

Friday 2nd October 2020



Introducing Rev Hannah, Nathan and Chloe Adams!
Rev Hannah is the new Rector at St Botolph's and has joined our Governing Body. More details on p5.

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)- Harrison for the **love** and care he has shown with his work this week

Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- Charlie for showing **respect** for listening on how to improve his work and doing it.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - Jessica for the **love** in her example of something that 'fills her bucket'... seeing other people happy. Emily for showing **courage** for letting us know when she was upset about something.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Sienna's **compassion** for being an extremely caring friend and looking after them in a time of need.

Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- A number of children in Class 5 showed **forgiveness** as they helped resolve some difficulties.

Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)- Rachel for opening up and sharing what is important to her in her autobiography and homework which shows **courage and honesty**.

Dear Parents/Carers,
Thank you to everyone for making time for this week's Parent Consultations. The appointments provided valuable feedback to help us understand how each child is settling into school life, so they are ready for learning. Apologies to the few parents who struggled with the e-appointments; it's a learning process for us all.

This week the **Class 6** responsibilities and jobs were announced, following careful consideration about what is safely possible in the current COVID-circumstances. Some roles are new, some are traditional and some are COVID-adapted versions. We are encouraging all the children to seek out opportunities to shine, develop themselves and support the school as a whole. As a talented class, we are confident they will meet the challenge! Please do congratulate and encourage each child—the list is attached to the weekly email, so that everyone is fully aware.

As a school, we are thankful for the care and support from our parents/carers, friends at St Botolph's Church and in the village. Once a week, a group of parents and staff pray for the school. One of our Mums, Mrs Wickham organises the group and has written:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:6) Join us as we take a few minutes each week to pray for the Chevening children, teachers and staff. Everyone welcome and no pray-out-loud required. For more info, contact laura@wickhams.co.uk

This edition is quite long—so enjoy catching up on all our news!
Miss Minnis



Class R

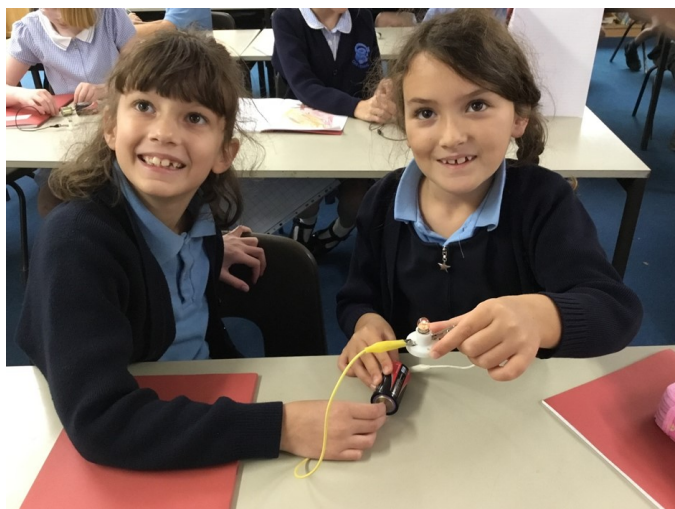
Class R have been doing really well and settling into their first full week in school. In maths, all the children have been exploring matching and sorting using welly boots, teddy bear counters and numicon.

On Wednesday, Class R had their first adventure in Forest School. They really enjoyed exploring the Forest, inventing their own imaginative games and using natural items to make artistic faces. Can you see the eyes, noses, ears and hair?



