



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 22nd January 2021

Christian Value Certificates

Dear Parents/Carers,

Is it really Friday? One of the many challenges of Lockdown is that some routines have been lost or changed, meaning that days can seem long, slow or quite blurry. It's a bit like living in slow motion.

However, there has been plenty of active, busy and creative learning happening in Chevening's classrooms and homes. I have the privilege of being able to 'sneak a peek' into each class on Teams, looking at the assignments set and submitted and some recorded teaching/sessions. The effort and imagination involved is really impressive; we know it's not easy, so be encouraged at each little success. The staff are trying out new ideas as Lockdown continues; although we shared our Overview of Home Learning on Thursday, the offer will evolve, as the staff skilfully guide the children's learning onwards and upwards.

We all have 'moments' when we feel overwhelmed, whether by pressure, frustration or IT; Class 5 had the honour of being mentioned in author Frank Cottrell-Boyce's inaugural Live Youtube session on Thursday. There was a slow start, as the renowned author tackled and overcame some IT challenges. How exciting for home and class learners to be able to 'meet' him live and hear him discuss his books and answer questions. Well done to Isla Rose for asking her great question and ensuring Chevening had a shout-out!

We are **so** very grateful for the thoughtful messages, kindness and concern shown by our children, families and friends. *Following the delivery of some beautiful children's art work, we are looking into ways that we could encourage and bring hope to our valiant medics.*

With best wishes to you all, Miss Minnis

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)- Ted for **perseverance**; he is always keen and challenges himself to write sentences! Millie for **perseverance**; her home-learning really shows her super effort and creativity!

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- Gregory for **perseverance** in joining meetings and contributing to all the work online. Sienna for the **respectful** way she treats adults and other children

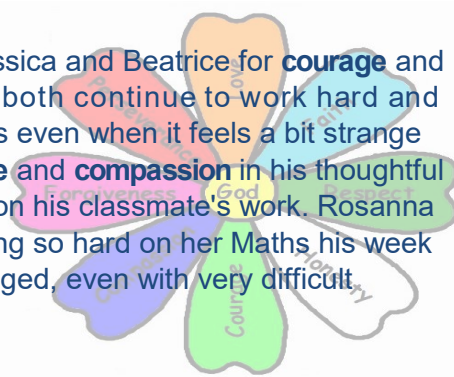
Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- Ben F for showing **respect** in his home learning and joining in. Theia for **perseverance** with her acrostic poem writing about Africa.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - Jessica and Beatrice for **courage** and **perseverance**, as they both continue to work hard and contribute to live lessons even when it feels a bit strange and tricky. Aiden for **love** and **compassion** in his thoughtful and encouraging posts on his classmate's work. Rosanna for **perseverance**, working so hard on her Maths this week and not getting discouraged, even with very difficult divisions.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Heather & Sadie for showing **Respect** as they are always so respectful to others and considerate of their feelings, when sending correspondence online. Harry for showing **Respect** as he always goes above and beyond when caring for everyone and everything within our class

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Isla for the polite and **respectful** way she wrote a letter to a shop asking them to change something. Ellis for the **respectful** way she helps people playing basketball and involves all as fairly as possible.

Class 6 (Mrs Edward)- Abbie for her **compassion**, courteous and considerate attitude during our learning. Amber for **compassion** and responding so positively to Miss Minnis and providing a contribution to the newsletter for us all to enjoy.



COVID-19 Symptom Free Testing

Kent are advising that everyone **without** Covid symptoms should get tested every 2 weeks, if they leave the house for a necessary reason, such as going to work or shopping for essentials. 1 in 3 people have COVID-19 but do not show any of the main symptoms, so regular testing will help to ensure people are not unknowingly spreading the virus. For further info see: [Symptom-free testing - Kent County Council](https://kcc.healthit.org.uk/covbook/home) Tests can be booked via <https://kcc.healthit.org.uk/covbook/home>

Symptom Free Testing for Chevening Staff

NHS Test and Trace Lateral Flow Device (LFD) have been delivered to the school and testing will commence for staff next week.

