

Autumn Term

Friday 1st November 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It's been lovely to hear half-term news from children and families this week; it's hard to believe that November is already here! Term has started well, with children focusing on their learning, cross country news to report and preparations for the PTA Christmas Fair already underway!

November is a good time to focus on **remembering**, with Armistice Day (11.11.19) giving us an opportunity to respectfully pause and consider those who have given and continue to give so much for our freedom and liberty. Poppies are available in school—the children are welcome to bring in a donation for the Royal British Legion and to receive a poppy to show their respect. Class 6 will take charge of the Poppies for us (starting on Monday) until Monday 11th November.

With dark afternoons, evenings and mornings looming, please remember to stay safe when arriving and leaving the school site. We are continuing to work on enhancing our safety and security, whilst balancing economic and ecological concerns. Whilst thinking about staying safe, here is a reminder of our school Safeguarding Team— **Miss Minnis** (Headteacher), **Mrs McLean** (Deputy Headteacher) and **Mrs Caisley** (SENCo). Please contact them via the School Office if you have a safeguarding concern to share.

We have tried to look ahead with some dates, in order to give as much notice as possible. We hope to offer some workshops for parents, each with a different focus. In the first session, Mrs Edwards will look at **Reading**—please try and attend **9am 28.11.19**. Future themes include Maths, Computing/Online Safety.

With best wishes,
Miss Minnis

Cross Country



Our cross country team were fantastic at the recent meet held at Radnor House this week. There were over 400 children at the event and our children were very sensible and well behaved. They were all incredibly supportive of each other and everyone ended their races with a sprint finish! An extra special mention to Charlotte D who came 2nd in the Year 5/6 Girls' race.

Thank you to all parents and carers who transported children to and from the event and cheered them along the course.

Congratulations!!

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.

Zara M LOVE	1	For helping her classmates in Maths this week
Huxley B PERSEVERANCE	2	For working hard on his handwriting
Sadie B COMPASSION	3	For being such an exceptionally kind and caring friend and learning partner, respecting not only others but everything in our class
Missy R PERSEVERANCE	4	For her tenacity in football this week
Digby S & Sophie R PERSEVERANCE	5	For their continued effort this year on presentation of work
Lucas D COMPASSION/ LOVE/RESPECT	6	For stopping to help another child, from another school, during the cross country race and encouraging the boy to keep running

Class R

Class R have enjoyed exploring 2D shapes this week through a range of fun practical activities.



Class 1



Class 1 have designed Pixie houses at Forest school this week. They needed to think of the basic things a house needs and what extra comforts might be nice to add into their houses.

Class 2

Class 2 enjoying their first netball session during PE this week. Children across all year groups have been receiving expert coaching from a local netball club.



Class 3

Class 3 have once again been able to take their learning outside and enjoy the last of the autumn sun! We became soil detectives, as we have recently discovered that there are several different types. So we embarked on the challenge of investigating which was the best 'soaker' (absorbed the most water) and which was the best 'drainer' (let it filter through).



Class 5

Class 5 have been busy learning about some Ancient Greek discoveries in science, maths and DT.

Archimedes must have been very busy - finding out about displacement; designing a solar ray and steam cannon; and inventing the Archimedes Screw - to name just a few! In science, we have been investigating the effect of levers and fulcrum positions for pivots. Archimedes is quoted as saying "Give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, and I shall move the world."



Act of Worship

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven

Ecclesiastes 3:1

This week the children have started reviewing what they have learned in Act of Worship. They have been thinking about topics that they would like to explore during AoW, giving them ownership of the things they will learn about.

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	97.3%
Class 1	98.1%
Class 2	98.5%
Class 3	99%
Class 4	97.6%
Class 5	96.8%
Class 6	97.2%
School YTD	97.8%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

PTA News



Chevening C of E Primary School
Christmas Fair

Save the date
Saturday 7th December
#ReduceRejoiceRecycle
12:00 - 3:00 pm

Don't forget to drop off any Christmas jumper donations for the PTA jumper sale (22nd November). #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



We're holding
ODD SOCKS DAY
for Anti-Bullying Week
again this year

Tuesday 12th November

SafeToNet

Next week we take part in the national 'Anti-Bullying' Week, incorporating different elements into learning and Worship time. This year's theme is 'Change starts with us', recognising that a small change can make a big difference. **Odd Socks Day** (Tues 12th November) is a simple way of celebrating our individuality and uniqueness, as well as demonstrating commitment to a united stand against bullying, wherever it happens.

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

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
w/c 4th November	Term 2 Clubs begin
6th November	Open Morning for YR 2020
12th November	Odd Socks Day (Anti-bullying Wk)
12th November	Parent consultations 5-8 pm
14th November	Parent consultations 3:30 - 6:00 pm
19th November	Y6 Parents: Residential Meeting— 2.45pm
21st November	PTA Christmas Pudding Making event 7-9 pm
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