



Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was both an absolute delight and a relief to hear loud, happy laughter coming from the playground on Monday at playtime and lunchtime! We are all very proud of the way that the children have managed the changes so far. We know it's not been easy for all and that emotions may change during each day, but 'Well Done' everyone for surviving the first week back together.

Thank you to all our parents/carers for supporting the children's return so well. Please do continue to keep an eye on your child/ren over the weekend and let us know if you have any concerns.

Our 'What We'll Build' book has helped each class explore different reactions, themes and activities over the week, as part of our focus on well-being and restoring ALL children (and staff) to a 'full' class and school experience.

Some stresses and anxieties may be eased by the return to class routines and rhythms, whilst others may be deeper-rooted. We are able to access and signpost different sources of support, so please keep in touch if you feel your child is in need of further help as we continue to transition back together.

KCC have informed us that the nearest collection point for parents to collect home-testing COVID kits is: Ditton Youth Centre Car Park, Kiln Barn Road, Aylesford. NB

Wishing you all a happy weekend, after our first full week together!

Best wishes,  
Miss Minnis

## This week in Worship....

We started the week thinking about sources of good advice and looked at the story of the Wedding at Cana, where Jesus performed the miracle of turning water into wine. The wedding party was saved from catastrophe, as the servants listened to and followed Mary's advice. We then went on to think about **co-operation**—very timely, as we all adjust to being part of a larger class group and school again!



The skills of co-operation are also needed at home, with siblings, pets, parents, carers and wider family members all need to cooperate to live in harmony.

There's a beautiful ChristianAid clip to watch [here](#), which could form part of a celebration this weekend of mothers and others who care for us.

### Christian Value Certificates

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

**Class R (Miss Levy)**- Polly for **perseverance** for trying really hard with her writing and giving great effort!

**Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)**- Tommy for **perseverance** and having a determined attitude to all of his work this week. Sam for trying really hard this week with his handwriting.

**Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)**- All Class 2 for their **courage, perseverance** and **respect**. You have all worked really hard this week to settle back into classroom learning. Well done as we know it has been tricky at times.

**Class 3 (Mrs Roll)** - Jessica for the **love** she put into her beautiful poem about her special place.

**Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)**- Harry for showing **compassion**, for being so considerably kind and caring, and looking out for others - providing them with **love** and support - when they most need it most.

**Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)**- Jack, Freddie and Ruby for showing **compassion** in making sure our basketball matches were as fair as possible.

**Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)**— Jemima for having the **courage** to ask for help.



## Class 1

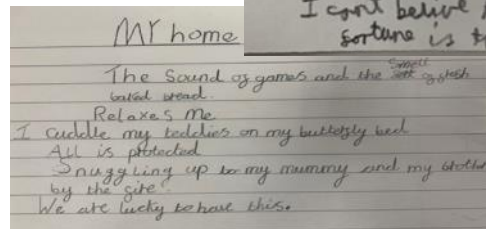
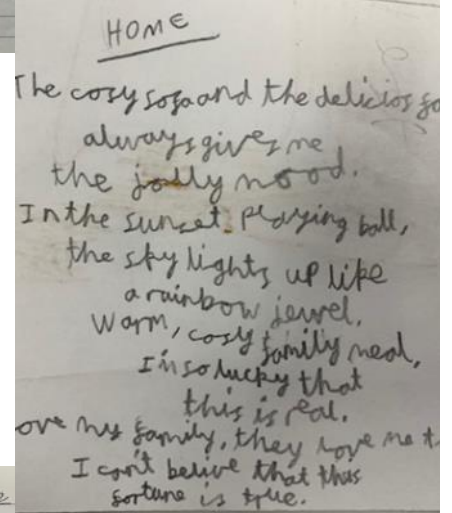
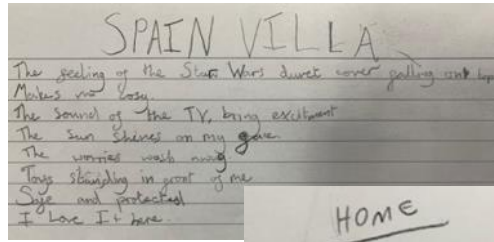
It has been amazing to have all of the children back this week and we have all enjoyed playing and working together. We have also enjoyed the chance to share our new book, 'What we'll build' and especially exciting was the chance to build our own houses from all sorts of different materials.



