



Friday 6th December 2019

Christian Values

In our school, the positive ethos and atmosphere that pervades all we do are underpinned by our Christian Values. We have sought to refresh the values this week, as part of our Advent preparations.



Please see more details about this special event on page 3. Don't forget to pop into St Mary's Church, Riverhead—this weekend—to see our Chevening CE Primary Christmas tree.

Colouring Contest Winners



Congratulations to **Beatrice Guy** (KS1) and **Sasha Paris Moore** (KS2) on being chosen winners of the PTA Colouring contest. Honourable mentions go to Anna Simon, Percy Parker & Arthur Botton (KS1); Heather De Vere-Bashford, Isabel Harding and Isabella Lang (KS2). Prizes will be presented on Monday.

Christian Values

We have eight Christian Values to help children and adults develop good characteristics and personal qualities. This week, the whole school - including teachers and support staff - were awarded all of the Christian Values for rediscovering the real meaning of our values.

Dear Parents/Carers,

In this first week of **Advent**, anticipation, excitement and busy activity have been evident in all parts of the school. Our Christmas Tree arrived on Monday—thank you to Harvey from Chevening Estate for delivering our wonderful tree! With ongoing rehearsals of carols, play words and actions well underway, we paused mid-week to re-focus on our **Christian Values** and consider what they mean on a daily basis in school, with children supporting each other and leading different activities, under the guidance of our wonderful Support Staff.



Congratulations and thanks to Class 6 who ably supported Wednesday's **Christmas lunch**, fulfilling their responsibilities to prepare tables, serve their peers and tidy up! Comments made comparing the event to the feeding of the five thousand were most apt!

Tomorrow we return to school for our **PTA's Christmas Fair**. There will be much to enjoy together—I look forward to seeing you there!

With best wishes,
Miss Minnis

Class R

Class R had surprise visitors recently. The Christmas fairies snuck in to school in the middle of the night and decorated the classroom. The children spotted that they had left a special note and glittery trail and were very excited to discover more...!



Class 3

Class 3 are Class 3 have been busy this week as they continue to learn about volcanoes. We used play dough to create mini replicas of the Earth, to fully understand its formation and where the magma actually comes from. What great fun we had!

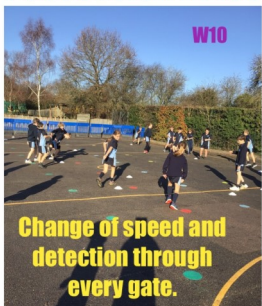


Class 5

Class 5 continue to make the most of their coaching sessions, whether they are in full kit and able to participate; or whether they are still joining in by recording the teaching points and the skills being developed. Here you can see examples from the football and netball sessions.



Possession in football ... as a team and individually



Have to balance speed and control.

Heads up and eyes up.



... then move to four players to continue



The randomised moments help to mix up teams and partners.



Use the transverse lines to control numbers in each third.

It becomes possible to run 4 teams on the same pitch safely.



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SHARING OUR TALENTS & INTERESTS



Molly wrote to Sevenoaks District Council, with her proposal for an outdoor swimming pool in Sevenoaks, which she composed as part of her homework. She met the Leader of the Council and his team to talk through her plan. Well done Molly!



Celia-Rose helped to plant five out of a total of 500 trees at the weekend. She was thoroughly chuffed! Congratulations Celia-Rose!



Congratulations to Marine, who completed her Stanley 5 Award! Great swimming Marine!

CHRISTIAN VALUES CAROUSEL



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.

Did you know that if a child is late to school just 5 minutes every day this adds up to over 3 days lost learning each year.

	Weekly Attendance	Year to Date Attendance
Class R	95.4%	97%
Class 1	97.7%	97.3%
Class 2	94.6%	98%
Class 3	99.3%	98.6%
Class 4	99.7%	97.6%
Class 5	95.8%	96.7%
Class 6	99.6%	98%
Whole School	97.4%	97.6%
Excellent	>97%: Celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: Note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: Alert to poor & worrying attendance	

PTA News

Chevening CE Primary School
Chevening Road, Chipstead, Sevenoaks TN13 2SA

Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December 12 - 3 pm

#ReduceRejoiceRecycle

Christmas Elves
Raffle Prizes
Games & Crafts
Sleigh of Booze
Hot Chocolate
Festive Shopping
Sweets & Prizes

Bottle Tombola
Teddy Room
Face Painting
Mulled Wine
Festive Food
Cakes & Treats
Secrets Room

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With huge thanks to:
The George & Dragon
&
The Bricklayers Arms, Chipstead

Sat 7th Dec: 12:00 - 3:00pm
#ReduceRejoiceRecycle!

Picture News

WHITE ENVELOPE PROJECT PART 1

The man who didn't like Christmas
By Nancy Gavin

It's just a small, white envelope stuck among the branches of our Christmas tree. No name, no identification, no inscription. It has peeked through the branches of our tree for the past ten years or so.

It all began because my husband Mike hated Christmas, not the true meaning of Christmas, but the commercial aspects of it—overspending... the frantic running around at the last minute to get a tie for Uncle Harry and the perfume for Grandma—the gifts given in desperation because you couldn't think of anything else. Knowing he felt this way, I decided one year to bypass the usual shirts, socks and ties. I reached for something special just for Mike. The inspiration came in an unusual way. Our son Kevin, who was 9 that year, was playing football at the school he attended, and shortly before Christmas, there was a match against a team that were from an area where the families had very little spare money.

The children were dressed in trainers so ragged that shoestrings seemed to be the only thing holding them together, presented a sharp contrast to our boys in their shiny blue and gold kit and sparkling new shoes. As the match began, I was alarmed to see that the other team was playing without shin pads. It was a luxury the team obviously could not afford. My son's team ended up winning, as each of their boys got up from the mat, they looked sad. They'd never won a game before. Mike, seated beside me, shook his head sadly. "I wish just once they could have won," he said. "They have a lot of potential but losing like this could take the heart right out of them." Mike loved children – all children – and he knew them, having coached football, rugby and tennis.

That's when the idea for his present came...

THINGS TO DISCUSS... WHY DO YOU THINK MIKE DIDN'T LIKE CHRISTMAS?
WHAT PRESENT DO YOU THINK NANCY WILL BUY MIKE?

Picture News

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
7th December	PTA Christmas Fair - 12:00-3:00 pm
10th December	KS1 Nativity - 10 am & 2 pm
11th December	24 hours of prayer at St Botolph's Church
12th December	KS2 Carol Service @ St Botolph's Church 1:30 pm
16th December	"Once Upon a Bus" with special festive guest sponsored by the PTA
17th December	Whole School visit to "Aladdin" at the Stag Theatre Sevenoaks - No Actv8
18th December	End of term service @ St Botolph's 2:00 pm
6th January	First day of Term 3 - Inset Day - No children in school
7th January	First day back for children Term 3

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