



Friday, 15th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,
There is so much to share this week that I'm restricted to a short welcome! This newsletter is a little portal into the home learning and wider opportunities that are available to our families and I'm delighted to see so many children, staff & families showing great dedication in pursuing learning, community life, physical strength, mental well-being and reflective opportunities.

Whilst none of us foresaw this crisis at the start of the year, it's impressive to see how many have honed new skills, gained different perspectives and transformed the difficulties and challenges into opportunities. Please take time to read all the details enclosed. As we look to further changes in the near future, please be assured that the school will endeavour to guard and guide your children, as best we can.

With best wishes to all, **Miss Minnis**

Those you remember everywhere you go,
Those who are always a part of your soul,
Those who make you laugh when you are down,
Those that will fight for you when you're on the ground,
Those who stand by you through your life,
Those who lift you up in times of strife.

**Chevening's
"Book of
Hope"
Contribution
by Lilla Y6**



When you need them they'll be there,
Supporting you in times of despair,
When you fall they will catch you,
Ready to keep you off the ground,
When you don't get the ball, they'll
pass it to you,
Making sure you get a turn,
When you're lonely they'll entertain
YOU,
Always smiling to make you laugh,
When you need the help,
Never be sad they'll always be there
for you.

They were the ones you made memories with,
They were who you spent your life with,
They were people you laughed and giggled with,
They were the ones you danced with,
They were who you sang with,
They were people you hung out with,
They were the ones you sledged with on the snow,
They were who you sat with,
They **ARE** the people you will never forget.

Thank you for the contributions I have already received for our book project – we already have stories, photographs, poems and reflections. Please send your contributions to [Mrs Edwards](mailto:Mrs.Edwards@chevening.kent.sch.uk) by 22.05.20.

Christian Values

This week, even though we are not all together, are pleased to recognise the following for their endeavours:

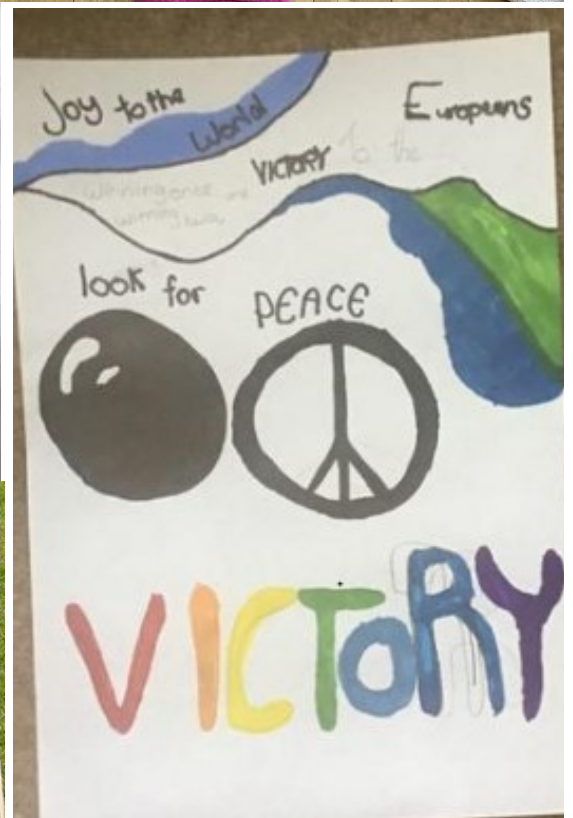
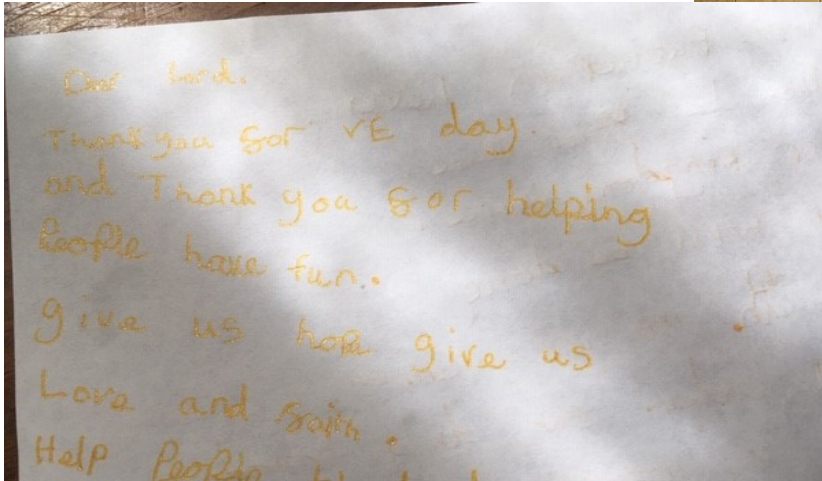
St Botolph's Rogation Sunday Service

Usually, we would be at St. Botolph's Church for a School Service on Rogation Sunday, 17th May. Whilst we cannot physically attend, you can see Rev Johnson and other familiar faces via this [link](#) on Sunday morning (or via the church [site](#)).



Tommy R PERSEVERANCE	R	For making great progress in all areas this week especially writing
Poppy B LOVE	1	For the thoughtful and kind word art she made
Eva H PERSEVERANCE	2	For a great attitude in all her learning this week
Lola P & Lana P LOVE & COMPASSION	3	For constantly thinking of others and sending the class such positive, thoughtful and uplifting messages
Aoife K-R, Sophie B & Max W LOVE & PERSEVERANCE	4	For showing and sharing much love and hard work in their home learning this week
Sophia M COMPASSION	5	For including her sister when planning her own work outs
Lucas D PERSEVERANCE	6	For going back and working to improve his news report in English this week

Home Learning Gallery -Years 2,3 & 4
Please visit [Class Pages](#) for all year groups



“A Chevening Adventure”

Welcome to a story of mystery and mischief, set on 8th May 2020 during the World-wide lockdown, reliving the hopes and courage of those who protected Chevening village 75 years ago.

