

Friday 10th January 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the start of term, 2020 and the new decade at Chevening!

We have many things to look forward to this term (and beyond) and are keen to embrace opportunities and tackle challenges with courage, perseverance, honesty and respect.

It's been lovely to share holiday news with staff, families and children, commiserating and celebrating in different situations. Thank you to everyone for thoughtful words, deeds and gestures of kindness and compassion at the end of last term. They were very much appreciated by us all.

The children have made a smooth return to learning this week. Our Early Morning Club have completed a survey to find out opinions about the activities available to them. We will be sharing their findings with you soon and looking forward to the children devising an advertising campaign!

Once again, we are including a Picture News focus this week—something to consider and chat over as a family! Will you share the same views? Will grandparents, parents and children have different perspectives? See p5 for more details!

We were delighted to receive a Christmas card from Rev Chris Smith and to learn how he is settling in to his new role, new church, new school, new house and new schools for the boys!

And finally, we offer our congratulations to Mrs Grobbelaar, our School Office Receptionist. She secured a new job at the end of last term, which means she will be moving on, which is sad for us. Her last day at Chevening will be next Friday—please join us in thanking her for her work and wishing her well in her new role.

With best wishes,
Miss Minnis



Have you spotted our wonderful
new feature?
More details on page 3!

Christian Values

Jemima B RESPECT; FAITH & PERSEVERANCE	1	For always completing her work to the best of her ability. RESPECT for her work, FAITH in herself and PERSEVERANCE to keep going when work is tricky
Soraya O W RESPECT	2	For always treating her fellow classmates with respect.
Lana P PERSEVERANCE	3	For a positive start this year and overcoming challenges
Imogen S COURAGE	4	For presenting in front of the class
Tristan T & Adam G PERSEVERANCE	5	For proofreading and correcting the 130 page book they have written
Kiana C COURAGE	6	For speaking up more this week

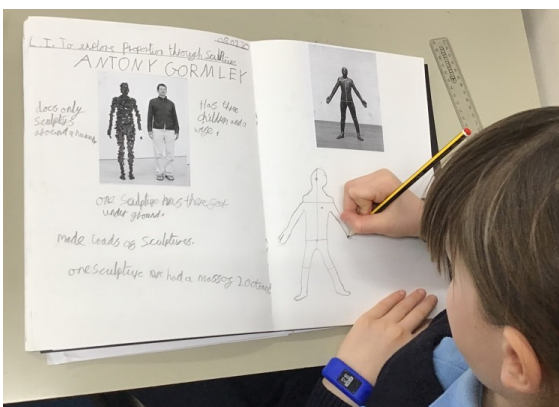
Class R

Class R have really enjoyed their 'funky fingers' morning activities this week. They found it particularly challenging to balance a marble on top of a golf tee!



Class 4

Class 4 have begun a very exciting case study on the works of Anthony Gormley. They explored the positioning of different parts of the body.



Class 3

Class 3 have finally got around to erupting their beautifully handcrafted volcanoes! It was a lot of fun to watch and we learnt, just like real volcanoes, that every eruption is different, according to the velocity of the eruption and gradient of slope.



Class 5

Class 5 have been busy 'fact-checking' our knowledge and ideas about space. We have also been considering the dilemmas associated with exploring space using rockets. How do you feel about the money and resources spent in this way? Countries like India have joined the 'space race' while others like America have been relying on others to launch their satellites in recent times. The class 5 debate has started!

Is India wasting money on space missions?

India ranks 103 among 119 countries on the global hunger index



Do you agree?

YES

Standard of living

India ranks 103 among 119 countries on the global hunger index — a tool that tracks hunger globally. Therefore, there should be more concern about the levels of poverty, education, health and sanitation, which are the basic needs of life that everyone has a right to. Instead of wasting money on overambitious space missions, we should concentrate on things more essential to improving the standard of living.

Shah Fahad Azmi,
Jyotiraj College, Calicut

Human resource

Development of science and technology is important but it should be the development of human resource and socio-economic condition of the nation that should get first priority. If human resources improve, science and technology will improve on its own.

Kirika Bhaskar,
Putha Bhawan, Calicut

Is India wasting money on space missions?

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Do you agree?

NO

Foreign exchange

India is not wasting money but making a massive investment. This investment has paid off as the Indian Space Research Organisation, or Isro, has had many countries hiring its facilities to launch their own satellites. The money earned from this is a massive contributor to the national income. Space exploration simply reveals India's supremacy in the field and thereby draws even more foreign customers. Hence, there is no way that expenditure on space missions can be regarded as "wasting" money.

Soban Pathak,
La Martiniere For Boys, Calicut

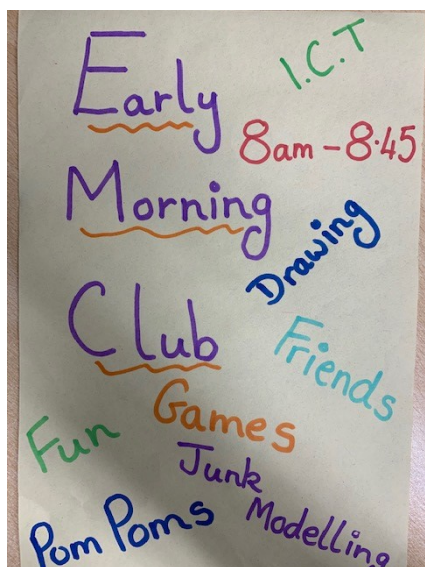
Keeping Healthy

This is the time of year when bugs and germs really seem to run amok, so here's a handy reminder about the importance of maintaining good cleanliness, which could keep some of the germs at bay! Time for a New Year's Resolution or reminder!



