

Friday 27th November 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week our hopes have been raised as we hear about the plans for the end of the national lockdown. We await details about the impact on schools, but it's a good time to consider **anticipation**. We are all united in a watchful hope, having coped with on-going disruption, difficulties and discord as the responses to the pandemic have been announced and adjusted. Now we await information about possible plans for Christmas and, in the longer term, continue to anticipate being able to live freely from COVID-constraints!

The season of **Advent** heralding Christmas starts on Sunday, with welcome symbols of light and hope to banish darkness and fear. Our anticipated celebrations and customs may need to adapt in the current circumstance, but we can still enjoy celebrating the first coming of Christ, as we remember His Nativity. Our school celebrations will be different, as you might expect, but we will find ways to have festive fun and carry on some traditions, as well as trying out some new ones! More details will be shared, as we make our plans.

**Some reminders to keep us all safe:**

- **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 all your support as we seek to keep our school family safe.

**With best wishes,**  
Miss Minnis



We are particularly delighted to hear and share the news about **Sevenoaks Lockdown Larder**! This local charity is offering support for fresh & non-perishable food. Click on the image to link to their website and find out how to support this essential service for families struggling due to the pandemic; *offers of time, food and money are needed*. **Confidential self-referrals** for support can be made here: <https://forms.gle/S83wQ2cbYtXrthSY6>

## 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)**- Ursula for her **loving** and caring attitude towards her classmates.

**Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)**- Blake for showing **perseverance** this week with his writing.

**Class 3 (Mrs Roll)** - Rosanna for always being polite and **respectful** in class

**Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)**- Jacob for showing **compassion** and considerate of our overall class well-being and empathising with others.

**Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)**- Class 5 for showing **perseverance** for improving at speed-stacking and Pentathlon.

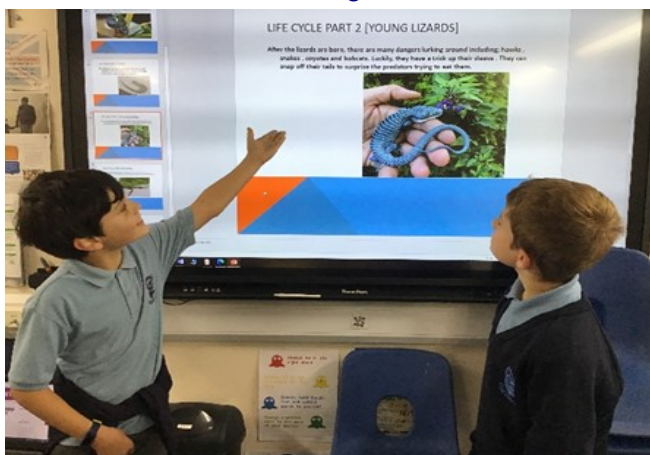
**Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)**- Adam for showing **love** of learning through his brilliant mountain work this week.

## Class 5

This week KS2 have been continuing with the 'Sportshall Pentathlon' athletic activities as well as the Speed-stacking challenge. In the picture you can see Molly in Year 5 who was setting up 3 towers and then re-stacking them in the quickest possible time. Lots of perseverance needed! Our best result so far for setting out and then restacking 12 cups is an amazing 7.77 seconds! We are aiming to beat that and then send our scores into the competition. Year 5 were also thrilled to see the progress they are making on the Pentathlon Events by exploring how the results are translated into scores. They have been sharing tips about how to do even better. Thank you Mrs Roll for involving us in these initiatives.



Year 5 have been enjoying hearing presentations about creatures, some of which are endangered. Here Leo is explaining his PowerPoint slides about the Alligator lizard to George. We were considering why the creatures were endangered and which actions

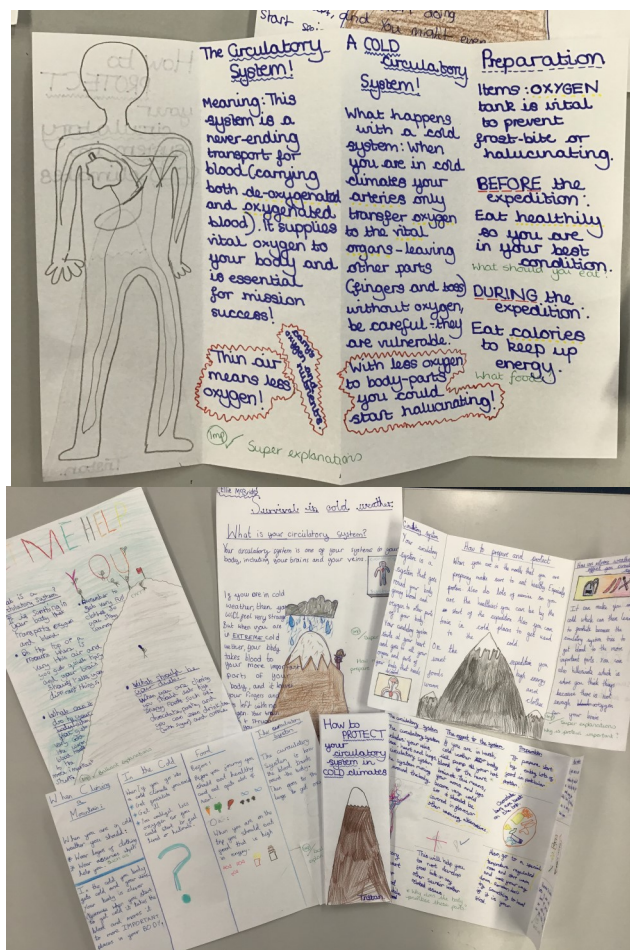


## House Points

Houses	Total House Points
Churchill	652
Sackville	745
Stanhope	717
Wolfe	777

## Class 6

This week Class 6 have been thinking about how the circulatory system is affected by extreme cold. They wrote information leaflets for any budding explorers thinking of heading up a mountain or to



## 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*);

- Your child can wear a **plain fleece** on top of their existing school uniform to help them stay warm;



## Stonepitts Christmas Trees

The Christmas season is fast approaching,

**Stonepitts Farm** will be selling Christmas Trees from Saturday 21st November until they run out.

Orders can be placed in Farm Shop in the yard and also online [www.stonepitts.com](http://www.stonepitts.com)

As in previous years, Stonepitts will offer a £2 donation to our PTFA fund for every Christmas Tree sold to a parent or member of staff.

Please support us if you can ....

**Happy Shopping!!**



## Christmas Colouring and KS2 Photography Competition

Thank you to our PTFA for organising the Christmas Colouring Competition. Here are some reminders:

**Key Stage 1:** Classes R, 1 & 2:

- You will find a Christmas design in your bag, be as creative as you like! Perhaps you would like to add some glitter or sequins or just use your imaginations!
- £1 per design entry to be submitted in your class jar, please remember to include your name on the back of your entry.
- **Deadline - 4th December.**
- 1 winner per class.
- Please contact your class rep if more copies are required.

**Key Stage 2:** Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6:

- In addition to the colouring competition (designs will be emailed to KS2 parents), we would like to ask for photographic entries from any budding photographers.
- Can you capture a beautiful winter landscape, nature, a sunset or architecture? Show us your skills!
- Entries to be emailed to [cheveningpta@gmail.com](mailto:cheveningpta@gmail.com) - **Deadline 4th December**
- £1 per entry to be submitted to your class jar.
- Prize for winner

## Key Dates

Date	Event
4th December	PTA Bring £1 and wear a Christmas Jumper to School
11th December	National Christmas Jumper Day
14th December	School Panto and wear a Christmas Jumper
16th December	School Christmas Lunch
18th December	Last Day of Term; <b>children finish at 1.45pm.</b>
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
<b>Class R</b>	95.6%	97.1%
<b>Class 1</b>	97.3%	98.2%
<b>Class 2</b>	94.4%	98.4%
<b>Class 3</b>	98.2%	96.6%
<b>Class 4</b>	98%	98.4%
<b>Class 5</b>	100%	98.2%
<b>Class 6</b>	97.3%	96.7%
<b>Whole</b>	97.3%	97.7%
<b>Excellent</b>	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
<b>Good</b>	95-97%: note of good attendance	
<b>Poor</b>	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

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## School Lunches

Please could you ensure that you cancel your child's lunch if they are absent. If the catering company sends a meal to the School for your absent children, the School will be charged for all child eligible for free school meals (including children in Key Stage 1). Key Stage 2 children, the amount will also be charged to your child's account.

## Lateness

Please remember that drop off for the school day is between 8.35am – 8.55am every morning. Please ensure that your children arrives in school by 8.55am. Any child who arrives late will need to report to the School Office. The class registers will close at 9.05am so any children arriving after this time will be marked as late.

## Wellbeing

As we approach the Christmas and New Year period, I wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware that Kooth is free & available to young people aged **10-16**.

Kooth is free online counselling and emotional well-being support service for children and young people. Children/Young people can be signposted to Kooth or can sign up themselves to access free and safe online mental health and wellbeing support, so no referral is required.

The online counselling is provided by a professional team of qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners. Alongside the counselling, there are other online tools and features they can use, such as a daily journal, mini activities and Kooth's magazine, with peer to peer and community elements. All of these are safe, secure, pre moderated and age appropriate.

### When is Kooth available:

- online support tools and features are available at any time, 365 days a year. (including Christmas Day)
- online counselling 12pm -10pm during the week and at the weekend from 6pm to 10pm, 365 days a year (including Christmas Day)

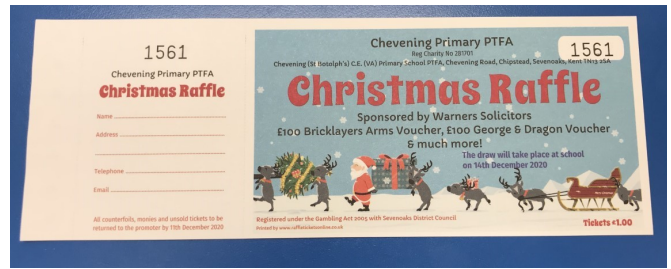
**Watch a video :** <https://vimeo.com/318713056/3b5ea08a52>

To register for a workshop, please contact [kdawber@kooth.com](mailto:kdawber@kooth.com)

Monday 7th December at 10am—<https://forms.gle/wQbKfKX3MuH6LpGr8>

Tuesday 8th December at 9.30am—<https://forms.gle/wQbKfKX3MuH6LpGr8>

## PTA Raffle Tickets



Despite our best efforts to put the raffle online this year, we have hit a snag with the technology and will not be able to do so.

Paper tickets have gone home with children on Wednesday evening.

**Please buy as many as you can and return the stubs with payment to the box in the School Office by 11th December. Please return unsold tickets to the same box so that we can sell them on- this is really important because there is no Christmas Fair this year where we can sell cloakroom tickets and so all physical tickets count!**

The prizes are amazing again this year, so please do sell as many tickets as you can to Grandparents, family members, neighbours and friends.

If you have already bought raffle tickets online, we will be in touch with you separately soon.

## Families West Kent Digital Magazine

Please see the link for the Families West Kent Digital Magazine Nov/Dec digital magazine.

The magazine contains useful resources and ideas to help you and your family through the autumn term and to keep your children entertained, busy and productive.

Please click the below image to read the magazine.



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