



Summer Term

Friday, 10th July 2020

Chipstead school's book creates lasting record of unique time

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the time of year when, ordinarily, there are many different larger-scale events, celebrations and performances in school; sadly, these are not possible due to the current restrictions within the Government's Guidance for schools to operate safely. We really miss these sport, PTA, church and academic opportunities for the whole school family to gather for reviewing individual and team efforts, as well as looking forward to new opportunities.

However, the school is already undertaking the planning process to ensure we are ready to welcome back all children in September. Even though circumstances may change, our plans will be in line with Government Guidance in terms of practical organisation, curriculum and well-being. As we go through the planning stages, we may need to ask our families some questions to guide our local arrangements and aim to do that before the end of term, so that everyone can feel as comfortable and confident as possible, as we look forward to a new academic year.

For the classes returning in September, the children would normally spend a little time with their new class teacher in their new classroom. As this is not possible, we are announcing class teachers here and they will make contact with their new classes before the end of term.

Class Teachers 2020-21:

Class R: Miss Levy

Class 1: Mrs McLean/Mr Langston

Class 2: Mrs Robinson/ Mrs Wilde

Class 3: Mrs Roll

Class 4: Miss Sweeney

Class 5: Mr Qureshi

Class 6: Mrs Edwards

With best wishes to you all,

Miss Minnis



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School in Chipstead, Kent, have produced a special publication called Chevening Together – a Book of Hopes and Reflections.

The anthology captures the community's thoughts, feelings and experiences of life during lockdown and will serve as a lasting reminder of the crisis which caused so much disruption to the second half of this academic year.

It was inspired by The Literacy Trust's Book of Hopes, a free publication comprising thoughts from well-known authors and illustrators on the theme of hope, released in April. Children from all classes, as well as parents, governors, staff and members of Chevening Church were invited to get involved and submit something to go in the book.

The response was amazing with over 130 beautiful pieces of artwork, photographs, poems, stories and personal reflections all being received. People focused on a range of topics from celebrating VE Day and Easter, to more difficult subjects such as personal accounts of life as a keyworker, and being admitted to hospital with Covid-19.

As the introduction says:

"In a time when we cannot be together physically, this book has allowed us to unite as our Chevening family."

Chevening Together – a Book of Hopes and Reflections can be downloaded as a [free ebook](#) or is available to buy in [paperback](#) with all proceeds going to the school.

Class News
Please visit [Class Pages](#) for more details



APPLES have Class R have been exploring addition using number lines and dominoes.

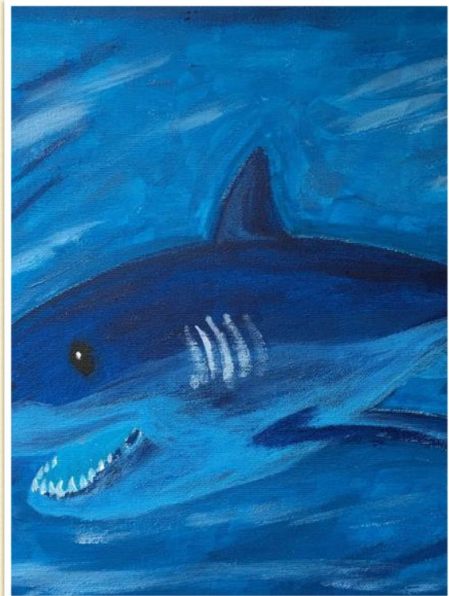


As part of their Shark topic work, **Class 1** have been creating Shark books.

Ben created this lovely short story. You can listen to it [here](#).

One sunny morning a dark blue shark was swimming in the ocean. Sometimes things go wrong. He sees Mr and Mrs Fish and he tries to play but they swim away.

Most times he tries to follow them but they are too fast. One day he asked his wife but she did not know what to do. Sometimes Mr and Mrs Shark try to invite Mr and Mrs Fish over to have a party but they did not come.



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BOATS have been having a sneaky preview of some of our new books, bought to improve the diversity of our book shelves. Jessica said "I liked the part in The Proud-est Blue when Asiya went to buy her hijab." Ben enjoyed Billy and the Dragon because "it was funny and a bit unusual."



And on Tuesday this week we were thinking about how we might "clothe" ourselves with patience. **BOATS** decided to make some Patience Pants! On our pants we wrote down things that help us to be patient when we are having to wait.



ANTS group decided to see how many different shades of green they could find on the school field following on from a previous celebration AoW that was themed on the colour green for the Chevening Rainbow. This is one example of what was found. God's natural world is truly amazing!



Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2)

UKS2 Have been finding out about film-making. We have been exploring tips for capturing sound and vision; and are now extending our learning into editing. Year 6 have been working on their Leavers' film and Y5 have been trying spoken books.



If you go into the woods today, try bathing!



In Japan *shinrin-yoku*, or forest bathing – basically going for a stroll in an ancient forest – is a standard form of preventative medicine. Inspired by ancient Shinto and Buddhist practices, nearly a quarter of the Japanese population still enjoys forest bathing today. There is also a field of study that tries to understand not just why walking in fragrant, old-growth forests is good for us but also how the magic of trees works on humans at a molecular level, in our cells and neurons. The data is compelling: leisurely forest walks reduce heart rate and blood pressure, decrease sympathetic nerve activity and lower levels of the stress hormone cortisol. What to know more? [Muddy Faces](#) has lots of information on outdoor learning and activities.

Internet Safety

Social Media and video platforms such as TikTok have age restrictions (often with a 13 years min). Until recently many people believed this is just due to the risk of possible content but such software also harvests information from devices. As an example, TikTok constantly 'reads' and records anything on the clipboard of apple devices. Often far more data is recorded than people may consider necessary for the function of a program. Here is one of many articles about such software from [abc news](#).

Staff Leavers

You may have noticed a new name in our list of teachers - **Mr Langston**! We are delighted to welcome him as he joins our staff team in September. He will be visiting school before September and is looking forward to meeting staff and children.

Staff farewells: We are sad to report that **Mrs Wright** and **Mrs Billing** will not be returning to Chevening in September, as they have other responsibilities and opportunities to enjoy. We are grateful to them for their commitment to Chevening children and families and wish them well for the future.

Christian Values

Our Christian Values are more important than ever during these uncertain times. Our on site "bubbles" have been added to our class lists below. This week we are pleased to recognise the following for their endeavours:

All Class R Home Learners PERSEVERANCE	R	For their super effort with their home learning throughout lock-down
Ben F PERSEVERANCE	1	For working so hard on his shark story
Soreya O-W PERSEVERANCE	2	For always working so hard
Eva R COURAGE & PERSEVERANCE	3	For not letting a broken arm get in the way of her learning; remaining as positive as ever
Ellis RW LOVE Stanley PERSEVERANCE	4	Ellis - For sending such positive emails Stanley - For such hard work
Lily B COMPASSION	5	For finding an uplifting poem to send to the whole class early in the morning
Lucas D PERSEVERANCE	6	For completing phase one of an online maths program
Alice I COURAGE	Ap	For settling back into the school routine so well
Isla S COURAGE & RESPECT	Bo	For getting more involved in our whole class learning
Isla B COURAGE Jacob C LOVE	An	Isla - For Joining in so well with the Ants team Jacob - For caring for his sister in school and making her laugh when she hurt herself
Sam H PERSEVERANCE	Bu	For working so hard with all of his sounds