



Friday 11th December 2020

Christmas message for all!



Under the creative guidance of our artistic director, **Mrs Bates**, all the classes and many staff have contributed to a whole-school greeting for our families and friends! Please enjoy and admire our handiwork and efforts as you (carefully) walk and drive home. Merry Christmas!

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)- Isabella for showing **courage** as she always is prepared to try new things.

Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- Marine for showing **courage** as she fell over during P.E but got back up and continued with the lesson.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - Charlie B for showing **courage** as he always bounces back up quickly when he falls over and hurts himself.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Lola for showing **love** as she is always so kind and considerate to her friends and looking out for others.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Honey for showing **compassion** as she let us know that a child needed support but was reluctant to ask,

Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)- Amber for showing **courage** for preparing a contribution for Class 6 festive newsletter in her own time and sending it to Miss Minnis

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another busy week for everyone in school. Please admire the hard work of the children and staff in the following pages!

Today you will receive your child's Autumn Term report, which will provide insight to their successes and areas for immediate focus and attention. As I said last week, we hope that COVID restrictions and conditions may support a return to a more typical timetable for reports and consultations in the Spring!

As we prepare for the last week of term, I would like to thank you all for supporting the children and staff so well. Although there has been uncertainty and challenge for us all, our focused and careful approach has enabled us all to work together, often in new ways, to support the children's development.

Please can I remind you to read the separate letter about end of term arrangements (**remaining as planned**) and outlining expectations for **reporting COVID symptoms/positive test results** for the first few days of the break. Next week sees the first review of the local Tier system, which may indicate if local levels of transmission are reducing, as we hope. In the meantime, please remember:

- **Siblings/household members** who need to self-isolate must **NOT** come onto school site.
- If possible, could just **one adult** attend for drop-off & pick-up.
- Please **do not** wave/signal to your child to leave their class line **before** the teacher/staff member dismisses them at the end of the day.

Again, thank you for helping to keep our school family safe.

With best wishes, Miss Minnis

Class 1

This week the children have made recycled nativity scenes. They thought about the main people in the story and made them from a shoe box, toilet rolls and shredded paper! They also wondered how Mary must have felt putting her very special new baby in a feeding trough - Class 1 think he would probably get cold!



New Arrival for Class 1

We are especially thrilled to report the safe arrival of baby Olivia! Congratulations and best wishes to Mr and Mrs Langston as they settle in to parenthood.

RNIB Used Stamps

We are collecting used 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 bubble has there own collection box to start collecting the stamps/

Stamps are sold by weight and we raise £20 per kilogramme of stamps, so it's a brilliant way to raise money.



Class 3

Class 3 have had a very busy week! They have written stories from the point of view of an animal living a long time ago, based on our book, The Pebble in my Pocket. They have learnt about different types of rocks and their properties. They tested rocks for their permeability, durability and density! They found out that sedimentary rocks are the weakest! They have used our SPaG skills to discover which naughty elves have been causing chaos in the North Pole! They also enjoyed using our artist skills to make our contributions to the stain glass window display in the hall!



Love Christmas

We are delighted to be supporting this national campaign to support friends and neighbours in need over Christmas, via St. Botolph's Church. Some of our classes have made Christmas cards to accompany special gifts that will be delivered to local community residents, who may be isolated or in need over the Christmas Season.

If you would like to support the campaign here in Chipstead/Chevening/Sevenoaks, you can find details here, or by clicking the image below:

Help is needed in four ways; might you be able to offer assistance?

1. Nominate a neighbour to receive a box

2. Packing a box

3. Deliver a box

4. Sponsor a box – 1 box is £10

Please help if you can!

LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN



PTFA Photography and Colouring Competition

Congratulations to everyone who took part in both competitions. There were so many brilliant entries, judging proved very difficult!
All the winners have been presented with a selection box by their teacher.



KS2 Photography Competition
Winner: Wilf - Class 5 *'Christmas tree farm in the Weald, trees are waiting to be chosen and taken home.'*

The judges admired the way Wilf had created a sense of excitement and an impression of walking through a Christmas tree forest!

Colouring Competition:

Chloe—Class R; Luca—Class 1; Ben—Class 2;
Soraya—Class 3; Lola—Class 4; Missy—Class 5
Yvaine—Class 6

Thank you for all the lovely decorations!

