



Friday 6th November 2020



**Class 2 have hung their hand-made poppies on their Class Prayer Tree**

## 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)**- Ethan for showing **courage** and settling into his new class so well this week.

**Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)**- Zara for always being **respectful** to the class and adults.

**Class 3 (Mrs Roll)** - Eva for showing **faith** in her fantastic thoughts and contributions to our RE lessons on The Big Frieze.

**Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)**- Abigail A for always showing **respect** and being such an exemplary role model to others, showing such **respect** to all within our classroom and beyond.

**Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)**- Ruby for showing **courage** and settling into her new class so well this week.

**Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)**- Sophie R for showing **respect** as she responded really positively to feedback.

Dear Parents/Carers,  
I hope you all had a restful, relaxed and fun half-term break. As we start Term 2, we are adjusting to the seasonal changes in clocks and the new National Restrictions for COVID-19. We have all experienced significant **change** (whether self-chosen or imposed) and recognise it can stir many different individual and shared emotions and reactions. As we adjust to the new expectations, please continue to share & show our Chevening care and compassion. We are mindful that current news streams are highlighting change, disturbance, unrest and other serious issues that can cause alarm for our children. Please be aware that children need adult wisdom in talking through some issues and the emotions they may well see, hear and feel. As the **Remembrance Poppies** are distributed, the focus on **peace** seems particularly poignant. The recent positive press on Captain Sir Tom and others, helpfully shines a light on finding ways to contribute positively, seek purposeful solutions, show enduring perseverance and exercise self-discipline. Thank you all for your continuing support, care and compassion; together we can find peaceful, positive and proactive ways to work together for the benefit of our Chevening children.

Please remember:

- **DO NOT stop/park cars on the double yellow/zigzag lines;**
- **FOLLOW the one way pedestrian system;**
- **Keep safely separate as you arrive/exit;**
- **Unless medically exempt, parents/carers to wear face-coverings at drop off/pick up;**

With best wishes, Miss Minnis

## Class 5

During Acts of Worship this week the children have been thinking about remembrance and writing prayers connected to their thoughts about it. There are many different ways to remember and pray. In the classroom they have made origami birds that have prayers written inside them. The children thought about symbols and used the lovely class poppy paintings from our previous art books for prayers about conflicts, the people caught up in them, and the people who help. They also discussed how ribbons can be used as a symbol, as well as a place to write thoughts on. In addition they have been practising writing poems ready for next week - when they will write some remembrance poems.



## Class 6

Class 6 have started training for the local area Virtual pentathlon. This term they will be taking part in 5 events and submitting their results to compete against other schools. They have started to practice the speed bounce, vertical jump, chest push, standing long jump and shuttle run.



## Home/School Communication

We are currently in the process of changing the system used to email parents/carers. We are hoping the new system will be up and running in the next couple of weeks—more information will follow. For now, all important information will be sent via [homeconnect@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:homeconnect@chevening.kent.sch.uk) **but** you will be **NOT** be able to reply to these emails. To reply you will need to email [office@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@chevening.kent.sch.uk)



## Key Dates

Date	Event
11th November	Remembrance Day
16 - 20th November	Anti- Bullying Week
16th November	Nasal flu immunisation
18th December	Last Day of Term
21st December– 1st January	Christmas Holiday
4th January	First Day of Term 3

## Road Safety

As the afternoons and evenings grow progressively dark, please ensure your child is safely visible and safely supervised at the end of the day.

Class 6 children need to behave responsibly when walking home unsupervised, otherwise the permission will be revoked.

The current Lockdown National Restrictions do mean that it is not permitted for groups to meet/ walk home together after school.

**NO NEED  
TO SPEED**

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

[www.chevening.kent.sch.uk](http://www.chevening.kent.sch.uk)

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## 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.

## School Lunches

Please remember that there are **three new menus** which start on Monday 9th November 2020. The menus are on the School website. <https://www.chevening.kent.sch.uk/lunch-menuscool-milk/>

The menu starting on Monday 9th November will be **Week One**.

Please remember to logon to the system and order your child's school lunch <https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com/>

If your child is absent, parent/carers need to mark the children absent on the Blue Runner online booking system. Otherwise you will be charged for that lunch if you are KS2 parent.

## 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.

- Please ensure you wear face mask when dropping off and collecting you child from school unless you are exempt .

-that 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 remember to order School photos online by **Monday 16th November**

## 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. **Punctuality & Attendance have been brilliant—please keep it up!**

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. We inform parents/carers of their child's attendance routinely, especially if absence impacts learning.

	Weekly % attendance	Year to date % attendance
Class R	100%	96.3%
Class 1	98.3%	97.9%
Class 2	99.2%	98.7%
Class 3	94%	96.3%
Class 4	99.2%	98.4%
Class 5	91.6%	97.7%
Class 6	95.7%	95.9%
Whole school	97.6%	97.4%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

## Anti-Bullying Week

From 16th-20th November, the whole school will take part in Anti-Bullying Week. This year the theme is: **United Against Bullying**. To mark the start of the week, we are asking that everyone (children and staff) wear *odd socks* for '**Odd Socks Day**' on **Monday 16th November**, to highlight that each of us is unique. Please support us in this special opportunity!



### School Christmas Card

Three children's Christmas card designs have been selected as Chevening's School Christmas card this year. These cards will be sent to the local community.

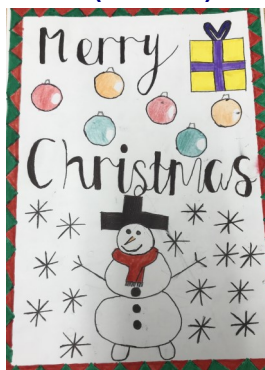
Arthur (Class R)



Eliza (Class 4)



Eliza (Class 6)



### Foodbank

*"On behalf of the Trustees, volunteers and families supported by the Sevenoaks Foodbank we thank you very much for the food you collected and donated at this harvest festival time. Such donations have always made a difference to the lives of local people and in this year of pandemic they have been particularly important. Thank you for thinking of us and know that your generosity is very much valued."*

### Worship & Well-Being

This week's Worship theme has focused on **peace**, with each class uniting in their separate times of worship, to explore different aspects of **peace**, as we prepare for next week's **Act of Remembrance** on 11/11. **Peace** can be experienced at individual, small group, larger gathering, national and international scale—which is a hard concept for younger children to deeply comprehend. Sometimes today's local, national and international news can cause feelings and reactions of concern, worry, fear or strong objection. Prevailing peace and positivity may help; sources including <https://live.firstnews.co.uk/positivity-place> can be helpful to counter the negativity.

We are looking forward to sharing a special whole school Act of Worship for **Armistice Day**, prepared by some of Class 6.