



Friday 16th October 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been a busy week for everyone; it's been great to see different groups of children, staff and parents tackling opportunities and activities with positivity and pragmatism. With one week to go until half term, we're all beginning to feel the need for a bit of a break!

Thank you to everyone who attended the **PTFA (Zoom) AGM** on Wednesday evening. If you were unable to join, you missed a treat! Our PTFA holds a special place and role in our school, providing fun and funds, but more importantly, supporting the family care and love that we all need, especially when facing difficulties. Please do all you can to support and build that special care and love—not all schools have active, caring and compassionate PTFAs. This week, some gorgeous **new books** arrived (courtesy of PTFA funding) to expand the number of reading books available to the classes. We are thrilled with the selection of new fiction and non-fiction titles that will inspire our readers!

Next week looks equally busy, with only four days for the children! Our IT developments are interrupting our entire school email system Friday-Monday, so please call the School Office if you need to pass on urgent messages. We are looking forward to the delivery of **Remembrance Poppies** after half term, so we can support the **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**. Each 'Bubble' will have their own tray/collection tin, to reduce the transmission of germs.

Please note our [Privacy Notices](#) have been updated to include NHS Track and Trace.

Have a great weekend!

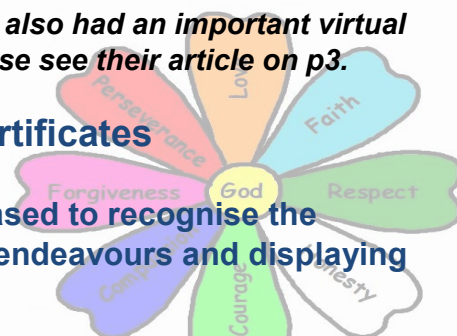
Miss Minnis

This week's learning for our Head Boy, Head Girl and their Deputies included a virtual meeting with Mrs Burrlock (Chair of Governors) to help them prepare their school speeches for Open Morning virtual tours! Great to see such respect and faith in action! We look forward to receiving their speeches next week and then beginning to prepare for filming!

Our Class 6 Journalists also had an important virtual meeting this week. Please see their article on p3.

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)- Kiera for showing **faith** in the ability to complete her maths work

Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- James P for showing **respect** as he always treats the playground toys nicely.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - Molly for **Faith** by showing her deep and insightful prayer asking for God's guidance.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Ivy for showing **love** by always being so complimentary to others in the class and always being so caring to wildlife too.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Nia for showing **love** and **compassion** by how she cares for other pupils and tries to help people so often.

Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)- Rachael for having the **courage** to be **honest** about how she was feeling.

Class 5

This week we have enjoyed diving into 'The Adventures of Odysseus'. There are stormy seas ahead for him and his crew as (due to a careless moment of pride) the King lost his humility and started bragging about his victory over Cyclops. In doing so he made an enemy of the god of the seas – Poseidon! Here is some 'stormy sea' homework in a variety of media – including cake!



Online Safety

Band Runner is a new online game for 8-10 year olds, from **CEOP** (Click on the image below). By playing the game, children learn more about online safety, learning to identify safe/unsafe behaviour, feeling confident to approach a trusted adult for help and understanding how to access advice/support from **ThinkUknow**

