Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 24





Dear Parents/Carers,

We have enjoyed the first welcome glimmers of (meteorological) spring with daffodils, crocus heads and blossom cheerily bobbing in the breezes. The changeable temperature reminds us that winter may make a quick re-appearance, so don't be caught out!

The changes between seasons are not always smooth—and neither is school life! Like all schools, we are adhering to guidance and instructions about how to work in the light of Covid-19 and share the DFE/ PHE updates as they arrive in school. We have made initial plans for maintaining learning, as best we can, should closure become a reality. Until we receive specific direction, we continue to work hard so that our children get the best opportunities for learning. We will continue to keep our families updated by email.

This week, we were delighted to be able to join in a new initiative for Primary Schools in Sevenoaks—a Water Polo Tournament! Having our own pool and super swimmers, we were excited to have the opportunity to participate and were pleased to see our teams play well in their games. Congratulations to our Y5 team who were awarded medals for 3rd place.

School Council have been meeting in recent weeks to help make arrangements for the PTA Movie Night and looking at the way classes have been tackling our @40Acts Lent Challenge.

Huge thanks to Heidi and the PTA for organising tomorrow's Spring Ball—best wishes to all who are attending and supporting our school.

With best wishes, *Miss Minnis*

Friday 13th March 2020



Chevening's Wonderful Water Polo Teams! 6 wins - 2 losses - 1 draw - Great job by the squad!!

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 are recognising these children for upholding particular values:

Percy P LOVE	R	For always being a good friend and looking out for others
James P COURAGE	1 avol	For coming back into class and joining in with the lesson after being out with Mrs Ste- phens
Theo F LOVE	2	For always being kind and caring to all of his friends
Shivvi D RESPECT	God	For always being so consid- erate of others and every- thing within our class
Eloise J COURAGE	4 260	For being brave in lots of dif- ferent circumstances this week
Eliza M PERSEVERANCE	5 Court	For doing some extra work on fractions as she missed some of the earlier work
Caleb M PERSEVERANCE	6	For working hard to produce truly brilliant song lyrics for his own Easter hymn

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Class 1

Class 1 have been learning about Toys and soon we will be designing and making our own finger puppets using felt and sewing skills. As a practice for what some of our puppets might look like, we made some out of paper. Some of us enjoyed putting on a short finger puppet show too.



Class 3

Class 3 went on quite the adventure last week. They donned their best explorer outfits - hats and binoculars and we all travelled back in time to the Stone Age (well, Kent Life's version)! We had a wonderfully exciting and informative day, partaking in various Stone Age-themed workshops and some of the activities. We even got to use a *quern* to do some grinding of wheat and made our very own flour - what a lot of effort that was!



Class 5

Class 5 have been busy 'cascading learning' to each other. One group have been explaining how extremely cold temperatures affect objects in science; another group have been sharing some written work explored with Y6; and the final group sharing ideas for stories where well known characters bump into each other. For example, what would happen if the Railway Children met the Hogwarts Express or Winnie the Pooh went to the Mad Hatter's tea party?



Times Table Rock Star

House Championship

The children were very excited to learn of the most recent results of the 'Times Tables House Championship'. The 'battles' have been taking place over each weekend since the beginning of March.

Congratulations to **Sackville**, who are currently at the top of the table. There have been valiant attempts from all – including Stanhope, who have a good cumulative score but have just missed out winning by a handful of marks in each battle. **Your team need you!**

A special mention goes to Abigail A, Austin B, Eloise J, Elisa W, Elise S, George D, Isla B, Isla Rose S, Isobel W, Jack J, Jasmine S, Leo C, Molly B, Phoebe T, Poppy O, Robert S, Sophia M, and Tabitha O - who contributed particularly well to the totals.

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Cumulative score	Points
Wolfe	2	2	0	19039	6
Sackville	2	1	1	7995	4
Churchill	2	1	1	9283	4
Stanhope	2	0	2	11104	2

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.

	Weekly Attendance	Year to Date Attendance	
Class R	88.6%	96.5%	
Class 1	97.3%	97.2%	
Class 2	95.6%	96.5%	
Class 3	93.8%	97.2%	
Class 4	97%	97.5%	
Class 5	97%	96.7%	
Class 6	93.8%	96.2%	
Whole School	94.8%	96.2%	
Excellent	>97%: Celebration of excellent attendance		
Good	95-97%: Note of good attendance		
Poor	<95%: Alert to poor & worrying attendance		

Dates Ahead

Date	Event			
19th March	Pupil Reports sent out			
20th March	Class R Leeds Castle			
22nd March 10:30 - 11:30 am	Mothering Sunday School Service at St Botolph's Church			
23rd March 5 - 8 pm	Parent Consultations School Hall			
24th March 5 pm	Westerham Music Festival Y3 - Westerham Church			
26th March 3:30 - 6 pm	Parent Consultations			
30th March	Love2Dance at the Stag Theatre			
31st March 2pm	End of Term Service - St Botolph's Church			
1st April	Inset Day - No children in school			
2nd - 15th April	Easter Holidays			
16th April	Term 5 Begins			

All events may change or be cancelled at short notice; all changes will be sent via email.

40Acts for Lent

Online Safety

Playing online games can be a fun and rewarding way for children to relax, practise skills and challenge themselves to persevere, or improve their 'best' time or score.

These benefits need to be weighed against potential risk/harm. To do this, it's helpful to know what the risks are and how to manage them well. Please click on the image below to access some useful tips from the **NSPCC**.



This week we have chatted to people we may not usually speak with; saved electricity by turning off lights; learnt the names of new people; surprised family members with pictures/notes; said thank you to staff for teaching us...

