Netball-trained coaches
- Tailored coaching for all abilities & experience
  - Week 1: 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> April 10am-3pm
  - Week 2: 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> April 10am-3pm
- Oxted School, Bluehouse Lane, RH8 0AB

### Netball Club

Every Saturday, back April 3rd

### Oxted Ladies Netball

Monday evenings from April 12th. Contact us for more info

Following government and England Netball Covid guidance

**CONTACT THE TEAM AND BE ONE OF THE GIRLS!**