For children attending school, this means that in the event that a member of staff reports a positive result, their **close contacts will be asked to isolate AND the relevant bubble will be closed for isolation**. If the subsequent PCR test confirms the **positive result**, then the Bubble will remain closed for isolation for 10 days. Should the PCR test confirm a **negative result**, then both Bubble and close contacts can return to site.

Resilience Webinar

Presented by HeadStart Kent and Draw Your Own Solution, the short videos in the link below are a must-see for any parent in Kent to learn how to support their child's resilience and, also, how to be a resilient parent. For questions & answers about the webinar please contact HeadStart@Kent.gov.uk

See the link below for further info and to view the webinars:

[Resilience Webinar for Parents - Kent Resilience](#)

Place2Be

Maintaining good mental well-being is vitally important during Lockdown. For helpful tips, advice and sources of support for your child's mental health during Lockdown, the Place2Be can help. Please click the link below for more details.



Improving children's mental health

www.chevening.kent.sch.uk

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Family First Magazine

Family First is packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown. Please click the image for more details:



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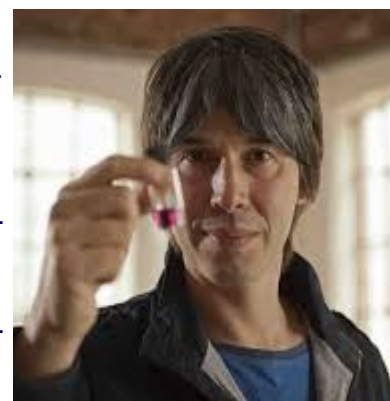
The Blue Peter team are uploading videos that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. There are world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how to's, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. As well as learning how to get a Blue Peter badge, you can see behind the scenes footage and enjoy extra content.

You can subscribe (for free) to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter>

The live programme is on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Professor Brian Cox's Lockdown Lessons

Professor Brian Cox is again hosting some lessons during lockdown, including some on space. BBC bitesize is hosting some of the lessons and others are broadcast on TV via CBBC. There are weekly schedules available, so you can see if there's a topic or theme that interests your child.



Further information can be found here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvryp4j>

On Twitter @CeChevening

Free Access to Reading in Magic Festival

With schools currently closed and many children learning at home, **Reading Magic Festival** have **extended free access to reading** until the end of the current lockdown.

Start learning now by using the promo code **FREEMAGICFORALL** when joining as a member on the website:

<https://www.readingismagicfestival.com/2020>

The code will give you free access until the end of the lockdown - the discount will be applied at checkout.



Class R's New Mud Kitchen

Mr Garrett has been very busy over the last few weeks making a marvellous new mud kitchen for Class R's outdoor area. Thank you Mr Garrett, the children can't wait to use it and make mud pies!



Sustrans Outside In

Sustrans Outside In are offering a free resource to help parents who are looking after their children at home, providing fun ideas and inspiration for education, health and wellbeing activities.

Parents can access resources by registering for the free parent newsletter. Over four weeks, parents can receive weekly videos, themed activities, games and challenges designed by experienced school officers.



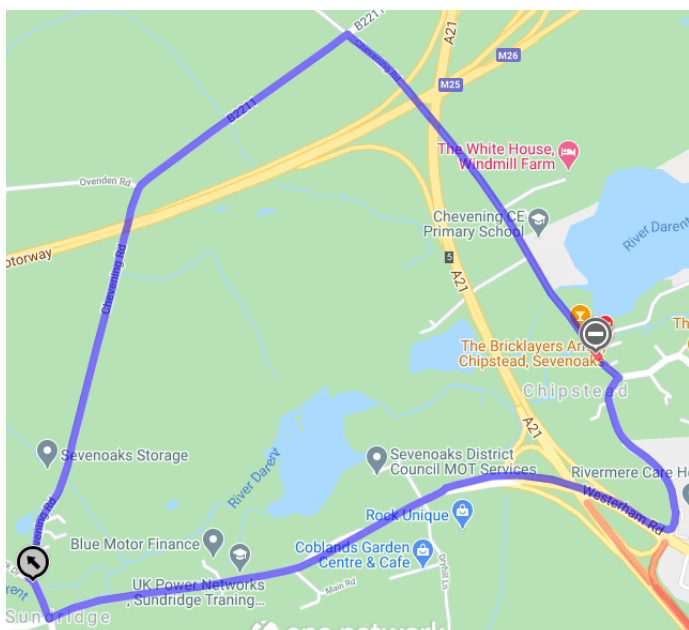
Temporary Road Closure— Chevening Road, 13-20th February 2021

We have been asked to alert parents/carers about these proposed roadworks:
Chevening Road, Chipstead will be closed outside number 21.

