

Friday 28th February 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,
The stormy start to the half term break meant that some plans had to be changed, but we have been glad to welcome everyone back to school this week—even with a few flakes of wet snow! However, there's been many exciting and important things happening in school, so we are glad that there have not been serious disruptions.

Whilst there are concerns about Covid-19, we need to emphasise the need to follow good hand-hygiene! Please see page 2. The situation is dynamic and we will keep in contact about our school's needs when necessary. We are kept informed of updates to the situation by Kent County Council and the Department for Education, as well as Public Health England.

Next week's Book Week is an opportunity to celebrate, enjoy and challenge ourselves in reading, with "shelfie" competitions, dressing up day and other activities to look forward to!

Please can I remind families that we need to know about changes to regular collection arrangements for end of day—as soon as possible—so that messages can be shared in advance of 3.15pm. Ideally, messages can be given to staff on door duty at 8.45am, or by phone calls/emails to the School Office before 12.30pm. This way, we have time to pass messages on.

We have heard that the Interview Panel are still seeking a new Rector for St Botolph's Church, so please do remember them at this busy time of year and as they continue in the interregnum period.

With best wishes,
Miss Minnis



Molly meets the Mayor

Congratulations to Molly who met the Mayor and Town Clerk to discuss her idea for an outdoor swimming pool at Greatness Park. With Molly's persuasion, they are looking to see if an outdoor swimming facility could be incorporated in this development and were very grateful to her for sharing her ideas. We look forward to sharing more news as the project progresses.

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:

Sienna B PERSEVERANCE	R	For not giving up when she finds reading tricky. Great progress!
Jaike-Jos COURAGE	1	For resisting the temptation to eat a chocolate button this week. He stuck to his promise for Lent!
Alfie C-G COURAGE	2	For being brave during his first week at Chevening
Heather d-B RESPECT	3	For always being respectful of other people's thoughts and feelings and showing great empathy
Isla B LOVE	4	For looking after everyone around her with love
Kit H PERSEVERANCE	5	For tackling the Alan Turing Code methodically
Oliver G COURAGE	6	For overcoming his fears whilst at Eco-Council event

Class R have learnt about Palm Sunday. They created their own palm leaves and really enjoyed acting out the Bible story!



Class R

Class 4 welcomed into their classroom, their parents, followed by Class 5 and Class 3 children. The guests were chaperoned by some highly skilled guides who confidently shared their work and talked through the displays and artefacts in the classroom.



Class 4

Class 3 have begun our new and exciting unit of studying about forces, including magnets, in Science. This week, as we glimpsed a break in the clouds, we decided to take our investigation about how different textures of surfaces affect the distance a vehicle travels down it. Could you work out whether bubble wrap or rough carpet surface has more friction?



Class 3

To Miss Minnis

As you may be aware class 5 have been sharing with school some presentations about E-safety. It has come to our attention that we have now collected many different results.

I strongly believe that we need to change the results of this survey. Some people find it necessary to spend more than two hours a day on an electronic/electrical device. I understand why they feel the temptation. As they get older they are allowed more access online and on various websites. Still they should have enough Self control to restrain them selves self

applications do you use at home? Tick all of the



As a fact when you look at the graph below you will see that quite a few of the children in year six use apps that have age restrictions which means that they could be coming across inappropriate messages, videos and comments. Instagram, Tic toc and Snap chat all can be used in harmful and offensive ways. It is even worse if

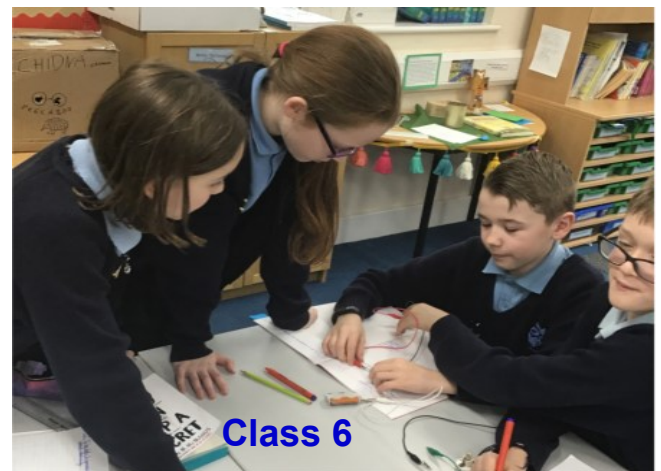
Class 5 have been analysing data and graphs. They have used their findings about internet-safety from pupil surveys in persuasive letters.

However, they have struggled to do this for the adults connected to the school. (Thank you to the 7 people who have responded so far.)

We all live busy lives but the question has been asked by the children as to whether adults take internet safety seriously. Please do have a go at the short survey using:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QTSB3SB>

Class 6 have started learning about electricity in their Science lessons this week. We were given the tools needed to make a circuit and time to explore and remind ourselves of what we already knew about electricity, ready to build on this in the coming weeks.



