



Friday 31st January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continuing support this week—it's been busy in school and after-school, with sports activities and opportunities for adult learning, as well as ending the week with the Children's Disco! Without your regular help and support, we would not be able to offer such a range of opportunities for our children.

Thank you to Mrs Roll and parent volunteers for their energy and time on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The events at Aylesford gave our children the opportunity to join in larger-scale and more demanding activities and competitions, which will help them gain experience, skills and resilience.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week, with a special focus on helping children 'Find your brave'. Staff and children will be thinking about this next week—see if you can join in at home too!

Last year we joined in **40Acts**, as part of our Lent preparations, with a different generosity challenge for each of the 40 Days. Well, time has really ticked on and now it's just one month until 40acts 2020! If you want to join in at home as well, see @40acts.

Our Parent Prayer group meets each Friday morning, just after drop-off, spending a short time thinking about the needs of our school. Please remember that you can drop in, join in, send a request for prayer or thanksgiving. Prayers can be said aloud or silent—all welcome!

With best wishes,  
**Miss Minnis**



Over 60 KS2 children took part in the Kent School Games qualifier this week - Years 5/6 on Monday and Years 3/4 on Wednesday. The children competed against some much larger schools in the district in both track and field events. The children showed good sportsmanship and cheered for each other, as well as supporting their friends from other schools. They ran, jumped, crawled, pushed and threw as best they could. They should all be very proud of their achievements.

## Christian Values

Maddie B <b>LOVE</b>	<b>R</b>	For being a good friend
Klarissa <b>FAITH</b>	<b>1</b>	For her careful thinking and clear explanations in RE and AoW
Jerry M <b>LOVE</b>	<b>2</b>	For being helpful to his other classmates
Lola P <b>FORGIVENESS</b>	<b>3</b>	For always being so understanding and empathetic to others
Sophie B <b>PERSEVERANCE</b>	<b>4</b>	For working hard on her times tables this week
Robbie W <b>HONESTY</b>	<b>5</b>	For going out of his way to make sure a situation was dealt with honestly.
Adi M <b>COMPASSION</b>	<b>6</b>	For working well with his partner, sharing his expertise



## Class R

**Class R** have had an exciting week celebrating Chinese New Year (the year of the Rat). The children explored the traditions, had a go at writing some numbers in Chinese and really enjoyed dressing up in the authentic clothing. Throughout the week, the children have been busy making Chinese New Year crafts including red lanterns and dragon puppets. They also had the opportunity to sample some Chinese food such as noodles and spring rolls; and attempted to use chopsticks - which was quite tricky!



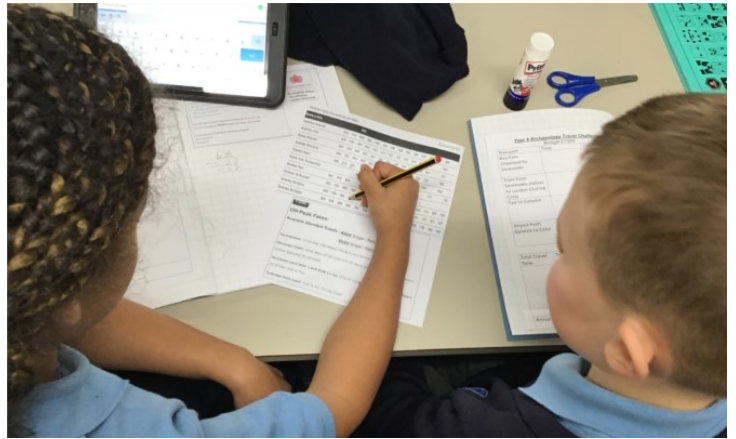
## Class 3

**Class 3** have been learning about the importance of our skeletons and bones. We not only learnt that they provide us with support and protection, but that they also allow us to move. So, we decided to make skeleton puppets to explore this concept further.



## Class 4

**Class 4** were given an exciting mission by the Queen this week. They had a race against time to get an important Ancient Egyptian artefact back to Cairo! The children had to travel by bus, train, taxi and aeroplane; negotiating with varying timetables, a budget of £1000 and a time limit! I wonder who made it there in time and stayed within budget?



## Class 5

**Class 5** have been really enjoying reading our class book - 'Cosmic'. They have been producing some amazing homework linked to the theme of space. They have made space food (especially designed to be nutritious, long lasting and easily edible in zero gravity); edible models of the solar system (yum!); rockets fuelled by space facts; posters about the 'space race' and much more!





## Outstanding Achievements



It is lovely to hear about all of the achievements of the members of Chevening, whether in school or outside.

This week we are pleased to learn that Annabel Smith of Class 5 recently sat Grade 2 Bass Guitar. She gained a Merit pass. Here she is with her certificate and bass guitar.

Issy and Theia Wilson love to dance every Saturday morning. They recently took their ballet, tap and modern dance exams. They both practiced really hard and did very well.

Issy passed with a commendation in tap and modern and a pass plus in ballet. Theia passed her modern and passed with merit in ballet and tap. Congratulations to them both.



Eloise recently attended a feis (competition) in Leicester and came first /14 in a couple of dances and she also took grades 2 and 3.

She received a distinction (83%) and first class honours (98%) in them respectively!

Above you can see Eloise with her trophies in her class Irish dancing costume!

