



# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 07

Autumn Term

Friday 17th October 2019

## Class R 2019-2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

We were very proud to see our smiley Class R featuring in the new school starters focus in the Sevenoaks Chronicle. Please take a look—maybe it will remind you of your first days at school, with many adventures yet to come! Class R have certainly embraced many new opportunities in their first weeks in school, which makes a neat link to Class 6. By the time this newsletter is published, some Class 6 families will be receiving news from the 11+ tests. Please remember all our Class 6 children and families, as they carefully consider their next steps as they make choices about Secondary Schools. (Class 6 families, please remember the deadline for applications is 31.10.19).

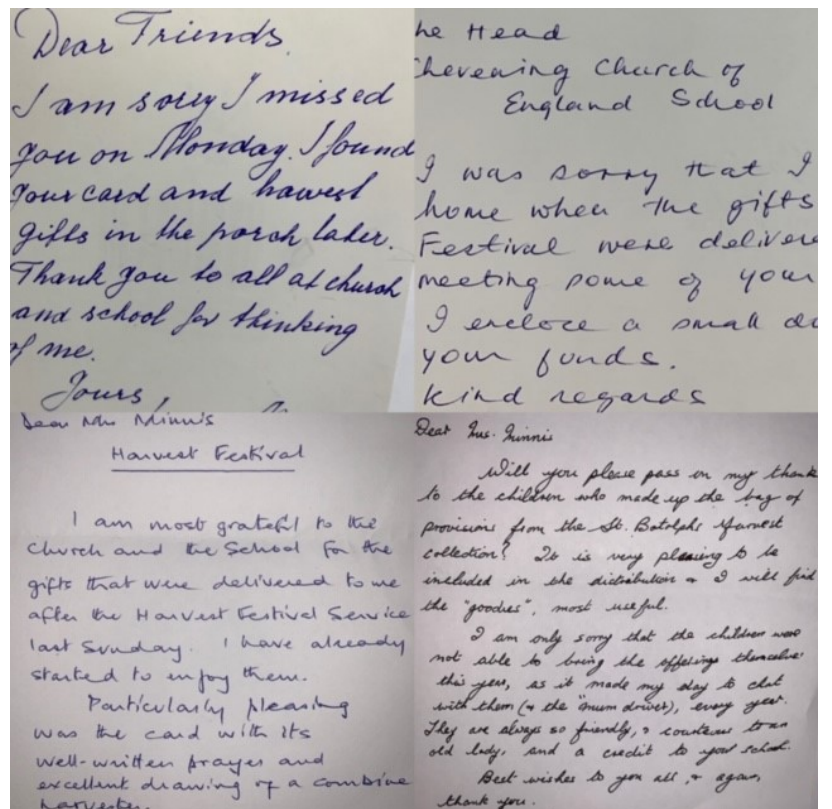
We were delighted to hear Mrs Robinson had escaped hospital on Sunday, following a successful hip procedure. Please pray for her as she recuperates, so that she makes a good recovery.

This week's post included some lovely letters and cards of thanks from our neighbours and the local community. Note the beautiful handwriting scripts—a lovely change from typed text fonts!

At our recent PTA AGM, we celebrated last year's great successes and hard work saying thanks and farewell to Heidi and Fran for their service as Chair and Treasurer. We are delighted that Graham was elected as the new Treasurer. We are seeking willing volunteer/s for the vital role of Chair. Heidi and Emma (Secretary) are able to offer more information about how the role can be managed and the responsibilities and commitment needed. PLEASE give this careful consideration, as the role is VITAL for our school.

**Happy Half Term Break everyone!**  
**Miss Minnis**

## Cards of Thanks



## Christian Values



Christian Value certificates were not handed out this week due to the short week; these will resume after half-term.

## Class 4

**Class 4** are in the midst of their project to lavish time and care on an overlooked area of the school site.

Please could parents/carers be mindful of their work and supervise younger children/siblings, so that Class 4's efforts are not in vain. Thank you!



## Class R

**Class R** have been learning about their five senses. They enjoyed taking part in different sensory activities including a smell and taste test!



## Online Safety

The release of **Fortnite: Chapter 2** will be on the minds of some of our families. Please remember this game is age-rated for 13+ children, so is not suited to our children, but may be being played by older friends, siblings and parents.

Be alert to potential risks including:

- in-game purchases; contact with strangers; excessive play (games last around 20 mins); your own unfamiliarity with game content & context

Focus on age-appropriate games, that enable children to have positive and balanced on-line experiences.

## Health Alert!

Please remember that **nuts and nut products** are **NOT** allowed in school as we have a number of children and adults on site with allergies to nuts. We need to keep them safe from inadvertent exposure.

Also, please help us to support Healthy Eating by keeping the contents of the lunchboxes free from crisps and chocolate.

Thank you!



Thank you to everyone for supporting the PTA Travelling Book Fair.

Hopefully everyone is now armed with lovely books to enjoy over the half-term break.

The benefit for school is that we now have some £390 to spend on books as well!

Thank you to Angela Kerr and our lovely PTA for running the Fair.

## Class 5

**Class 5** have been working hard during the sports coaching sessions over the term. As a class we are learning lots of skills – both children and adults! Here are a few tips from a session. You can see the other tips for rugby and football on the website class page.

### Using different parts of the foot to control the ball



## Act of Worship

It's been 'Freedom Week' this week, with our worship time focusing on celebrating freedom to make choices and decisions and recognition that, even today, not everyone enjoys the ability to make choices. We have explored stories and themes of hope, greed, honesty, protection and activism, as we look to encourage our children to stay safe from unwanted control, pressures and vices.

Encourage your child to retell the fable of the frog and the scorpion and to remember to be cautious when in new and difficult situations. 1 Thessalonians 5: 11 reminds us of the importance to encourage each other.



## 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	97.1
Class 1	97.9
Class 2	98.6
Class 3	98.8
Class 4	97.7
Class 5	97
Class 6	97.1
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



Clearing out drawers/wardrobes over half-term? Don't forget to drop off any Christmas jumper donations for the PTA jumper sale on **22nd November**.

## Parent Governor Election

Following the completion of Prue Burrlock's term of office as Parent Governor, we held an election to find a new parent to join our Governing Board.

We are grateful to both Sarah Morris and Zoe Pemberton for their willingness to support the school by standing as candidates.

The count of votes was held on Wednesday 16th October, observed by David Lewis. The results are as follows:

68 votes for Zoe Pemberton and 51 votes for Sarah Morris.

Please remember Zoe as she joins the Governing Board and begins her induction. Governors play a particular strategic role in supporting and challenging the school.

If parents/carers are interested in supporting the school in other ways, please ask at the School Office or speak with the PTA team.

## Dates Ahead

Date	Event
30th October	Individual & Sibling photographs
31st October	Deadline for Secondary School applications (Class 6)
1st November	Parents' prayer group: 9:00 am
1st November	Flu vaccinations
w/c 4th November	Term 2 Clubs begin
12th November	Parent consultations 5-8 pm
14th November	Parent consultations 3:30 - 6:00 pm
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
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