Class 6

Class 1 have been learning about maps in Geography. We have learnt the compass points and which direction they correspond to on the playground. We looked at all the different areas on the playground and drew our own maps.



Class 1

#WorldBookDay



We are gearing up for a fun week next week as we celebrate literature and our love of reading.

All classes will be looking at the theme of maps for this year's book week, thinking about maps and settings in the books that we enjoy as well as having opportunities to be creative and invent some imaginary lands of our own.

All children are invited to **dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday, 5th March.**

The **Book Fair** has also arrived and will be open each day before and after school. All books purchased at the fair earn commission for us to be able to spend on new books for the school.

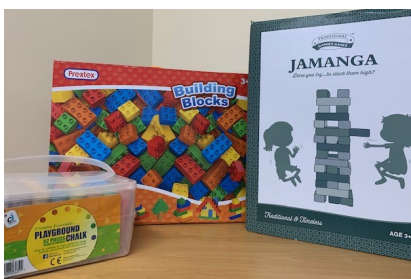


We also have a number of books that have been donated to the school that we already have lots of copies of. These will be available for children to take home to keep if they would like (after topping up the Lending Library first). This week a new display has appeared outside of the ICT suite displaying lots of "shelfies". Can you guess which member of staff this one belongs to?

PE NEWS

We have just received some new games equipment for the playground which will be available for the children to use at lunchtimes starting this Monday.

Year 4 are going to be responsible for the equipment - to ensure it is set up, put away and making sure it is respected and used properly. Lunchtime staff will be selecting one child each day who they feel has shown particular maturity in their behaviour, sportsmanship and a kindness to their peers. These children will receive a certificate in Friday's Act of Worship. At the end of each term, the class with the most number of certificates, will be rewarded with a prize (chosen by the class alongside their class teacher at the beginning of each term).



ECO NEWS

This week, the Class 6 Eco-Counsellors had the privilege of attending another Eco School's meeting hosted by pupils from Sevenoaks School.

The school's Eco Committee are currently contemplating the many ways we can help make our school more sustainable and the information we have learnt during these meetings has given us great food for thought! This time we had the exciting opportunity of learning about how to make a wormery and all the benefits of creating and using compost.

NEW! Team Chevening Sports Kit

We now have tracksuits for sports events marked with the Chevening logo.



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	99.6%	97%
Class 1	92.3%	97.3%
Class 2	96.4%	96.8%
Class 3	93.1%	97.4%
Class 4	98%	97.5%
Class 5	96.5%	96.8%
Class 6	96.2%	96.4%
Whole School	96%	97%
Excellent	>97%: Celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: Note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: Alert to poor & worrying attendance	

PTA News

Our wonderful PTA have funded the lovely new blue benches on the playground. Please continue to support them as they help us in practical ways!

Donations Wanted! The PTA are putting together a goody basket to raffle as a prize at the Spring Ball. Items such as chocolates, biscuits, wine, candles, sweets etc. are welcome. There will be a box in the school office for donations from Monday.

AUCTION AND RAFFLE PRIZE REQUEST



Do you have a skill, business or item that you could offer for the auction or raffle at The Spring Ball?

Perhaps you have links with a sporting club, event venue or restaurant that you could work your magic with and ask to provide an auction prize?

Perhaps you rub shoulders with a celebrity or sporting star and could get your hands on some signed memorabilia?

Maybe you're a fabulous chef and could offer your time to provide a dinner party?
Or perhaps you own a holiday home and could donate a weekend's break?

If you've got something that we could auction or raffle at The Spring Ball, then please email cheveningpta@gmail.com

Many thanks

Reading Workshop

Our workshop is booked for **9am on Weds 4th March**, This will tie in with our Book Week celebrations and learning, as well as our Scholastic Book Fair. **We only have 3 bookings for this event and, sadly, may need to cancel, if we can't get more interest.**



Dates Ahead

Date	Event
2-6th March	Book Fair - 3:15 pm - Library
4th March	Y3 Kent Life Museum
4th March	Reading Workshop - 9 am
5th March	National Book Day - Dress Up Day
11th March	Hearing and Vision Screening YR
20th March	Class R Leeds Castle
23rd March	Parent Consultations 5 -8 pm
24th March	Westerham Music Festival Y3 - Concert at 5 pm
26th March	Parent Consultations 3:30 - 6:00 pm
31st March	Love2Dance at the Stag Theatre
1st April	Inset Day - No children in school
2nd - 15th April	Easter Holidays
16th April	Term 5 Begins

40Acts for Lent

We started our **Generosity Challenge** this week:

- 1) Writing out a favourite Bible verse to inspire us for the next 40 days;
- 2) Making a list of 10 things we are grateful for.
- 3) Sitting next to someone different for lunch.

And the one for tomorrow, is an opportunity to extend our generosity beyond school:
Offer to carry someone else's bag today.

Please let us know how your family challenges are going, so we can encourage each other for Lent.