



Friday 15th January 2021

Christian Value Certificates

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thanks to the wisdom of Governors and the cooperation of parents/carers this week, we have started to improve the safety situation on site, which is a real relief.

In this bumper-edition of our Newsletter, we have tried to include items of interest and use for all, whether home-based or in-school families. There's news from our homes and classrooms, local information about new testing options, sources of interest and help for managing curtailed lives and a reminder of the restrictions we need to abide by, in order to save lives.



This Bible verse (1 Thessalonians 5:18) features in today's worship, after earlier explorations of 'Good News'. Right now, our lives are severely curtailed and some are facing huge personal and professional loss; but we need to remain positive and hopeful, for the longer term gain. Perhaps spare a few moments to join me in thinking of the people, actions, words this week, that give cause for hope, celebration and thanksgiving. We are **so** very grateful for the thoughtful messages, kindness and concern shown by our families, friends and supporters. Mrs English has been in contact, sharing photos of today's gorgeous snowfall; a follow-up to a super treat box to energise the staff. *How fortunate we are to have a friendly and fun school family in these difficult times!* 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:

Class R (Miss Levy)- Rory for **perseverance**; for believing in himself and being keen to take on a challenge. All home learners for **courage**; being brave to share their ideas and work on Teams.

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- Ursula for showing **perseverance**; always at Team meetings and completing her work. Chloe for showing **courage** and being prepared to give things a go.

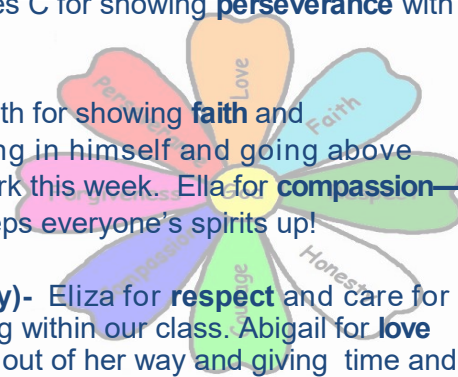
Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- Otto for showing **courage** in his home learning even though he has just joined the School. James C for showing **perseverance** with his handwriting.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - Seth for showing **faith** and **perseverance**; believing in himself and going above and beyond with his work this week. Ella for **compassion**—her positive attitude keeps everyone's spirits up!

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Eliza for **respect** and care for everyone and everything within our class. Abigail for **love** and **compassion**; going out of her way and giving time and thought to help others with their learning.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- George D and Poppy O for **honesty** for the use of Teams at home. Ellis for **perseverance** with her model of the Mars Rover which needed to be repaired.

Class 6 (Mrs Edward)— Marley for **perseverance**, working incredibly hard all week and really showing what he is able to do in his learning. Yvaine for her **love** for learning seen in her dedication to do her best during home learning. Florrie for **perseverance**; working incredibly hard and producing some AMAZING work since the start of home learning.



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](#)

Tests can be booked via <https://kcc.healthit.org.uk/covbook/home>

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 Hub](#)

Place2Be

If you need 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.

[How to support your child's mental health – Place2Be](#)

RNIB Used Stamps

We are still collecting postage stamps (new or used, first or second class, foreign, first day covers, presentation packs or albums) to help the blind and partially sighted people on behalf of RNIB.

Each school bubble has their own collection box to start collecting the stamps. Stamps are sold by weight and we can raise £20 per kg of stamps, so it's a brilliant way to fundraise for RNIB.



Family First Magazine

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



Blue Peter on YouTube

Blue Peter is the longest running children's TV show in the world and now are uploading videos to it 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. Learn how to get a Blue Peter badge, see behind the scenes footage and extra content from the incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

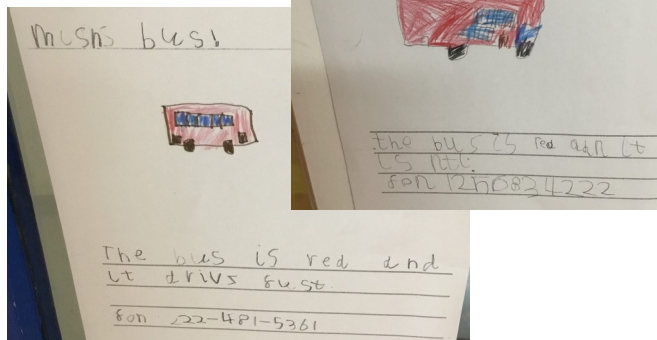
If you are interested, you can subscribe (for free) to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> and don't forget there's a live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.



Class R

Class R have had an exciting week! Naughty Bus escaped from his red bed and made a big mess in the classroom!! The children designed their own missing bus posters to warn others and Naughty Bus was discovered up to more mischief in Class 1!

Keep your eyes peeled in case he appears anywhere else...