The alternative route is Chevening Road, Chevening Cross Road, Ovenden Road, Main Road, Westerham Road and vice versa.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while works are undertaken by Thames Water. The dates coincide with the school's half-term, but still may inconvenience local residents.

For further information please contact Thames Water.



Class 1

All the children were very excited this week to begin our new book, 'Leaf', by Sandra Dieckmann. They have only read the first few pages, but have already created a fact-file about polar bears; a job that we all enjoyed.

Here are some fascinating facts that we now know:

- A polar bear can smell a seal at a distance of 1.6km!
- There are only about 20,000 polar bears in the wild.

The most surprising thing that we found out though, was that polar bears actually have black skin underneath all that lovely fluffy white fur.



Class 3

The children have been reading Antonia Barber's book, The Mousehole Cat. In the story, the cat Mowzer sings to the Storm-Cat in order to calm her down, so that she and her owner can catch some fish! The children wrote their own lyrics in the form of poems, thinking about Mowzer's song. They then decorated them with illustrations in the style of Nicola Bailey. During their music lesson, the children created 'sounds of a storm' as a background and read their poems aloud. The effect was spectacular! Please admire this fabulous display of the children's learning in Class 4!

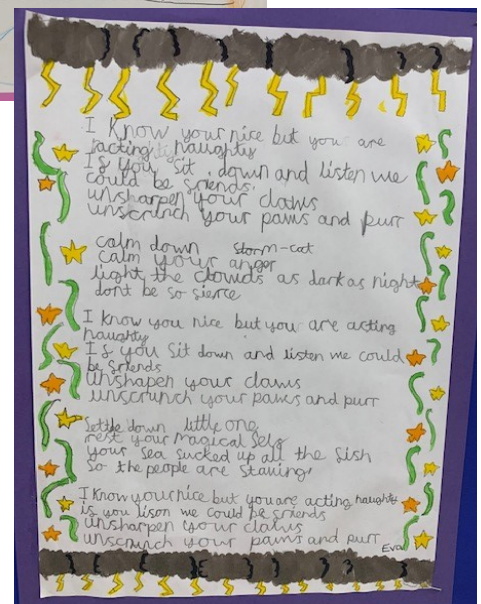
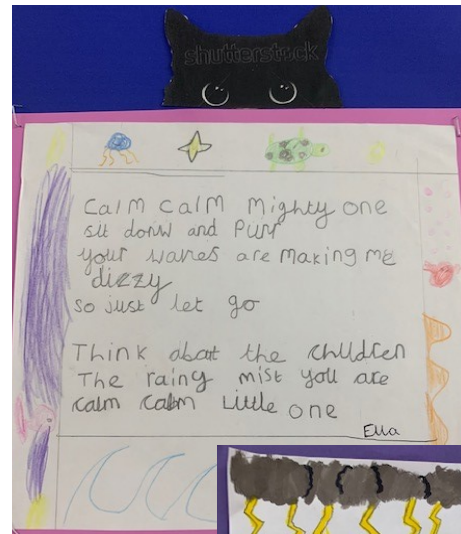


Here are two close ups.

On site reminders

Please could parents/carers remember:

- The children need **coats and wellies** to school every day and waterproofs for 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.
- If possible could we ask all KS1 parents to pack spare socks, trousers and tights when it rains.
- If your child needs a school lunch, please remember to complete the survey sent by Mrs Jarrett
- The free fruit delivery scheme has resumed so KS1 children will once again get a healthy snack in school. Parents **do not now** need to provide a healthy snack. Thank you for stepping in!
- Cool Milk deliveries have currently stopped for all children over the age of 5.



