



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

Friday 18th December 2020



## Chevening School Virtual Tour

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If you know of anyone looking for **Reception Class** places for **September 2021**, please share our recently produced recorded virtual tour and introduction to Chevening Primary School. Our video can be found on the Admission pages on our school website, or by clicking the image above.

### Message from our Chair of Governors

Dear School Family

On behalf of the Governing Board, I wish you all the best for the Christmas break. May love, joy, hope and peace be with you. Thank you to our dedicated staff team, wonderful children and committed parents for working together to make the most of each day.

#### A Christmas blessing to share:

*May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary  
and the peace of the Christ-child  
be yours this Christmas;  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy  
Spirit, be with you, now and for  
ever. Amen.*

Kind regards, Prue



Dear Parents/Carers,

**We've made it!** Back in September, reaching the last day of term seemed impossible! The journey has, at times, felt fraught with challenges, changes, anxiety and concerns. By collectively holding on to our school values, we have kept our heads above water. **Thank you** to the children, staff, Governors, PTFA team and families who have helped to sustain our courage, faith, love and compassion, finding ways forward and helpful solutions. Without this strong partnership, our journey would not have been possible. I am very grateful to everyone for their generous comments, messages and gifts over the term that have helped us to soldier on. With the holiday ahead, I hope that everyone is able to pause, rest and recharge over the next couple of weeks.

Although term ends today, I must remind everyone of the importance of following the our **COVID symptom and test result** procedure from today until 24th December. Staff are ready to take the action in response to emails sent to **covidreporting@chevening.kent.sch.uk** Last week's letter explains when reporting is and is not required.

Whilst we hope that we can continue to escape a full onslaught of COVID transmission in the months ahead, we do remember that a number of our staff and families have already experienced health issues and loss of loved ones and think of them especially in the days ahead.

I hope the next few pages give you a sense of Christmas at Chevening. Wishing you all a Happy & Safe Christmas!

**Miss Minnis**

*PS The children return on Tue 5th January, 2021—Happy New Year!*

## Poppy Appeal Thanks



## RNIB Used Stamps

We are 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.



## Remote Learning Update

**Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6** have learnt the basics of Microsoft Teams this term, as a way of safely communicating and learning, if needing to isolate from school. Using Teams in this way, along side secure emails and the school website will be our basic approach for remote learning for our older children. Our plans still reflect the fact that it is not possible for all learning to be posted online, as not all our families are able to provide continuous access at home.

For our younger children, we recognise that Teams will be more useful for safely keeping in touch if individuals/Bubbles need to isolate at home; for **Classes R, 1 and 2**, the school website will host teaching & learning opportunities, which will not always need to be on-line.

Should the need arise, more details will be shared. In the meantime, our **Remote Education Policy** can be accessed [here](#). The exact circumstances of an individual/group needing to isolate will determine the provision available, which will be confirmed by the school when a child/group move to isolation at home.

## Other news from this week

We spent Monday afternoon enjoying the **online Panto**, courtesy of our PTFA team. Very different to our annual trip to The Stag, the production reflected Lockdown, COVID and Chevening School by name. So, Mr Q sorted the IT and I have handed back the missing cookies... Many thanks to our PTFA for the sweets!

Who would have imagined that a **Christmas Packed Lunch** could cause so much excitement! Filled with individually wrapped goodies, more than 150 bespoke boxes were delivered to the classrooms on Thursday lunchtime, for children and staff. Everyone enjoyed the crackers, fun and food. Thank you to Mrs Dod and Mrs Burrlock for their catering skills.



**Rev Hannah**, from St Botolph's Church, has kindly produced a **Christingle Resource** for the children to enjoy, whether in school or at home. To find out more, click on Hannah's photo!



## House Points

Houses	Total House Points
Churchill	180
Sackville	252
Stanhope	254
Wolfe	290



## Lakeland Lapland Festive Virtual Ultra Run

Classes across the school have enjoyed their daily exercise as part of our virtual Lapland ultra run! The distance was split between children who each completed 0.7kms a day, over 6 days! Each bubble has now completed the 145miles and arrived at the village where Father Christmas lives! When we come back in January, we will be continuing our Daily Mile Destinations around the globe!