Class 4



Class 4 have once again stepped up to the mark, fully immersed themselves in their learning and risen to the challenge of creating some absolutely superb ancient Egyptian silhouettes! Can you spot the famous Egyptian landmarks and artefacts in these amazing works of art?

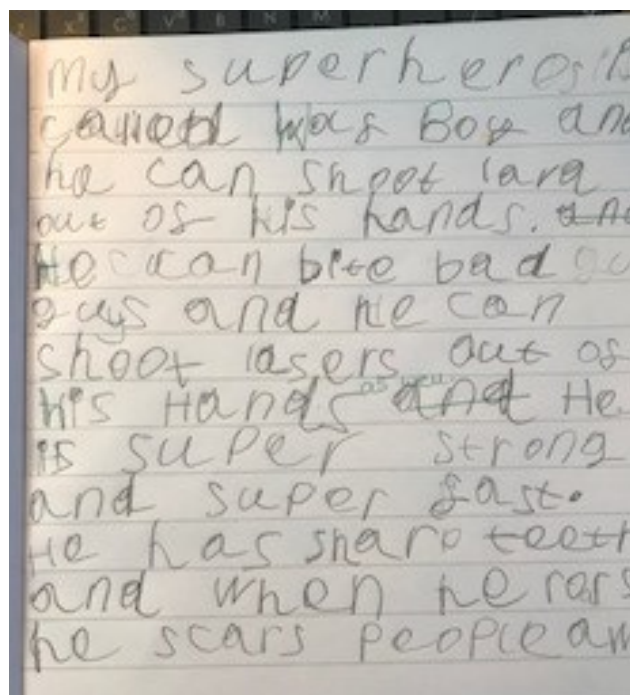


Competition link:

<https://www.maths.manchester.ac.uk/cryptography-competition/>

Class 1

Darcie has completed some superb writing about a superhero. Well done!



Alan Turing Cryptography

Chevening has a strong computing/coding tradition, mainly fuelled by the interest and expertise of staff/parents, influenced by Mr Q! I

In previous years, UKS2 children have enjoyed taking part with these competitions that have challenging codes and puzzles to solve (intertwined with an interesting adventure story that goes alongside them).

This competition is run by Manchester University (alma mater to some Chevening staff) usually for secondary-aged pupils to tackle in teams of 4. However, this year it is **open to anyone** and there is **no registration needed**.

So, feel free to join in yourself and help your children tackle the puzzles. Manchester Uni will not be issuing prizes or running a leader board this year. However, we can run our own informal leaderboard if people want to take part. The link to the competition is on the left, next to the photo of Alan Turing... let Mr Q know if you sign up.

(The first Chapter is released on **Monday 18th Jan** at 4pm. Good luck!)

Forest Surprise

On Monday Adam (Class 1) and Abigail (Class 4) went into the garden for a forest adventure and found a deer's antler. How fantastic, well done Adam and Abigail!



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
- All KS1 child can bring a healthy snack into school as the free school fruit delivery has currently stopped due to lockdown.
- Cool Milk deliveries have currently stopped and we are awaiting an update next week.

Update on EMC/Activ8 in Term 3

Due to the current COVID National restrictions, we have worked hard with families to improve in school safety, by reducing the number of children in each class bubble to the bare minimum needed by families with no safe alternative, or who are working directly in COVID-focused work, or cannot work from home.

At this time of crisis, we are *pausing payments* for existing fixed EMC/A8 sessions where they are not currently required.

EMC and A8 are funded entirely by parents paying for the service they require. The loss of income means the school will now seek flexible furlough for EMC and A8 staff, where there is no demand for the service.

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.

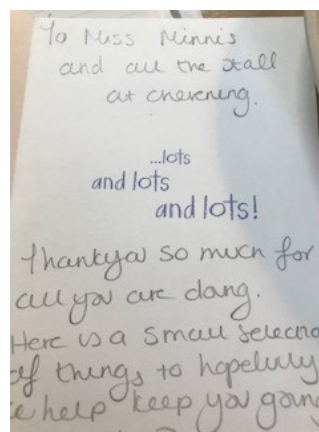
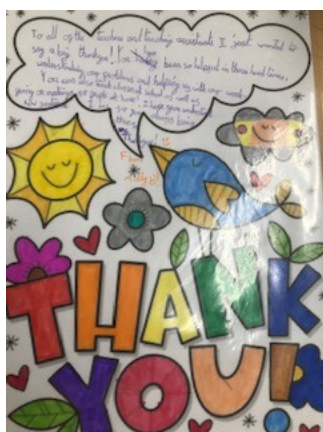
48 hours' notice must be given for session changes to enable staffing to be confirmed. Cancelled sessions with less than 48 hours' notice will still be charged.

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 reinstated onto the registers.