Pupil Premium

If your family has experienced considerable change in circumstance due to COVID-19, you may be entitled to apply for **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium**. The criteria for successful application include:

- *Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)*
- *Income Support*
- *income-based Jobseeker's Allowance*
- *income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *the guaranteed element of Pension Credit*
- *Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)*
- *Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.*

You can apply on-line [here](#).

The application process must be completed by parents; The additional benefit to successful FSM applications, is that the school will receive **Pupil Premium Funds** to support a child's well-being and development in school.

DFE Daily Coronavirus Subscription Emails

There has been an increase in requests to be added to the distribution list for the Department for Education daily coronavirus (COVID-19) email to the education sector. The DFE have now established a registration process. If you wish to receive the daily email directly, please complete this [subscription form](#).

Update on EMC/Activ8 in Term

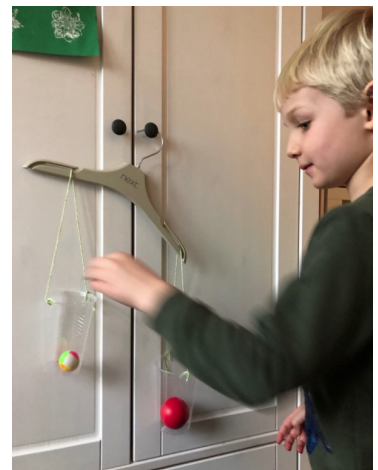
A reminder from last week:

- *Payments are paused* for existing fixed EMC/A8 sessions where they are not currently required.
- where there is no demand for the service, EMC and A8 staff have been given flexible furlough.
- Where critical worker parents/carers still need sessions and book places in advance, the clubs will be available. However with low and sporadic need, we may not always be able to offer emergency care on days that have no bookings for that session.
- 48 hours' notice must be given for session changes to enable staffing to be confirmed. Cancelled sessions with less than 48 hours' notice will still be charged.
- This process will run until there is significant change in National and/or local restrictions. Once normality returns and school is open to all children, we will try to check if parents/carers are still needing their original pattern of provision, so that the sessions will be

Home Learning in Class R

Arthur has been working hard at home this week and have created a homemade balance-hanger. Very creative and clever.

Well done Arthur!



Leo ventured out on a frosty morning for his PE Lesson and wrote his name on the grass!



SPOT THESE THINGS ON YOUR WALK:

- Spiders Web



- Footprints



- Nest

- Caterpillar

- Squirrel



- Pinecone



- Clouds

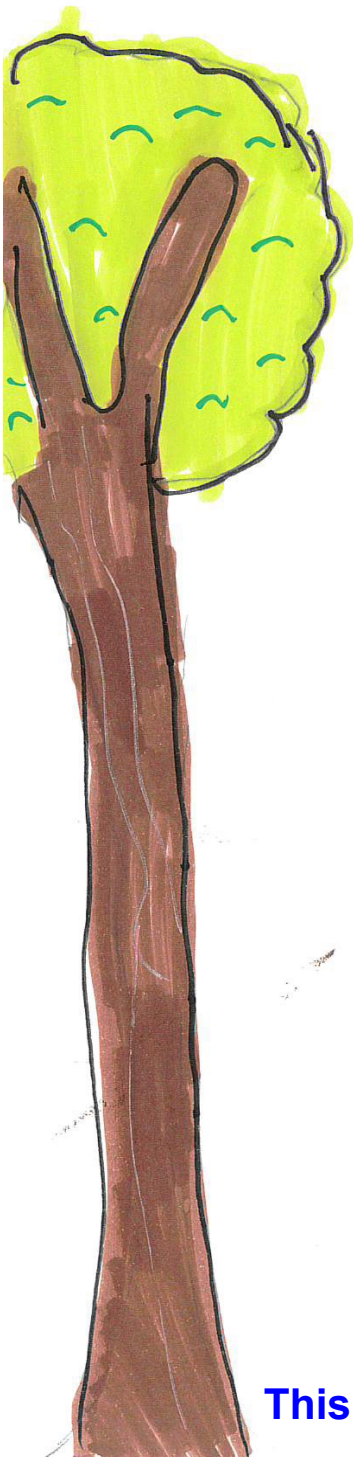
- Mushroom(s)



- Puddle

- Bird

- Acorn



This is a brilliant idea! Thank you Amber- Class 6