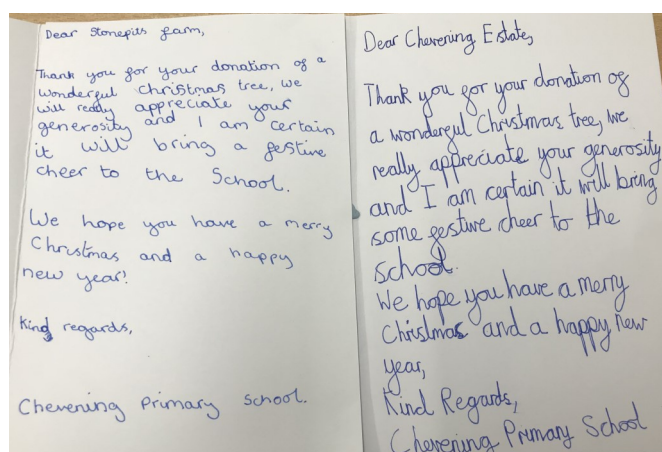
Too Good to Use!



Thank you to Becky, Sarah and the PTFA team for all their imaginative solutions to Christmas fund-raising and fun for our children and families!

Thank you cards

Class 6 have made thank you cards for the Chevening Estate and Stonepitts Farm for their donated Christmas trees at School.



Sevenoaks Chronicle Stars

Sasha and Isla (Class 5) featured in the Chronicle on Thursday 26th November 2020, as they discovered of sweets and inspiring note left at the feet of the Winston Churchill statue on Westerham Green. The note included inspiring words of wisdom and urged the finder to stay "strong, happy and think positive" during these times.

After taking a sweet each, both the girls decided to re-hide the package, so that someone else could share their joy. Congratulations to them both for readily showing **compassion and love** beyond school.



House Points

Houses	Total House Points
Churchill	
Sackville	
Stanhope	
Wolfe	

Lakeland Lapland Festive Virtual Ultra Run

Chevening are taking part in the **Lakeland Lapland Festive Virtual Ultra Run** between the 10th and the 17th December. We are going to pause our Daily Mile Destinations adventure, where we have been racing round the world, in order to race to Santa! The children (in teams of KS1, LKS2 and UKS2) will be running 234km (145 miles) in their teams over 6 days. The city of Rovaniemi is the capital of Lapland and to get to Santa, you have to travel 234k to the village of Korvatunturi. We will be tracking our progress daily with live updates! As well as the run, the children will be reading 'The Fox & The Reindeer' who made the 145 miles journey across Lapland, overcoming adversity, to save Christmas.

Reminders

Please could parents/carers remember:

- If your **child is unwell** & has **ANY** COVID-19 symptoms, they **cannot** attend school—please seek advice from NHS 111.
- To wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting you child from school, unless you are exempt.
- The children need **coats and wellies** to school every day
- To **closely supervise** children coming in/going out of school (*unless Class 6 have been authorised to walk home*). **Please do not allow children to play together while waiting at the start/end of day, as we need to keep each separate Bubble consistent!**
- Your child can wear a **plain fleece** on top of their existing school uniform to help them stay warm;
- Christmas cards/gifts can be exchanged **ONLY** within your child's own class.

Key Dates

Date	Event
14th December	School Panto and wear a Christmas Jumper
16th December	School Christmas Lunch
18th December	Last Day of Term; children finish at 1.45pm. Wear a Christmas Jumper
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.

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	98.3%	97.3%
Class 1	100%	98.4%
Class 2	99.7%	98.4%
Class 3	97.2%	96.9%
Class 4	99%	98.6%
Class 5	98.6%	98.4%
Class 6	99.3%	97%
Whole school	99%	97.9%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

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A 'close-up' of our whole-school message to everyone walking/driving/living on Chevening Road!



Class 3's Advent display



celebrate

Advent



The second PTFA decorated Christmas tree—lovely colouring competition decorations!



EMC's Christmas Craft



Class 1's Box Nativity Scenes

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



Comfort and Joy

Click on the image for a link to a family Advent Calendar that lasts to Epiphany.



Class R Christmas postbox; who needs Royal Mail?

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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

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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