

Friday 26th March 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

For Tuesday's National Day of Reflection, we lit a candle in an eerily empty hall, to shine a small light of hope for all. Whilst pausing to think of all the difficulties and losses that have been endured, we have also been giving attention to addressing current needs and looking ahead to plans, activities and events for Term 5 and Term 6, including dates for Parent Consultations.



Please check the calendar for new dates, that hopefully will be possible, keeping within restrictions and guidance as the Roadmap of Recovery continues.

Some families may recall that previously, we were able to access some weekly Counselling sessions for children, through Sevenoaks Primary Partnership funding and **Fegans**. Once again, we are able to host counselling sessions on site until July and we have welcome Ann Coe on Tuesday mornings. For further information, please contact the School Office.

Mrs Cope is undertaking **Emotional Literacy Support** training to contribute to our support for children's well-being. An **ELSA** information leaflet has been sent to families. Mrs Cope will be starting ELSA sessions after the Easter Holiday.

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.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend!  
Best wishes, Miss Minnis

## 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.



### 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)**- Avish for his **courage** in settling into Class R so well, speaking clearly in front of the class and being keen to join in!

**Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)**- Harrison for his **perseverance** for not giving up on his division in Maths

**Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)**- Charlie for always being so **respectful** in everything that he does.

**Class 3 (Mrs Roll)** - Seth for **compassion** and **love**; for being so kind to a friend on the playground when there were upset.

**Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)**- Shivi for always being so exceptionally kind and caring, and **respecting** the feelings the others - a true role-model!

**Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)**- Holly and George D for **compassion** as they always think about others before themselves. Jessica for **perseverance** in her maths and always wanting to tackle the extra challenges.

**Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)**- Sofia for her **courage**; having a positive mind-set and "can do" attitude in Maths this week.



## Class R

Class R have been busy exploring 3D shapes this week. The children helped Miss Levy to blow up some 2D shapes with the help of some 'magic' and turned them from 'flat' shapes into 'fat' shapes! They particularly enjoyed working together as a team to create a tower of 3D shapes and going on a shape hunt around their classroom and outdoor area!



## Class 2

Class 2 had great fun making African Maasai Tribe Shields in their art lesson.



## Class 4

Throughout this term, the scientists have been learning about the exciting and very interesting topic of the Digestive System. To help bring the subject to life and consolidate their learning of this intrinsic and quite amazing system, the children have carried out many (quite disgusting) practical investigations and activities. Beginning where all food does, in the mouth, they learnt about the fascinating function of the teeth. In order to expand their knowledge about dental hygiene and importance of looking after their teeth, they conducted an investigation involving eggs! Egg shells have a very similar function to tooth enamel. The children investigated the impact of different liquids on this outer coating and explored the protective difference toothpaste makes.—see photos below.



The children then tried a - not for the faint hearted - challenge of recreating a human digestive system using orange juice, crackers, banana, water and tights! The children were able to replicate the interesting movement of peristalsis and clearly see what happens to food substances in the small intestine! What a lot of squishy mess and fun!

## On site reminders

Please could parents/carers remember:

- To supervise younger children/toddlers carefully and keep them close to you at all time.
- The children need **coats and wellies** to school every day and waterproofs when it rains
- Your child can wear a **plain fleece** on top of their existing school uniform to help them stay warm; **named** gloves, hats, scarves or snood are welcomed.
- When dropping off or collecting your child/ren please **keep away from our climbing equipment**. Sadly, current COVID-restrictions mean this is not yet in use.
- All medication must** come to the School office first, so that a medical consent form can be completed.

## Clocks 'go forward' this weekend!

On **Sunday 28th March** the clocks will be *springing forward*. This means there will be more daylight in the evenings and less in the mornings. Don't forget!



## Key Dates

Date	Event
31st March	Captain Fantastic Easter Celebrations
31st March	<b>Last Day of Term</b>
1st April	Inset Day (No children!)
5th —16th April	Easter Holiday
19th April	<b>First Day of Term 5</b>
4th May	Class Photos
17th & 20th May	Parent Consultation Meetings (More details to follow)
7th– 11th June	Class 6 KCC Bikeability
7th July	Class 6 Safety in Action
19th July	Class 6 BBQ and Swim
21st July	Leavers' Service—St

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)). We are aiming to fill a shipping container which **leave in May 2021**, containing 30,000 books.

EduSpots works to support rural communities in their desire to establish community-led and owned libraries, which 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.

If you would like to donate some resources to this project, please bring them to School Office and put in the box in the Foyer. All donations will be sent to Sevenoaks School by the **23rd April 2021**.

## Clean Up Sevenoaks and Concerns for Recreation Ground

Many thanks to the Chevening families who were able to give their time and effort to support last weekend's **CleanUp Sevenoaks campaign**. We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful area and are grateful to the PTFA for organising the additional litter pickers, tabards, bin holders and bin liners.

Sadly, we have received an email from a local resident raising safety concerns for children on the Recreation Ground. Please can we ask ALL parents to carefully supervise their children so they are safe when enjoying the play area, grass and riverbank. Our neighbours do not want their properties and gardens damaged, nor do they want to see the eco-system destroyed by vandalism. The respectful behaviours and attitudes for our school environment should be mirrored on the Rec.

Thank you for your continued support and care for the school and the local community.

## Easter Art

This week's worship has included some of the inspiring art of Ethiopian artist, *Nebiyu Assifa*. Imaginor have made their resources freely available to families and schools alike. Please click on the image below for further details.



## House Points

Houses	Total House Points for the week
Churchill	592
Sackville	402
Stanhope	455
Wolfe	556

## Alan Turing Cryptography

Congratulations to all the participants in Manchester University's Alan Turing competition. There was such an exciting finish with **final honours going to Jessica and Team J** after a valiant attempt from both the closest Y5 and Y6 teams to overtake in the last weekend. You can see the final table on the school website as well as a link to the solutions page.

GCHQ has also just released a competition in honour of

Alan Turing, as he will be celebrated on the new £50 note? Adults and children can take part by clicking the picture.



## Class Attendance

A great start to full school attendance last week! 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	96%	97%
Class 1	100%	97.9%
Class 2	99%	97.9%
Class 3	100%	95.5%
Class 4	99.3%	97.9%
Class 5	99%	95.1%
Class 6	99%	96.5%
Whole school	98.9%	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	RESERVE SPACE
<p><b>DURATION:</b> 6 DAYS</p> <p><b>DATES:</b> WEEK 1 - 6TH, 7TH &amp; 8TH WEEK 2 - 13TH, 14TH &amp; 15TH</p> <p><b>TIMING:</b> 10AM - 3PM (9.30AM EARLY DROP OFF)</p> <p><b>YEAR GROUPS:</b> YEAR R - YEAR 7</p> <p><b>VENUES:</b> WROTHAM SCHOOL PLAYFOOTBALL, RAINHAM</p> <p><b>KIT BAG:</b> DRINKS, LUNCHES (NO NUTS), FOOTBALL BOOTS (NO METAL STUDS), SHIN PADS &amp; SUITABLE OUTDOOR CLOTHING</p>	<p><b>IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE FOR THE PSA EASTER SOCCER SCHOOL PLEASE CLICK THE LINK TO SECURE YOUR SPACE.</b></p> <p><b>PSA SOCCER SCHOOL CLICK HERE</b></p>

### 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  
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<http://svcc1734.org>



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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**  
team@thehive-kids.com | 020 3435 6848

We accept childcare vouchers on all our missions

## ONE OF THE GIRLS

www.girlsattack.com  
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!