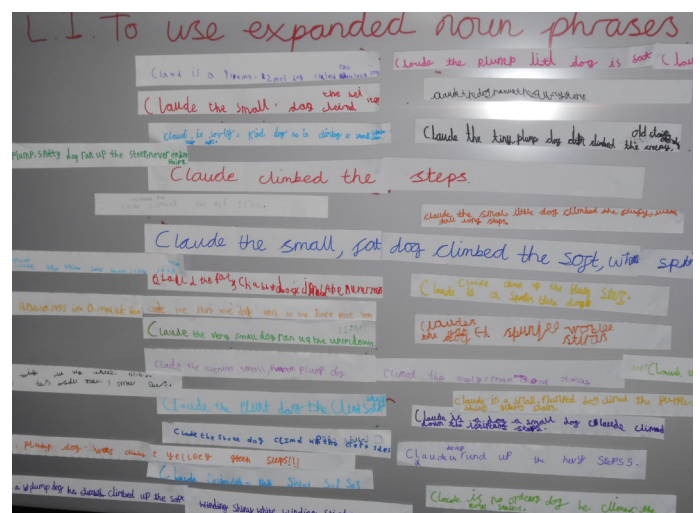
Class 4

Class 4 have been continuing their learning about Electricity in Science and there were most certainly a few 'light bulb moments' as they tried their hands at making a simple circuit and explored which components are needed in order for this to work.



Class 2

Class 2 have been working on comprehension skills this week, checking their writing makes good sense. The children have been finding the correct word to ensure each sentence make sense. Can you spot the impressive expanded noun phrases below?





If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

Book a test

**Advice for
parents/carers
from DFE**

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
**not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

Reading is Magic Festival



Every year there is a magic reading festival which is a mix of reading festivals. However, due to COVID measures they had to make it virtual instead, so everyone can still enjoy it. On their website they have videos from different authors with activities that you can participate in. Year 6 have had a look at them and voted which one they want to do. They voted for Cressida Cowell's video where **Adam Murphy** shows you how he draws his cartoon characters. We Here's one of our drawings. There are other things such as Robin Stevens make your own mystery. If you would like to join in with any of these activities go to <https://www.readingismagicfestival.com/about> and watch one of the videos that sparks your eye. ***This article is the first commission by Chevening's Class 6 Journalists: Amber, Florrie, Matthew and Rachael***

Reminders

Please could parents/carers remember:

- 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*);
- you are welcome to wear face coverings for drop-off and pick-up from the playground.
- sadly, due to-the one way system, dogs are **not permitted** in the school site.
- some of the **children's medication** is **OUT OF DATE** & **forms** need updating—please reply to Mrs Jarrett's email.
- 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.
- Thank you to everyone on returning the Home School Agreement please remember we need all forms back by Friday 9th October 2020

Key Dates

Date	Event
15th October	Kent Test (PESE) for Class 6 entrants
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.

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Chevening Road, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, TN13 2SA—Contact tel: 01732 452895

Safeguarding

As it is start of year, we have updated our Safeguarding Policy, which can be found on our website <https://www.chevening.kent.sch.uk/policies>

We have further safeguarding information available as well. Please see the resources and sources of support <https://www.chevening.kent.sch.uk/safeguarding>

We take our Safeguarding responsibilities seriously.

Our Safeguarding Staff are :

Miss Minnis (Headteacher), Mrs McLean (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Caisley (SENDCo).
If you need to speak with one of the Safeguarding Team, please come to the School Office.

PTA Christmas Cards

Every year the children create individual Christmas card designs which help to raise money for the school, with every pack sold through my school printing. Your child will receive their blank template for their Christmas card design today. Please could your child complete their design at home and return to box in reception **no later than the morning of Monday 12th October. Have fun creating!!**

PTA Prize Draw

The PTA have teamed up with Freddie at Wild Seasoning who is offering a fabulous opportunity to order delicious take away food and enter a prize draw to win an amazing NYE pairing menu for four worth £320!

He will donate £2.50 pp (up to £5) for every order made quoting "Chevening" to the PTA in exchange for entry into the draw, which will take place in December! The menu is attached to the email from school.



All classes are making their way around the world, whether running, jogging, walking or striding! They have struggled with the weather this week but it hasn't dampened our impressive spirits or determination.

Which class is going to make it around the world first!!

Hever Triathlon

Last Saturday, in the cold, a few Year 5 children took part in the Hever triathlon. Isla, Molly B, George D and Aoife all completed the whole triathlon. Matilda, Sasha, Wilfred, Isla Rose and Robert all completed parts of the triathlon relay teams. There were very few spectators to cheer them on, but they all showed amazing, courage, perseverance and team work.



Well done Team Chevening!

