



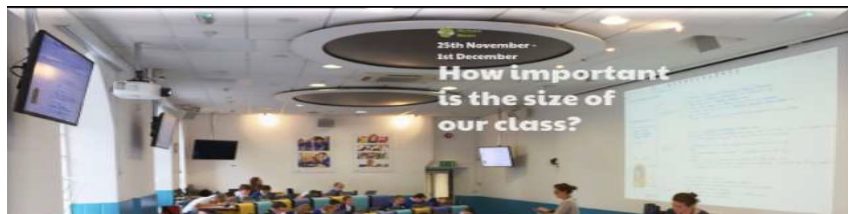
Friday 29th November 2019

## Something to discuss?



Recently, we have taken out a subscription to **Picture News** and now receive a weekly pack containing a topical photo/image and suggestions to support the children thinking about current issues, identifying fact from fake, understanding different perspectives and appreciating concerns beyond our small school.

Within each weekly pack is '**Picture News at Home**' and we will try to share this with you regularly via our weekly Newsletter/email. Please use it the resource as you find it most useful—a topic for dinner discussions, car journey chats, or over the weekend. It is not formal homework!



## Christian Values

We have eight Christian Values to help children and adults develop good characteristics and personal qualities. Each week, staff recognise children who they find have displayed a particular value in different ways.

Charlie T & Jaike- Jos B <b>COURAGE</b>	<b>1</b>	For getting straight back up after having a fall during PE
All of Class 2 <b>RESILIENCE</b>	<b>2</b>	For taking part in football even when cold
Isabel H <b>RESPECT</b>	<b>3</b>	For always being so kind and caring towards others and showing respect to all within our classroom
Wilf G <b>RESPECT</b>	<b>4</b>	For always being polite & considerate
Oliver L <b>COMPASSION</b>	<b>5</b>	For helping both pupils and teachers
James H <b>FAITH, RESPECT, COURAGE, COMPASSION</b>	<b>6</b>	For stepping up to speak to our visitors about reading

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone for supporting the school during this week's OFSTED inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday. The inspectors were able to meet, listen to and involve many children, staff, governors and parents. The inspectors have asked me to pass on their particular thanks to you all for your professionalism, accommodation and care, which enabled them to carry out their tasks and duties. We are particularly proud of the way that the children conducted themselves in school this week, when at times, their normal routines were quite disrupted.

The inspection was thorough and rigorous; the school family's willingness to give our best and share all that is at the heart of Chevening enabled the inspectors to see our school as it is. We now await the final report, which will take approximately 25 working days, allowing for full quality assurance processes to be completed. Once the report arrives, we will share it with all our families and it will also be posted on the school website.

Looking ahead, we will aim to re-schedule the postponed Thursday's Reading Workshop to **Monday, 16th December**. We do hope this won't be too difficult for parents/carers who wanted to attend.

Next week is the start of Advent. We will be spending time with KS1 and KS2 children re-looking at our Christian Values in different activities. Being familiar and confident in identifying the values that underpin our Chevening School family are important as we prepare for Christmas. More details next week!

The temperatures look set to drop from today, which makes a perfect run-up to our **PTA Christmas Fair NEXT Saturday 7th December, 12-3pm**.

Keep warm over the weekend and don't forget to wear your Christmas Jumper on Monday!

With best wishes,  
**Miss Minnis**

## Class R

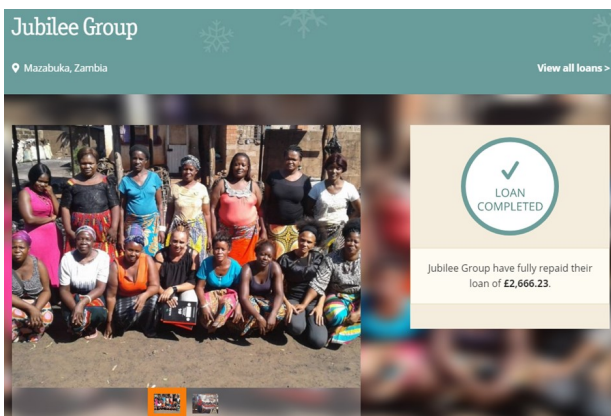
**Class R** have been helping to feed hungry Obb and Bob by reading words and deciding if they were real or alien.