We enjoyed the afternoon creating houses, working out ways to join them together and the different types of tools that we needed. There were certainly some very interesting designs! We are looking forward to carrying on our journey through the

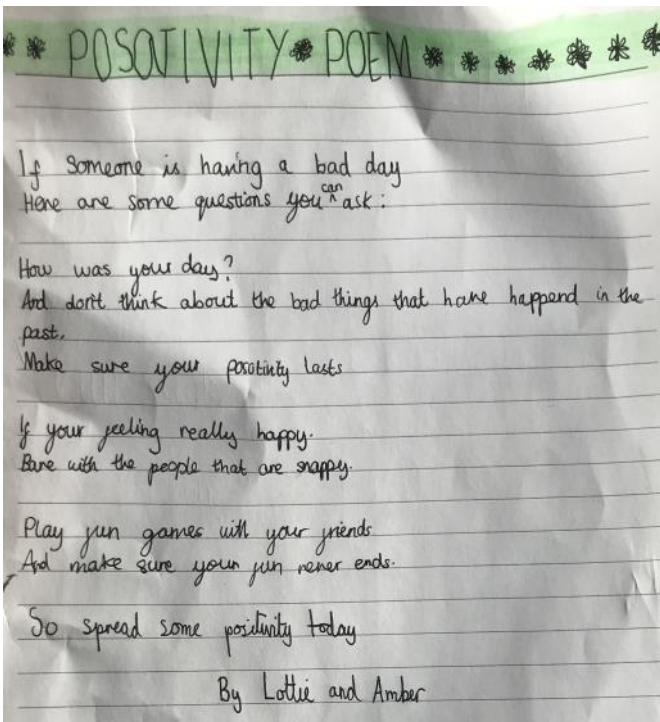
## Class 3

In response to our 'What We'll Build' book the children have written some wonderful poetry about their homes and places they feel safe.



## Class 6

Charlotte and Amber in Class 6 have written a lovely Positivity Poem during lunchtime this week. Well done both!



## Class R

Class R have been working on their affirmations in class this week. These will be displayed around the school for the whole community to read, enjoy and feel the benefit!



## Travel to Tokyo Challenge Update

The Tokyo Olympics is now 19 weeks away! Tokyo is 5,938 miles away... so that's an average of 270 miles to cover per week!

Chevening Primary School are currently **top of the leaderboard with 191 miles!** Our daily mile results are submitted for each class, but there have only been a few entries from home **and we could really do with some more**, in order to reach Tokyo by the Olympics.

We need an average of 270 miles per week. So, whenever you or your child/ren walk/cycle/run/scoot – either to or from school, at the weekends, evenings – please send Mrs Roll an email on [jroll@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jroll@chevening.kent.sch.uk) to let her know how far you or they have gone...

**Let's get moving and be the first school to reach Tokyo!!**



## Anyone interested in some creative expression?

Here's something you might enjoy doing after-school... We have some fabulous artists in our school and have just registered, so we are able to submit any entries in this third annual Royal academy of Arts 'Young Artists' Summer Show' - an online and onsite event. There's no immediate rush, but next week could be a good opportunity to think, doodle, explore, sketch and try out some ideas...

Parent/carer permission is needed to submit entries; there's a limit on 3 entries per artist. The deadline for submission is **26th April**, so there's plenty of time to work on ideas.



## School Packed Lunches

CH & Co are again providing our school catering. All school lunches can be ordered in advance; 8am on the day the meal is needed is the absolute latest point for ordering. Lunches must be ordered via the CH & Co website. For Key Stage 2 children, the cost is £2.30 per meal; payments must be made via the CH & Co website.

<https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com/>

## West Kent Mind

**For students: Managing Me** - A course of 6 x 1 hour weekly sessions specifically designed for young people in Year 6 or aged 11-16 to learn how to cope with life and focusing on dealing with stress, anxiety, depression and self-image. Offered face to face from September 2021.

**For parents/carers: Parental Resilience:** A 3 x 2 hour emotional resilience course, delivered via Zoom, to help parents learn techniques to build mental health and wellbeing resilience that can then be shared with their children or to maintain their own positive wellbeing. Being offered before September as 3 x 2hr Zoom sessions or after September as a 1 day face to face course. During the sessions you will be introduced to the concept of Cognitive Behavioural Coaching (CBC) techniques, and how they can be used to help you feel better and cope more effectively.

Taking place virtually on 27th, 28th & 29th of April 2021. 10am - 12 Noon, via ZOOM

Taking place virtually on 12th, 19th & 26th of May 2021. From 10am til 12 Noon, via ZOOM.

To book, email Sue Sergeant at [training@westkentkind.org.uk](mailto:training@westkentkind.org.uk)



## Cool Milk

Every child can receive milk 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: [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



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

We are always looking for new ways to encourage our children to be active and would love you to be a part of this project.