Governance Update from Mrs Burrlock:

At last week's virtual Full Governing Board meeting, we farewelled and thanked both Mr James London and Mrs Susan Mathewson, who have retired from their governor roles. James has served our school for 24 years as Local Authority Governor, most recently as Chairman of the Admissions Committee and a member of the Resources Committee. Susan has served for just over 4 years as a Foundation Governor, as a member of both the Resources Committee and Building Sub Committee, as well as Health and Safety Governor. We are very grateful for their commitment and compassion to our school and wish them well for the future.

We are pleased to welcome new Governors to our Board. Rev Hannah Adams, our new Rector has joined as Ex Officio. We have nominated Mr Nick Chard to replace James as Local Authority Governor. My position has moved from being Ex Officio to a Foundation Governor. I was duly elected to serve as Chair for this academic year, with Louise Dod supporting me as Vice Chair. The School Governors look forward to working together with Miss Minnis, the Senior Leadership Team, our pupils and parents, plus community to provide great care and educational experiences for our pupils.

School Lunches

School lunches must be booked by parents/carers through the new online booking system. Meals can be ordered in advance, but must be ordered **before 8am** on the day that they will be eaten.

If your child is absent, parent/carers need to mark the children **absent** on the online booking system.

For **Key Stage 2** children, payments will need to be made in advance, via the online booking system. The daily lunch cost is £2.25

The website for both ordering meals and making payments is: <https://chandco.myschoolmealorders.com>

Please note that next week we will be on Week 3 Menu.

Further information is available here: <https://www.chevening.kent.sch.uk/lunch-menuscool-milk/>

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. So far, 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	92.7%	95.3%
Class 1	100%	97.6%
Class 2	99.3%	97.6%
Class 3	88.8%	96%
Class 4	98.6%	97.3%
Class 5	99.3%	97.7%
Class 6	92.7%	95.1%
Whole school	96.4%	96.8%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

Healthy Eating Week

Class R learnt about the Artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo who creates unique portraits using a range of vegetables and fruits. All the children have attempted their own masterpieces!

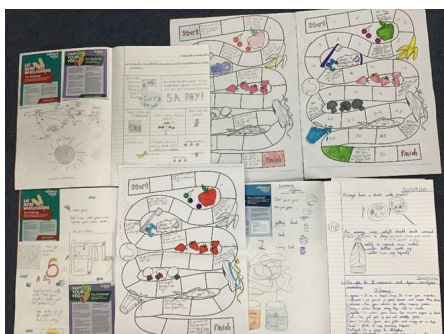


Class 4 have explored how different foods are categorised using a colour coded system according to how healthy they are. We started off by having quite the class discussion as to where we thought they should go and then recorded our findings in our own colour coded system.

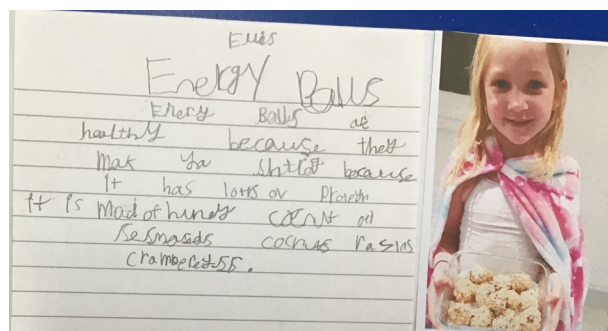


Class 5 have been busy researching ways to stay healthy and then presenting the information in attractive, child-friendly ways. They have also been using their knowledge to make healthy living board games as you can see in the picture. They have a few more squares to fill as they complete our learning for the week; but then

perhaps you might like to print out one from the class page to play at home.



Class 2 designed and made a healthy meal at home.



Class 3 have learned about different food groups and how food and exercise help to keep us healthy. They found out that a balanced diet containing all of the food groups is the healthiest way to eat. They designed their own weekly menu thinking about all the things we have learned.



Class 6 had a really good discussion about the 7 foci for Healthy Eating Week. They discussed what each of these meant, ideas for how they could do them and why these are important to keep them healthy. The children then had the choice to represent their learning in whichever way they chose— with some really creative results.