Word Search

Nia in Class 5 created a Solar System Wordsearch for all her class. If you would like to try and find all the words, please click on the link: <https://www.chevening.kent.sch.uk/science-18/>

Thank you for all the lovely messages of support and thanks this week. Here are a few that made us smile....





HM Government



ENGLAND LOCKDOWN

STAY AT HOME

THE NEW VARIANT OF CORONAVIRUS IS SPREADING FAST.
WE ALL NEED TO PLAY OUR PART TO STOP THE SPREAD.

▶ LEAVING HOME

You must not leave, or be outside of your home or garden, except for a very limited set of exemptions e.g. to shop for basic necessities, exercise, go to work if you cannot do so from home, or to escape risk of harm.

▶ MEETING OTHERS

You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone, except with your household or support bubble (if eligible to form one). Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

▶ EXERCISE

You may exercise on your own, with your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household (when on your own). Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

▶ BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS

Hospitality closed aside from sales by takeaway (until 11pm), click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery. Alcohol cannot be purchased through takeaway or click-and-collect from hospitality venues.

▶ RETAIL

Essential shops can open. Non-essential retail must close and can only run click-and-collect and delivery.

▶ WORK AND BUSINESS

Everyone must work from home unless they are unable to do so.

▶ EDUCATION

Early years settings open. Primary and secondary schools and colleges move to remote provision except for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Most university students to move to remote learning.

▶ LEISURE AND SPORTING FACILITIES

Closed, with limited exceptions.

▶ ACCOMMODATION

Closed, with limited exceptions.

▶ PERSONAL CARE

Closed.

▶ ENTERTAINMENT

Closed.

▶ OVERNIGHT STAYS

You must not stay overnight away from home. Limited exceptions apply e.g. to stay with your support bubble.

▶ WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Funerals of up to 30 people permitted. Weddings up to 6 people permitted in exceptional circumstances. Wakes and other linked ceremonial events of up to 6 permitted.

▶ PLACES OF WORSHIP

Places of worship can remain open and communal worship is permitted, but you must not mix with those outside your household or support bubble.

▶ TRAVELLING

You must stay at home. If you do leave home for a very limited set of exemptions, you should stay local in the village, town, or part of the city where you live where possible. Do not travel abroad unless an exemption applies.

▶ CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE

Shielding reintroduced across England. You should not travel to work, school, college or university and should limit the time you spend outside the home. You should only go out for medical appointments, exercise or if it is essential.

▶ CARE HOME VISITS

Visits can take place with arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, or behind windows. Close-contact indoor visits are not allowed. No visits will be permitted in the event of an outbreak but end of life visits are permitted in all circumstances.

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

For more information go to:
gov.uk/coronavirus

www.chevening.kent.sch.uk

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Pupils of Chevening School!



We have a challenge for you! (actually several...)

In January we are having a

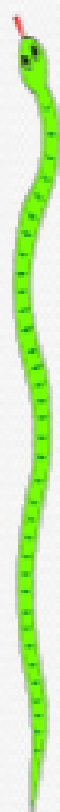
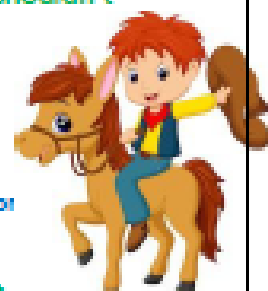
VIRTUAL PET SHOW!

We would like you to take photos/videos of your pets (and the local wildlife) to enter the following categories:

1. Most cuddly pet ❤️
2. Best dressed pet – even a fish tank can be decorated!
3. Cheekiest pet: can you snap your pet doing something it really shouldn't be...?
4. Cleverest trick – videos please!
5. Strangest hiding place – cat in a hat? pup in a cup?
6. Best animal creation – make a pet out of junk modelling, fimo...or whatever you like!
7. Pet Obstacle course – make a course for your pet and video it completing it
8. Wildlife category – from skittery squirrels to wiggly worms: send us your photos and videos!
9. Most "Helpful" with Home Learning pet!



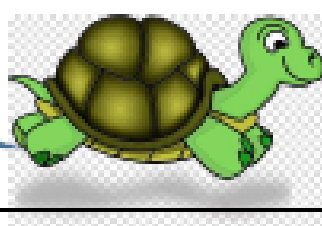
Deadline
29th
January



IMPORTANT INFO!

- * £1 entry per category to be paid via PAYPAL or BACS
- * Entries to be loaded onto relevant thread of Chevening PTA Facebook page; or emailed to cheveningpetshow@gmail.com
- * Extended family pets very welcome to participate
- * You can enter as many categories as many times as you like!
- * Please limit videos to 1 minute maximum
- * Please do not cause animals any harm or distress!

Certificates
for all
participants



Rosettes &
prizes for
winning entries!