Children can join us on **THURSDAY**

**afternoons on Zoom** as we return with brand new and exciting adventures, brought to you by Actor and fencing coach Andy Mudie.

**THURSDAY 18th March** - 4:15pm-4:45pm  
**Attack on the Jedi Knights**

**THURSDAY 25th March** - 4:15-4:45pm  
**Captain Flaming Beard & The Quest Of The Golden Egg**

Each sessions costs just **£4.50** or you can book ALL three sessions for a discounted price of **£12**.

Follow the link below to confirm their child's place on a Little Musketeer Adventure.  
<https://www.littlemusketeers.com/book/london/>

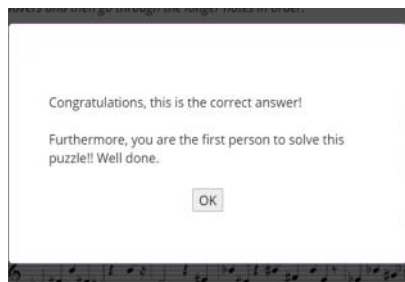
Suitable for children aged 4-10.  
Fancy dress and toy swords are encouraged!  
All abilities welcome.  
If you have any questions, you can contact me at: [mathew@littlemusketeers.com](mailto:mathew@littlemusketeers.com)

We look forward to seeing you all there - En Guard! And we are currently running a Gladiator kit giveaway! To enter, simply 'like' our post: <https://www.facebook.com/lmusketeers/photos/a.1869801936595388/2897021123873459>

## Alan Turing Cryptograph

**Congratulations to Jessica** (Year 5) and her team at home –they are the first team in the country to solve the final (and most difficult) chapter of the Alan Turing Cryptography Challenge!

An amazing result! The solutions will be published soon, but first place is still 'up for grabs' as several points are still available!



You can see the leaderboard on the Competition Page of our school website.  
(<https://www.chevening.kent.sch.uk/alan-turing-competition-1/>)

## Key Dates

Date	Event
17th March	Red Nose Day
31st March	Captain Fantastic Easter Celebrations
31st March	Last Day of Term
1st April	Inset Day
2nd April	Good Friday (Bank Holiday)
5th —16th April	Easter Half Term
19th April	First Day of Term 5

These dates may be subject to amendment due to COVID-19.

## On site reminders

**Please could parents/carers remember:**

- 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.

## Donation of Footballs



Chevening Primary are thrilled to receive 10 new footballs, courtesy of the four Sevenoaks Students who have been fundraising to support local Primary schools and pupils. The girls found being outside with a ball really helped them during the last year. They and their families have raised over £2000 for this cause.



Thank you very much to the girls and Clare Strange!

# Chevening's Lent Challenge 2021

Read the same book as someone else so that you can discuss it together.	Play with a younger (or older) sibling.	Send someone a letter to bring some joy to them.	Give someone a little bit of attention that you maybe don't always think of giving.	Play a game virtually with someone you know (like Guess Who on FaceTime or Scrabble online).
Help someone who is hurt.	Comfort someone who is feeling sad.	Smile or wave at someone as they walk past.	Help someone with a task they are doing.	Spread some joy to others.
Say sorry for something you did	Help a younger (or older) sibling with their home learning.	Be a good neighbour	Do something to show care for the environment	Do something for the community
Contact a person who you haven't spoken to in a while	Forgive someone who has done something to cause you pain or upset.	Smooth out an argument or fight you had	Ask someone how their day has been.	Call someone who is alone and doesn't have anyone to talk to during the day.
Lend someone something of yours for them to borrow (like a book or a toy)	Create a video and send it to a family member you haven't seen in a while.	Put something up in your windows for people to enjoy on their daily exercise (like the rainbows in the first lockdown)	Organise some virtual games with your family and someone who may appreciate the company.	Make a switch and buy an alternative to that product you normally buy which has plastic that can't be recycled.
Spend some time today thinking about how God and Jesus help us in our lives.	Read a book with a younger sibling.	(Carefully) make your parents a cup of tea.	Write a note to someone telling them how much you appreciate them.	Support a friend who have given something up for Lent to stick to it!
Make a donation or send some well wishes to your local hospital.	Light a candle to think about those people who have been particularly affected by the Pandemic.	Have a "phone in the drawer" day and see what you notice by looking around you instead of at a screen.	Read something to someone that they would like to hear (rather than you would like to read)	Find 3 moments today to pause and pray.
Have a clear out and donate your unwanted items to charity.	Perform a random act of kindness.	Lay the table for dinner.	Pay someone a compliment.	Share 3 things you are thankful for with the rest of your family.