## Reminders

We have continued to monitor and update our **COVID-19 Risk Assessments**. Our most recent update is available [here](#)

The latest/updated Government Guidance available below for:

[Quarantine](#) if returning from abroad;  
[Stay at Home Guidance](#) (if there is possible/confirmed COVID-19) requirements (updated 14.12.2020)

**Winter weather** and **BREXIT** may also add further confusion to plans and activities from January 2021. Keeping alert, watching local news and allowing extra time for travel/congestion may mitigate some difficulties. ***If there are further specific problems for school, we will use email/our website and social media to keep families informed.***

**Social distancing** will continue in January; please ensure you maintain sensible precautions to keep everyone safe and healthy.

## Key Dates

Date	Event
21st Dec– 1st Jan	Christmas Holiday
4th January	Inset Day (Staff Only)
5th January	First Day of Term 3 for children

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

## Christmas Readers

Many thanks to the **Trustees, Governors and Staff** who took on the role of Christmas Readers, contributing stories, poems and carols for Advent. Another Lockdown success!

## 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 children's attendance rates.

	Weekly % attendance	Year to date % attendance
Class R	95.5%	97.2%
Class 1	98%	98.4%
Class 2	100%	98.5%
Class 3	94.5%	96.7%
Class 4	99.3%	98.7%
Class 5	98%	98.3%
Class 6	99.3%	97.1%
Whole school	98%	97.9%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

## Christian Value Certificates

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

**Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)**- Jacob for showing **love** and care to all his class friends.

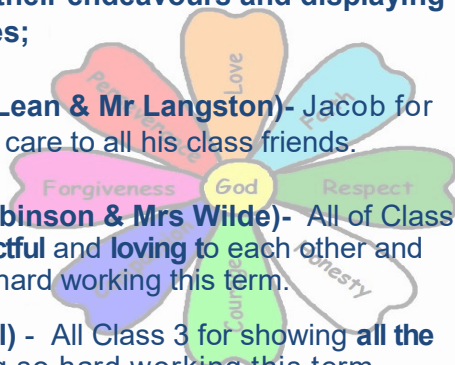
**Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)**- All of Class 2 for being **respectful** and **loving** to each other and also for being so hard working this term.

**Class 3 (Mrs Roll)** - All Class 3 for showing **all the values** and being so hard working this term.

**Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)**- All of Class 4 for **honesty** as they always being so truthful and open with one another and myself... a truly refreshing trait.

**Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)**- All of class 5 for showing **compassion** as they adapted the football competition to help others.

**Class 6 (Mrs Edward)**- Ellie for showing **love** and being a kind, considerate friend to all in the class.



## French and Spanish Lessons

Rachel Johnson, who ran last year's school French Club, is offering after-school fun and interactive online French and Spanish classes for Years 1-6.

Book now for the 5th January 2021 to 1st April 2021

New members welcome!

Email [rjohnson.lajolieronde@gmail.com](mailto:rjohnson.lajolieronde@gmail.com) to find out more.



## Thanks to PTA

Our wonderful PTFA have kindly donated a prize for each day to Early Morning Club, to add to their early morning Christmas fun, activities and games that have been played this week. Thank you!!

## Winners of PTFA Christmas Raffle 2020

Congratulations to all the winners of the PTFA raffle, please see below a list of all the winners:

**Barrie Cull** - £100 George & Dragon Dining Voucher, **Grainger** - £100 Bricklayers Dining Voucher, **Kathy Massam** - Wild Seasoning Kitchen at Home Asian Inspired Meal for 2, **McSaunders** - Emma's Table Family Christmas Canapé & a box of baileys +brandy chocolate truffles. **Arthur Side** - Pizza to share & two glasses of wine to enjoy at The Mount Vineyard, Shoreham, **McLuney** - Beautiful Christmas Decorations from Inca Pottery, **Imogen Side** - Kath Dare Jewellery, **Heidi Brooks** - Luxury box of Christmas brownies from JJ Bakes, **Esterhuysen** - 4 Ball at High Elms Golf Course, **Charlie Searle** - 30 min back neck and shoulder massage at Little Beauty Box, **Alison Jones** - Homemade Simnel Cake by Sally Nicholson, **Tiggy Brown** - Christmas Door Wreath from St Mary's Flower Guild, Westerham **Elene Lemke** - Osteopathic session with Jonathan Daniells at Neals Osteopathic Practice, BR6 7RE, **Alun Bevan** - Sevenoaks Multisports £50 voucher, **Davies** - Chipstead Football Club Holiday club vouchers, **Sarah Jarrett**- Chipstead Football Club Holiday club vouchers, **Iyeesha Coward** - Football gift set, **Kirsty Hook** - Hand illustrated Christmas Cards from local artist, **Mariana Speroni** - Especially Health Turkish Delight & Hand Cream, **Amara Hansford** - Tuition from The Teenage Tutor, **Massam** - Sports Massage courtesy of Cathryn Bishop Sports and Remedial Massage, **Becky Pilcher** - A Tapas Feast for 4 from Emma's Kitchen, **Graham Stoneman** - Seasonal Flower Arrangement, courtesy of St Mary's Flower Guild, Westerham, **McSaunders** - Chocolate & Candle Hamper, **Shelly Kenny** - Mini Xmas Goodie Hamper courtesy of @platinumhair7, **Maddie Burns** - Boiler service courtesy of Dominic Hook, **Alice Isted** - Nando's Voucher, **Anna Burns** - Hever day pass for 4, **Lemke** - Board game courtesy of Jaques of London, **Sean Watson** - Chocolate from Lucy Batt Glass Art, **Jaike Joss Bakker** - Clock, donated by Mr Garret, **Nina Odeh** - Chappel Down Brutt, **N Kendrick** - Puzzle from Jaques of London, **Emma Parmley** - £50 Cook voucher, **Yeats** - £20 Sweaty Betty Voucher

## Chevening's Whole-School Christmas Celebration

We are immensely proud of all our children's contributions to our school Christmas Film. Huge thanks to Mrs McLean for devising the theme, the staff for devising contributions and directing their classes and to Mr Qureshi for producing the film.

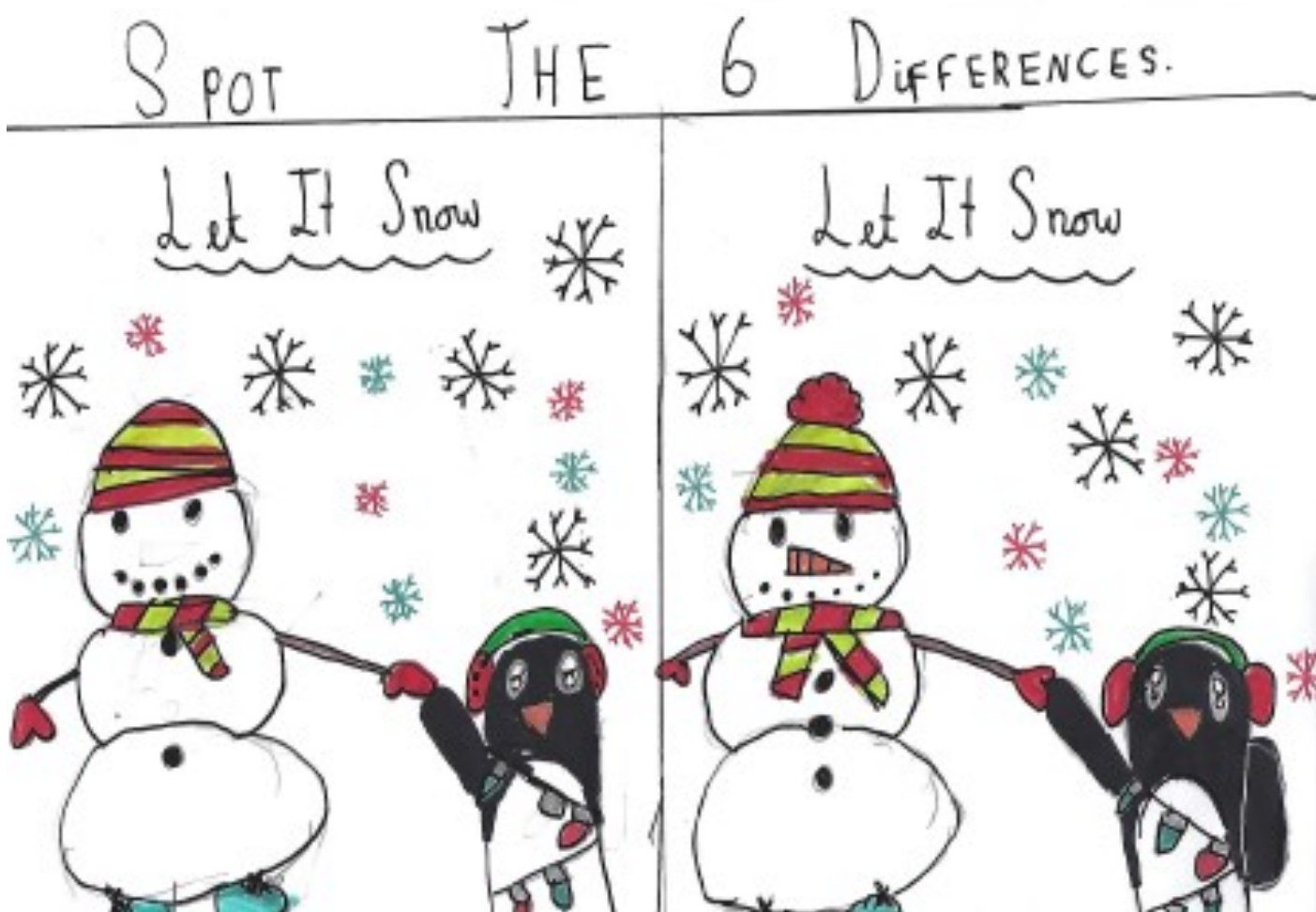
Parents/carers will receive separate email with links and instructions, so they can enjoy the film at home.