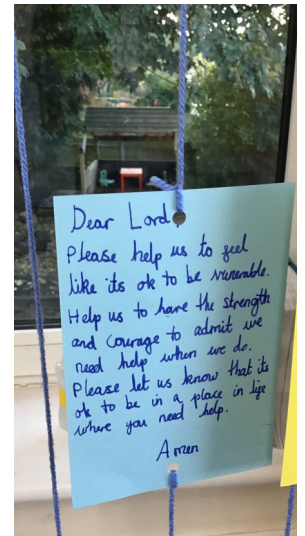
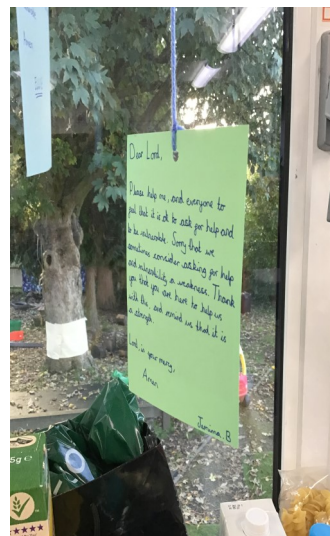
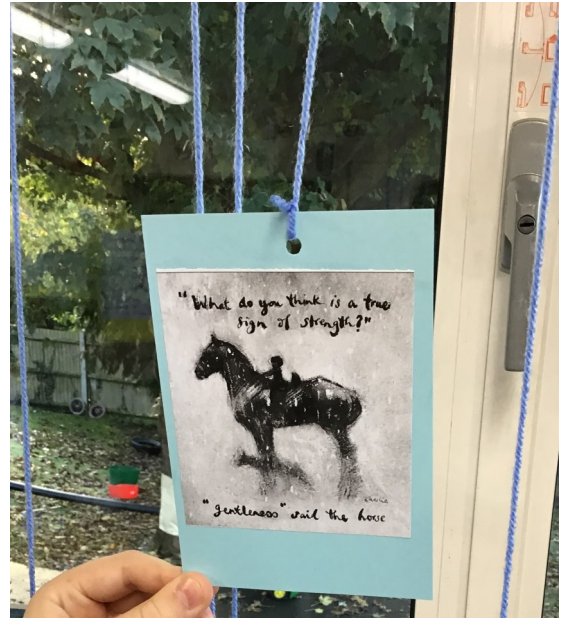


Change to Nursery Email address

The Chevening Nursery email address has changed with immediate effect to:
nurserychevening@gmail.com

Class 6

In our Acts of Worship this week we have been thinking about having the **courage** to be vulnerable and ask for help when we need it. We looked at some beautiful extracts from "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" by Charlie Macksey and then wrote some prayers. These are now hanging above our prayer area.



Data Collection and Consent Update

To ensure that the School has up-to-date records for each child, we require each parent/carer to provide fresh Personal Details and Consent/Permission for different activities. On Friday each child will be sent home with a Data Collection form and a consent form which you will need to complete. Please check your child's School/book bag on Friday evening.

Please complete, sign and return all documents to the Office by **Friday 6th November 2020**.

School Journalists

Rachael, Florrie, Amber and Matthew interviewed Rev Hannah on Tuesday afternoon via Teams. Rev Hannah is the new Rector at St Botolph's Church and therefore is a new Governor for Chevening. Hannah felt that her 'grilling' by the team was thorough and possibly harder than her Church interview! We hope this Q and A article helps you get to know Hannah a little better....



On Tuesday the journalists from Year 6 had an interview with our new Rector and Governor. They conducted the interview on Microsoft Teams and asked some questions. Here are the answer from Rector Adams:

Q: What do you think of the church and community?

I think it's a wonderful place and a great place to come together as a community

Q: What are your plans for when you come to the school?

To have fun with the school and help the children understand who Jesus and God are. I want to be someone who you can ask questions to.

Q: What is it like being a woman rector?

It's great! It's really important to show that both genders can do what they want and what they believe they should do, despite their gender.

Q: How are you settling into Chevening?

I love it! We're currently working on decorating the house. Chloe is going to day care until she can start at Chevening.

Key Dates

Date	Event
21st October	School Photos
22nd October	Last day of Term
23rd October	Inset Day (no children in school)
26th-30th October	Half Term
2nd November	First Day of Term 2

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

Reminders

Please could parents/carers remember:

- The School will not be able to receive/send any emails from Friday 16th October to Monday 19th October. If you need to contact the Office, please phone!

-If your **child is unwell** & has **ANY** COVID-19 symptoms, they **cannot** attend school—please seek advice from NHS 111.

- Please call the office to if your arrangements for pick up are changing, so we can information the class staff.

- Individual and sibling **photos** will take place on Wednesday 21st October 2020.

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who has generously shared a contribution for Sevenoaks Loaves and Fishes Food Bank! We hope to transport our donations to them next week.



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 has 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	89.6%	95%
Class 1	96.6%	97.8%
Class 2	99.7%	98.4%
Class 3	94.5%	95.9%
Class 4	99.3%	98.2%
Class 5	97.2%	97.9%
Class 6	95.7%	95.4%
Whole school	96.3%	97.1%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

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