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.



Little Lending Library

Mrs Edwards writes:

"There has been much excitement on the playground this week as a bright, new structure has appeared. Mr Garrett has been working hard to build us our very own Little Lending Library. The intention is that the library will become full of book donations and then be able to be used by children with their adults before and after school to borrow books. Whilst encouraging reading and sharing, it will also encourage us to re-use rather than buy new, so it's good for our brains, enjoyment and the environment! Please feel free to have a read of the information guide kept within the Lending Library and if you are able to add a book it would be greatly appreciated."



"Their Voice" Charity

Thank you so much for the amazing contributions to 'Their Voice', the charity set up to help people who have been a victim of modern slavery. Mr Qureshi's car was packed to the roof!

Carolyn Thom was incredibly moved to see all the rucksacks and goodies donated by the whole school community. She was also touched by the focus given during the KS2 Christmas service, as well as Jemima's poignant poem.



We have arranged for Carolyn to come in and talk to the children about how it has helped on Friday the 24th January. We have also asked whether she could give a **brief talk to parents and carers** on the same afternoon before pick-up time.

If you are free, **please do come along at 2:45pm on Jan 24th to hear more about the charity**; the people helped; and some other ideas we are mulling over in order to support in practical ways. The meeting will be in the Activ8 room (2:45 – 3:15).

Class Attendance

At the end of last term, we were pleased to present 100% attendance certificates to 67 pupils. Well done to all those children who achieved this award.

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%	96.9%
Class 1	100%	97.5%
Class 2	99.5%	97.9%
Class 3	100%	98.4%
Class 4	96.6%	97.5%
Class 5	99.2%	96.6%
Class 6	98.1%	97.4%
Whole School	98%	98%
Excellent	>97%: Celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: Note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: Alert to poor & worrying attendance	

PTA News - Spring Ball - Tickets go on sale Monday! Ball date is Saturday, 14th March.

KEY INFORMATION

A GLASS OF FIZZ ON ARRIVAL

3 COURSE SEATED DINNER

RAFFLE AND LIVE AUCTION

DJ UNTIL 12.30AM

PLUS - ONE LUCKY GUEST WILL WIN A PRIZE!

HOW TO BOOK

WE HAVE LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE AND LAST YEAR THE EVENT SOLD OUT IN 15 MINUTES! TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE TO PARENTS, CARERS AND STAFF OF CHEVENING SCHOOL IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

BOOKINGS ARE MADE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS AND OPEN TO THE 'LEAD BOOKERS' FROM 8.45AM ON MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2020.

PLEASE NOMINATE A LEAD BOOKER AND COORDINATE A TABLE OF 10 GUESTS. THE LEAD BOOKER MUST COMPLETE THE LEAD BOOKING FORM AND EACH GUEST/COUPLE IS TO COMPLETE THEIR OWN BOOKING FORM TO INCLUDE THEIR MENU CHOICES.

LEAD BOOKERS COLLECT ALL DEPOSITS AND FORMS FOR THEIR TABLE AND, TOGETHER WITH THE LEAD BOOKING FORM, SUBMITS TO THE BALL TEAM IN PERSON FROM 8.45AM ON MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2020.

PLEASE NOTE: TABLES OF 8 MAY BE FILLED WITH OTHER GUESTS TO MEET THE MAXIMUM NUMBERS

A DEPOSIT OF £20 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF BOOKING
BALANCE PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2020

Internet Safety



Picture News

This week's Picture News photo and discussion provokes further debate about IT and childhood, posing the question, "Should children be allowed to make money from creating and sharing videos?"

Although we don't know much about the family in the news, it could be useful to consider the question of consent in this kind of situation and the need to share/ over-share family life in the public domain...

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
13th January	PTA Spring Ball (Sat, 14th March) Tickets go on sale
15th January	Deadline for Reception 2020 admission
15th January	YR - Y6 Flu Vaccinations
16th January	Special School Lunch celebrating Chinese New Year
17th January	Hot Chocolate Sale (Y6 parents)
24th January	"Their Voice" Charity Briefing - 2:45 pm
31st January	PTA School Disco - KS1 4-6 pm; KS2 6-7:30 pm
6th February	Young Voices at the O2
17th - 21st Feb	Half-Term

Act of Worship News

We thought about Epiphany at the start of the week, thinking back to the Bethlehem visitors who experienced a sudden realisation that the star in the East was something that could not be ignored! From their learning, the Wise Men knew that something amazing had happened and were determined to take action to find the new King, despite the challenges of travel, hostile reception, danger and threat.

With courage, perseverance, faith, honesty and respect they succeeded in their quest—and inspire us all to display our school values in our daily lives! Did you know...In Bulgaria, Epiphany celebrations include diving into freezing water to retrieve a wooden cross?



Picture News

at Home

5th January 2020
What's going on this week?



6th-12th January
Should children be
allowed to make
money from
creating and
sharing videos?

An eight-year-old boy who reviews toys and shares the videos online has topped a list of the highest-earning YouTube stars after making £19.8 million! Ryan Kaji, from Ryan ToysReview, made the money between June 2018 and June 2019. It is the second year in a row that he has topped the magazine Forbes' list. Ryan's family launched his main channel in 2015 when he was just three and has gone on to have his own line of toys, toothbrushes and other items. Ryan lives in Texas, USA with his parents and twin sisters.

Things to talk about at home...

- Have you ever watched any YouTube videos before? Have you seen any made by children?
- Do you think children should be allowed to make videos? Do you think there should be an age restriction for when videos can be created and shared publicly?
- Ryan was only three when he started sharing videos online! Do you find this surprising?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others on our discussion board: www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss