

Friday 4th September 2020

Our School Christian Values underpin the atmosphere and actions of daily school-life, whether we are an adult or a child. Class rules often flow from these values, as they sum up the characteristics we want to associate with Chevening. This week, staff and children have been working together to develop class systems, rules and procedures, so that there is a good productive harmony and team-work. Please ask your child to share their class systems and expectations with you.



Value Certificates

This week we are pleased to recognise the following for all their endeavours and displaying school values;

Class 1 (Mrs McLean)- Alfie for **Respect** for listening carefully to adults in the classroom

Class 2 (Mrs Wilde)- The class have displayed **Love** and **Compassion** for one another on their return to school.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - The class have displayed all of the values this week and are settling into KS2 so well. The class have had a wonderful first few days.

Year 4 (Miss Sweeney)- The class have displayed all values for being such super stars and settling back to school routines so swiftly; looking after and truly caring for one another. What a superb start!

Year 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Poppy O has showed **compassion** for helping people who were nervous about returning

Year 6 (Mrs Edwards)- James and Matthew have both engaged in a **respectable** debate during their lesson with Mrs Mclean.

Dear Parents/Carers,

How lovely it is to be writing this first newsletter of the year at my school desk, having spent the first days of term with lovely colleagues and our wonderful children! What a relief! So, we've made it to the end of the first week and it's been an amazing few days! The start of every academic year is intense after the summer break and this year is no exception. However, we are particularly pleased to welcome new children, families and colleagues and wait to hear good news from those who have recently left for new jobs/schools. We have much to be thankful for.

As a staff, we are acutely aware that coming in to school has been a momentous achievement for everyone; we are very proud that the children have managed the changes and expectations so well this week and hope that this positive start will continue. We are grateful to our parents/carers and families for preparing the children so well and for helping to adapt to some of the new systems; thank you for your patience as we continue to smooth glitches and find answers to problems as they appear. I am particularly grateful to the staff team who have worked tirelessly to enable our good and safe return.

We continue to make progress with the installation of Office 365; this will eventually form the backbone of remote education, in the event of a localised COVID lockdown, quarantine or isolation requirement. The teachers have received some initial training and, when the full installation is complete, will be able to set-up learning and secure communication systems.

Wishing everyone a well-deserved rest this weekend!

Miss Minnis

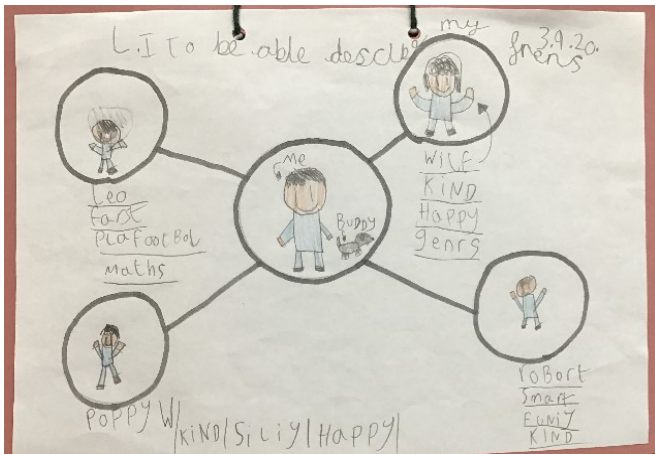
Worship

This week's theme of **rebuilding** has been based on the Old Testament character Nehemiah. His story is notable for faith in overcoming significant struggles to restore God's people, city and temple. This prayer may be helpful as we seek re-unite our school community:

Faithful God we ask that you help and support our school community as we rebuild and reconnect with each other after our time apart. We thank you God for each member of the school community and pray for your continued protection and love as we join together once more.

Class 5 News

During PPA in Class 5 the children thought about their friends and what they knew about their personality, likes and dislikes and appearance. They were surprised at how much some people had changed in the time that they had been away from school.



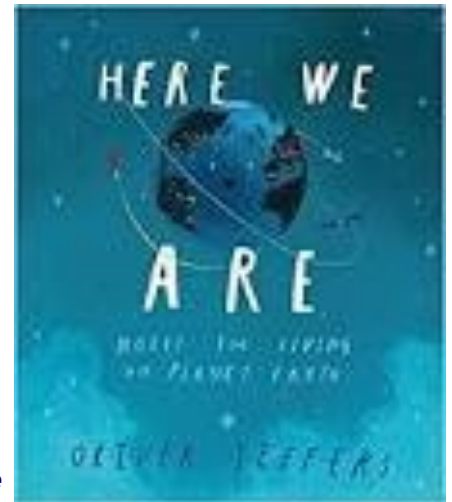
Class 6 News

Class 6 have a new tool to help them be proud of their work this year. The children can come and take a peg to request Mrs Edwards to take a "selfie" of their work. This is then emailed to them to share with their family and will feature on the "Work Selfie" gallery on their classpage on the website. Feel free to have a look - we already have a number of pieces of work on there!



Separate but united....

The classes are spending time enjoying and learning from this wonderful Oliver Jeffers' book, "Here we are..." If you have a spare moment, you might enjoy buying a copy, or watching an online adaptation. A lovely way for us to reunite in learning.



Reminders

It would be really helpful if parents/carers could remember to:

- send in (named) wellies for their child to keep in school;
- closely supervise children coming in/going out of school (unless Class 6 have been authorised to walk home);
- *push* open the pedestrian gates; both have now changed and no longer open automatically; please press the buzzer, when staff release the gate, you will need to push!

Key Dates

Date	Event
7th September	Early Morning and Actiiv8 Clubs start
8th September	First day at school for YR (am or pm slot)
11th September	YR Teddy Bear's Picnic
22nd September	Induction of Rev Hannah Adams
21st October	School Photos
22nd October	Last day of Term
23rd October	Inset Day
26th-30th October	Half Term
2nd November	First Day of Term 2

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