Whilst we would not ordinarily have chosen to celebrate Christmas separately, this unique opportunity has enabled our children to work on projects that might have been un-workable in St Botolph's Church, or the School Hall. In the film you will be able to enjoy seeing each class 'in action', as they celebrate a different colour of Christmas; a memorable Christmas experience!

## Spot the Difference

Amber in Class 6 has kindly made this festive challenge! Can you find all 6 differences?



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**Courage Class 4**



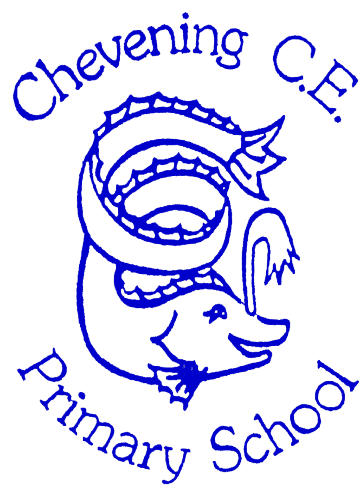
**Respect Class 2**



**Faith Class 5**



**Forgiveness Class 4**



## Marking our School Christian Values in Advent.



**Honesty Staff**



**Love Class 1**

**Compassion Class 6**



**Perseverance Class R**



# Pregnant? Children/child under 4?

You qualify for Healthy Start if you're at least **10 weeks pregnant** or have a child **under four years old** and you or your family get at least one of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with a family income of £16,190 or less per year)
- Universal Credit (with a family take-home pay of £408 or less per month)

You also qualify if you are under 18 and pregnant, even if you don't get any of the above benefits.

Worth up to  
**£6.20**  
per week\*\*  
to spend on  
milk or fresh  
and frozen  
fruit and veg.

Sign up through your local  
children's centre, midwife,  
health visitor or GP.  
More info at  
[www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk)

## DON'T MISS OUT

on **HEALTHY START**  
vouchers and  
vitamins worth  
over £900\*  
per child



half of kent households  
are missing out

\*If you sign up at the first opportunity, when you are ten weeks pregnant

\*\*Healthy Start vouchers are worth £3.10 a week, double for babies under one year old

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