What a great achievement!



## Act of Worship News

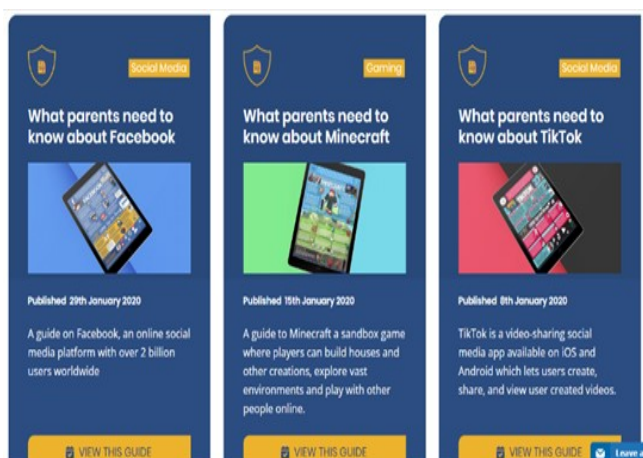
This week's focus has been on understanding more about **why Jesus came to Earth**—what was his mission and purpose.

Sophie Ann, from St Nicks' and CrossTeach made her first visit to Chevening on Monday. For the rest of the week, we looked at different stories from the Gospels—when the disciples were called, the amazing catch of fish and the crisis at the wedding at Cana. In all of these events, Jesus began to show his power and purpose.

Thank you to our school orchestra, who made amazing contributions to worship this week - a great example of teamwork in action.

## Online Safety

The 'National Online Safety' website has some helpful guides for parents to do with a variety of the websites and Apps which are popular with children. You can download the guides by clicking on this link: [National Online Safety](https://www.nationalonlinesafety.org/parents)



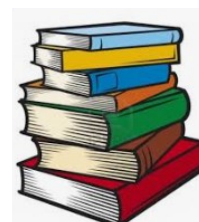
This week's picture news tackles how to handle **differences of opinion**. Is it ok to feel differently about events? How should we manage our feelings, words and actions when others think differently? Please see the sister attachment for the full article.

## Maths Workshop

Many thanks to everyone who was able to pop in to the maths workshop. We hope it helped to build a picture of how maths can be taught and applied, as well as the different elements within. We also hope it demonstrated the importance of using the 'concrete' (objects), 'pictorial' (diagrams), and abstract (numbers) – as ways to represent a mathematical question. Sometimes objects and pictures are the most useful way of understanding a maths challenge, whatever your age or level of ability.

Given the feedback from the meeting, we will try to schedule a further workshop to go a little deeper; as well as perhaps re-running the original workshop for those who wanted to attend but weren't able to. (In the meantime, there may even be a prize for working out how many handshakes would be needed in a group of 659 people, if everyone shakes everyone else's hand once. Can you find the answer before class 5? Email Mr. Q!)

*Our next workshop will be at 9am on Weds 4th March, with a focus on Reading. This will tie in with our Book Week celebrations and learning, as well as our Scholastic Book Fair. Please book in via the School Office to secure your place.*



## Calling All Artists!

[www.https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/](https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/)

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young people aged 5 - 19 years, taking place both online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts, that recognises talented young artists.

**Young Artists' Summer Show**

Made possible by Robin Hambro



Amazing Artwork by Johnnie Y3



## 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	97.2	98.9
Class 1	97.6	98.3
Class 2	96.9	96.8
Class 3	98.4	96.2
Class 4	97.5	99.3
Class 5	96.8	98.1
Class 6	96.4	96.9
Whole School	97.2	97.8
Excellent	>97%: Celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: Note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: Alert to poor & worrying attendance	

## Hygiene Bank



Don't forget—we have a bag in the **School Office Porch** for donations for the Hygiene Bank .

## Competitions

There are some other good competitions that you may like to encourage your child to take part in. For the Upper KS2 pupils there is the [Alan Turing Cryptography Challenge](#). Be warned - this starts simply but gets more difficult over the weeks as it is designed for Secondary Pupils!

There are also two 500 word story competitions at the moment. The [BBC Radio 2 competition](#) attracts some great entries and there is also the more local [Chiddingstone Castle Literary Festival](#) Short Story competition. Let's get writing!

## Dates Ahead

Date	Event
27th January	Sportshall Athletics Y5 & Y6 3:30 - 6:00 pm
29th January	Sportshall Athletics Y3* & Y4 3:30 - 6:00 pm <small>*selected Y3</small>
30th January	Maths Workshop for parents - 9—10am - Please let the office know if you would like to attend
31st January	PTA School Disco - KS1 4:15 - 5:45 pm; KS2 6-7:30 pm
3rd February	Love to Dance at Stag Theatre - Tickets go on sale - Details TBC
3rd February	Alternative Sports Festival - Details TBC
6th February	Young Voices at the O2
11th February	Internet Safety Talk at Stag Theatre Y5 - Details TBC
13th February	Class 4 trip to Tutankhamun Exhibit - Details to follow
17th - 21st Feb	Half-Term

## EMC & Activ8

There are still places available at Early Morning Club (EMC) and After School Club (Activ8). EMC runs from 8:00 - 8:45 am and is just £3.75 and Activ8 runs from 3:15 - 5:30 pm and provides a light tea at a cost of £11.50.