## Class 5

**Class 5** have some news to share about the 'Lend with Care' projects that they helped finance last year using profits from their Alpana cards. Sadly two groups in Zimbabwe were not able to repay their loans due to rapid devaluation and sharp inflation. The Zimbabwe Dollar's value has dropped by 95% since introduction. However, the class were very pleased to hear that The 'Jubilee Group' in Zambia have fully repaid their loan and 2 other groups are continuing with repayments.

The class have been working hard on investigating who best to invest the repayments with next. Class 5 would like your input too and are busy making information sheets about who they recommend. We hope to put these up for interested parents to vote on soon. (Website <https://lendwithcare.org/> )



## Class 6

**Class 6** welcomed Lynsey Gawn (auntie to Molly) in to the class on Monday to speak about her experience trekking to the South Pole. At the time of her expedition, she was the youngest British woman to reach the South Pole! We loved hearing about her experiences and it really inspired some of us to want to go on an adventure of our own when we are older. Thank you again to Lynsey for giving her time to speak to us and to Mrs Gawn for liaising with her to make it happen.



## Class 3

**Class 3** are approaching the end of their DT project of making volcanoes. They have demonstrated great team work and creativity all under the guidance of Mrs Bates, and have consequently produced some absolutely amazing creations, which they are very proud of and rightly so! Do, however, watch this space.... as we will shortly be investigating and looking into how to carry out are very own eruptions.



## Sharing our Talents & Interests

If you have photos of your child in outside events or activities, please email them to the school office.



Tristan in Y5 enjoyed success at the London area qualifications for Black-pool national ballroom & latin finals. He achieved 1st in paso, 1st in quick-step for singles and 3rd in couples jive. Well done Tristan - "Strictly Kids" next!



Flossie in Y6 recently undertook a dressage test on Boo. She was pleased with her 3rd place result. Well done Flossie & Boo!



Phoebe, our resident trumpeter, recently took her Grade 5 exam. Congratulations Phoebe!



Charlie B visited Chelsea Football Training ground recently to learn some skills and play a couple of matches. This was part of an initiative with Steps Charity and Chelsea and Westminster Hospital.



Elyse in Y5 visited China to attend cultural camp with classroom sessions, painting and other activities.



Heather, Abi and Emmy in Y3 are preparing for their upcoming ballet and tap exams next week. Good luck ladies!

## 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	98.9%	97.2%
Class 1	94.7%	97.3%
Class 2	97.3%	98.2%
Class 3	95.7%	98.5%
Class 4	95.5%	97.4%
Class 5	97.1%	96.7%
Class 6	95.8%	97.9%
Whole School	96.4%	97.6%
Excellent	>97%: Celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: Note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: Alert to poor & worrying attendance	

## On-line Safety

### Talk about their online world

We talk to children about crossing the road, bullying and speaking to strangers. But what about staying safe in the digital world?



Having regular conversations about what your child is doing online - just like you would their day at school - is the best way to keep them safe.

You'll be able to spot any problems, encourage them to come to you if they're worried and make sure they know what's ok to share online - and what's not.

You can find out more about the social networks, apps and games your child uses with our [NetAware](#) tool.

### 3 tips to help start the conversation

1. Explore sites and apps together and talk about any concerns.
2. Ask your child if they know how to stay safe online.
3. Talk about personal information and what to share online.

Get more advice about how to [talk to your child](#) to help them stay safe.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

## PTA News

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

## Dates Ahead

Date	Event
2nd December	Christmas Jumper Day
4th December	Whole school Christmas Lunch
6th December	Cake Donations Day
7th December	PTA Christmas Fair - 12:00- 3:00 pm
10th December	KS1 Nativity - 10 am & 2 pm
12th December	KS2 Carol Service @ St Botolph's Church 1:30 pm
16th December	"Once Upon a Bus" with festive special guest sponsored by the PTA
17th December	Whole school visit to "Aladdin" at the Stag Theatre Sevenoaks - No Activ8
18th December	End of term service @ St Botolph's 2:00 pm - No Activ8

Thank you to everyone who came to last Sunday morning's service at St Botolph's Church. We enjoyed Anna's talk and Annie's leading of the Service. The children's contributions of offering collection, song, prayers and Bible reading were well-received and it was great to see our St Botolph's Banner being paraded along with the Brownie and Guide Colours. We look forward to our next Sunday Service on 22/03/20.