

Autumn Term

Friday 8th November 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

We've been exploring *wisdom* since we came back from the half-term break, looking at different Proverbs in the Bible, thinking about how King Solomon's words can help us live our lives well, whether in the classroom, playground, office, shop, or different workplace. Everyone can do with a little encouragement or guidance to help them in whatever they face. Next week's Parent Consultations are an opportunity to reflect on experience to date, be encouraged and seek wisdom—please make good use of the reports issued today and next week's appointments with staff.

Remembrance Services will be taking place on Sunday—an opportunity to reflect on previous situations at world, national, local and individual level. The children will be having a special Remembrance Act of Worship on Monday morning, with Rev Matt Taylor helping them think about love and sacrifice. Mrs McLean will be taking a small group of children to the village War Memorial to lay a wreath on behalf of the school community.

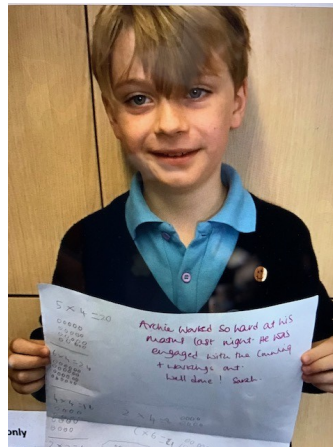
Our Head Boy, Head Girl and Deputies have been busy welcoming potential new families to our school this week and writing an article for the Chevening News. We are proud of them for taking their responsibilities so seriously and looking for ways to represent the school well. Please take a look at our news in the next parish magazine for their perspective!

Health and Safety reminder: If your child arrives at school after 8.55am, they MUST enter via the School Office, so we can record their attendance. Thank you for your help!

If you've started looking for Christmas presents—why not consider sponsoring a fish to join our school of fish!

With best wishes,
Miss Minnis

Maths Mastery



We were very impressed with Archie's perseverance in Maths this week. He took the time to practise his multiplication skills at home, so he would be able to tackle more sums the next day. He'll soon be helping sort out the school budget with Mrs Thewlis!

Girl's Football Success

Our girl's football team enjoyed great success this week placing 2nd out of 10 in their **first ever** tournament at Knole Academy on Thursday. The picture certainly captures the team spirit! As part of school-wide PE lessons, children have been receiving specialist football teaching which is helping to develop and hone specific skills. Thank you to Mrs Roll for managing the squad.



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.

Blake S COMPASSION	1	For always being kind, thoughtful and considerate to others
Phoebe D LOVE	2	For sharing the gift of love with all her classmates
Emilia A LOVE	3	For always being loving and kind to those around her
Aoife FAITH	4	For having faith in her own ability
Sofia D & Ellie M COMPASSION	5	For playing with some children who felt lonely or upset at playtime
Charlotte D RESPECT	6	For always showing respect towards all aspects of school life

Class R

Class R continued to explore 2D shapes in Forest School. They enjoyed making shapes using sticks!



Read All About It - School Library News by James D

Every lunchtime the library is open to the school. Each day is assigned to a class so that they can come into the library and search for the right book for them to enjoy. In the library we have all sorts of books from fiction to non-fiction and fantasy to thriller. As well as our Year 5 and 6 librarians, we are mentoring Year 4s to take over when we leave Chevening. We also have recommended reading lists for each year group which can be found on class pages on the school website.



Class 5

Class 5 have been finding out that it wasn't only maths, science and DT that the Ancient Greeks influenced. They were also interested in discussion, democracy, law and teaching. Here you can see two teams debating whether Odysseus was a good leader of men, while the others were preparing to vote on the subject. The other picture shows the class finding out what it may have been like to write or draw on a tablet with a stylus. (That sounds familiar!) Rich boys used them at private schools while the girls were taught other skills at home. Sounds like a topic for another de-



More Health and Safety

On Thursday Miss Sweeney took a group of children to Sevenoaks School to learn more about **eco-issues** and how children can get involved in bringing about positive eco-changes. Whilst we make plans to secure long-term ecological changes, we can also make some quick improvements, to benefit us here and now:

- Wear something **fluorescent** on your coat on dark mornings/evenings, so you can easily be seen.
- Turn-off your car engine while waiting—the emissions produced in a stationary car can be twice the amount of a moving one and can amount to the equivalent of 150-balloons worth of harmful gases per minute!

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.

As a school, our minimum YTD attendance target is 96%. Attendance monitoring takes place every week and you will be informed of your child's attendance routinely.

	Weekly attendance
Class R	97.6%
Class 1	97.8%
Class 2	98.4%
Class 3	98.8%
Class 4	97.7%
Class 5	96.7%
Class 6	97.2%
School YTD	97.7%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

PTA News



Don't forget to drop off any Christmas jumper donations for the PTA jumper sale (22.11.19).
#ReduceRejoiceRecycle

Christmas Pudding Making Night (21.11.19) tickets are on sale now! Please see Heidi on the playground to purchase your ticket.

Anti-Bullying Week



Next week we take part in the national 'Anti-Bullying' Week, incorporating different elements into learning and Worship time. **Odd Socks Day** (Tues 12th November) is a simple way of celebrating our individuality and uniqueness simply by wearing two odd socks along with our normal school uniform. Please talk to your children about embracing differences, big or small!

More details are available at <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
12th November	Odd Socks Day (Anti-bullying Wk)
12th November	Parent consultations 5-8 pm
14th November	Parent consultations 3:30 - 6:00 pm
15th November	Parent prayer group 9 am
19th November	Y6 Parents: Residential Meeting—2.45pm
21st November	PTA Christmas Pudding Making event - 7-9 pm
22nd November	Parent prayer group 9 am
22nd November	Christmas Jumper Shop - 2-4 pm
24th November	St Botolph's Church School service: 10.30am
28th November	Reading Workshop for Parents: 9am
2nd December	Christmas Jumper Day
4th December	Whole school Christmas Lunch
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
18th December	End of term service @ St Botolph's 2:00 pm