We would like you to know that we have made a mystery online book, created as a memorial for VE day as well as to mark these challenging times. It is based in the village and takes note of some local historical events and locations. The mystery is constructed as an interactive story, with a puzzle to solve at the end of each chapter. It is presented online with 'secret areas and rewards' that are accessed as you solve the puzzles. Each chapter is being released weekly on Fridays.

Visit <https://nadeemqureshi.wixsite.com/acheveningadventure> to begin the adventure!

Saatchi Gallery & The Metropolitan Museum of Art On-line Resources

Saatchi Gallery is specifically geared towards introducing a younger audience of art student and enthusiast to connect with contemporary art and art practice.

In the Gallery, via the [website](#), and in the Gallery's Education Room, the Saatchi Gallery endeavours to ensure that teachers receive the best on-site and outreach support possible for their students.

Children at home can take a look at [The Met's](#) (The Metropolitan Museum of Art) #MetKids which offers a number of great interactives whether that be a ride on their time machine or



Changes in Financial Circumstances

As many families have experienced considerable change in circumstance due to COVID-19, I would like to draw your attention to the process for applying for Free School Meals. Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- 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](#).

Prayer for the World

God of love and hope,

you made the world and care for all creation,

but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.

Some people are worried that they might get ill.

Others are anxious for their family and friends.

Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,

and all who are working to discover the right medicines

to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times,

you are with us.

Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.

Amen.

On-site Learning

Each day, like many of you at home, the on-site team starts their day with a virtual PE lesson with Joe Wicks. If you have participated very day, do you find its easier than when you started? Could you teach your parents to do one of the exercises? Could you use one of the exercises as your personal best?

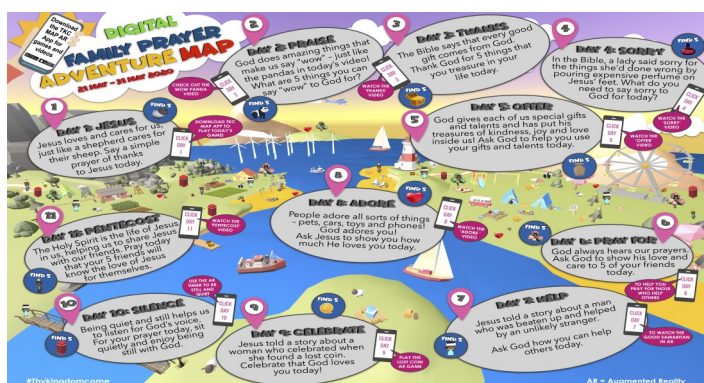
The daily exercise session can be found [here](#). (Don't forget to check with your parents first!)



Worship & Prayers

The global prayer initiative, *Thy Kingdom Come* (TKC), is coming up soon, 21-31st May, giving Christians the opportunity to pray together, which may feel particularly difficult and poignant at this unusual time. As a school, we would normally participate in St Botolph's 24 hours of prayer, with the children contributing a prayer station to promote prayer and reflection. Whilst that might not be physically possible this year, there are still ways to unite in prayer:

- Chevening Church have an on-line prayer room and further information can be found [here](#).
- There is a digital Family Prayer Adventure Map, with activities for 11 days. Click on the image below for more details about this initiative.



Mental Health Awareness Week 18-24 May

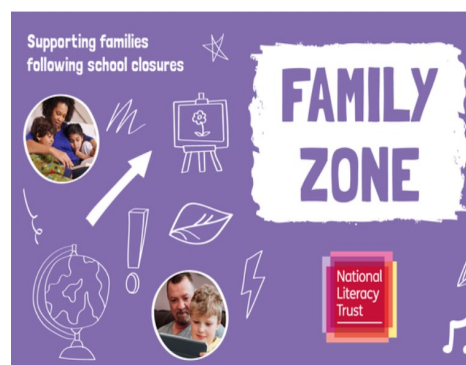
Especially during challenging times like these, it is very important to look after our mental health. Approximately one in four people in the UK will experience a mental health problem every year and Mental Health Awareness Week aims to get people talking and to reduce the stigma that can stop people from asking for support and help in times of distress and need. More information is available [here](#).

This year's theme is "Kindness" because of its singular ability to unlock our shared humanity. Kindness strengthens relationships, develops community and deepens solidarity. Wisdom from every culture across history recognises that kindness is something that all human beings need to experience and practise to be fully alive. You may want to use the 'Power of Kindness' calendar (attached) to record your family's Acts of Kindness. Please do share these with us!

Teachers will be including this in their work for pupils for next week.

Reading at Home by Mrs Edwards

Whilst home learning can be challenging, one thing that we can all do which will make a real contribution to our children's learning is reading. Reading daily *with* your child *and to* your child can be a lovely shared time, focusing on enjoyment whilst also allowing your child to develop skills which they will be able to utilise in their learning across the whole curriculum. Please see the attached poster with some handy tips to support reading at home.



Message from Mrs Burton:

"Thank you for all the kindness shown to me following my sister Ro's ill-health and subsequent passing this week. Your thoughts and prayers are really appreciated."