

Friday 27th March 2020



Can you spot what's gone missing?



Dear Parents/Carers,

In the first of our virtual school Newsletters, it's lovely to reflect on some of the positives in the difficulties that we are all facing on a daily basis. Ill health, restrictions, lack of space/privacy are just a few of the challenges, which combine with lack of support, lack of friends and complete changes to routines and dynamics. Contrast these with some positives: warm sunshine, IT (when it works well!), bird song, quiet roads, tea parties, laughter, delicious deliveries (brownies) love and support of good friends and family!

This week our new email went live. Please use 1Peter3.8@chevening.kent.sch.uk to safely share your news, photos and contributions to this shortened Newsletter. Hopefully, it will also act as a reminder to "... be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble" in our personal situations.

As we venture further into uncertain times, please remember families and staff who are unwell, those who are fearful, those who are feeling isolated, those who are anxious about financial and professional responsibilities.

Our school term ends on Tuesday, 31st March, so teachers will be taking a break from uploading new learning to our class pages—we need to keep a sense of normality for us all, where possible! This will give families time to consolidate learning from this week and also to hone their creative skills with a whole school Music Challenge! This will be presented next week by Mrs Robinson, but to whet your appetites and give you some warning, **Team Chevening will be making some noise!!**

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

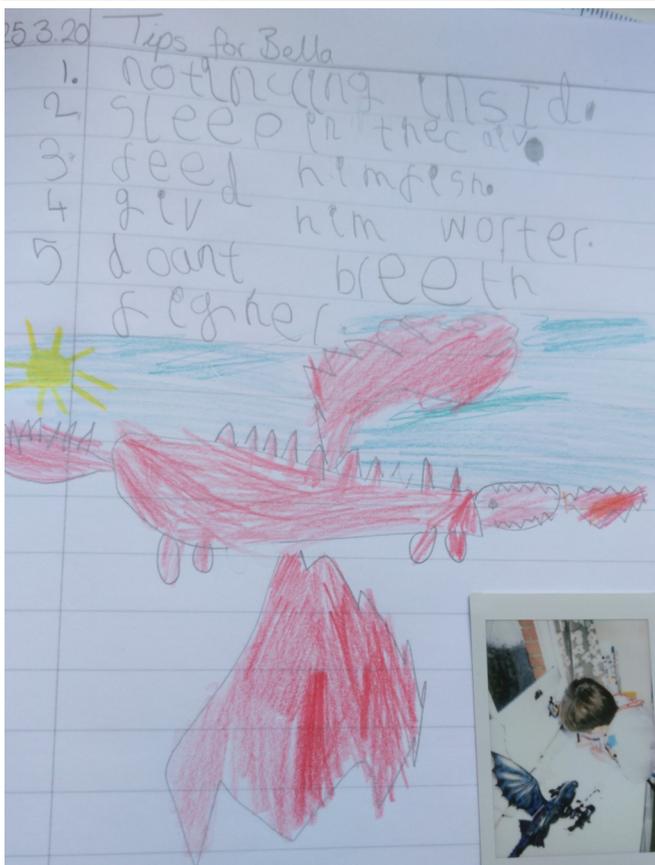
Christian Values

Our values are centred on God and acknowledge some characteristics modelled in the Bible: **LOVE, FAITH, FORGIVENESS, PERSEVERANCE, COMPASSION, HONESTY, RESPECT, COURAGE**. This week we, even though we are not altogether, we are pleased to recognise the following for their endeavours:

All of Class R PERSEVERANCE	R	For trying their best with their home learning this week
James C PERSEVERANCE	1	For his fantastic writing and concentrating so hard while working from home
Trixie O PERSEVERANCE	2	For developing her football skills and scoring 47 goals in her garden
Elisa W COURAGE & PERSEVERANCE	3	For continuing to maintain such a conscientious attitude to learning from home
Poppy W PERSEVERANCE	4	For working so hard on her maths this week
Rachael F COMPASSION	5	For letting me know when a friend was worried so that we could help
Samuel D HONESTY & COURAGE	6	For sharing how he was getting on with the start of his time at home

Class R News

Miss Levy and Bella the Goat (Class R's class toy) discovered a surprise object in the flat—a golden egg! The children predicted what might be inside and a few days later were excited to find that it had hatched and inside was a dragon! Luckily a friendly one! The class have been busy writing great advice for Bella to look after the Dragon and Miss Levy has been trying to clear up all the mess!



Class 6 News

Please meet Tinkerboy, who normally would be preparing for his donkey role at St Botolph's Palm Sunday service. He won't be needed this year but wanted to say hello!



On-site Learning

The small team on-site have incorporated cookery into their learning this week by preparing a lovely batch of jam tarts. They were enjoyed by everyone on site at the end-of-day tea party.



Online Safety

With so much of our learning now dependant on accessing information on the internet, we thought it very important to remind everyone about parental controls and the supervision of young, vulnerable people on the internet.

If you haven't 'grasped the nettle' yet, Vodafone have a very useful page describing the different types of controls and how you can set them up. There is a lot of information out there to help but this site has links to useful step by step guides:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/parental-controls-and-filtering>

There is no substitute for talking to your children while on the internet together but parental controls help for the times when you can't be monitoring closely.

