



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 04

Autumn Term

Friday 4th October 2019

Harvest Celebrations



Dear Parents/Carers,

My first task this week is to record thanks and congratulations to a number of individuals and groups, who have taken on recent responsibilities, activities and shown the heart of Chevening Primary in an exemplary way:

- Class 6's MacMillan Coffee Morning provided much entertainment to their guests, who were impressed with their compassion and understanding; on top of that, the children's efforts raised an amazing £368.85!

- Our Harvest Service at St Botolph's was really well attended! Thank you to all our families for supporting the children and staff by helping prepare gifts, bringing/collecting the children, arranging the displays of gifts and walking Class 6 back to school. The children's superb contributions (songs, poem, narrative, pictures, hats, Bible reading, prayers and speeches) really stirred our emotions. We were very thankful that Rev. Matt Taylor could attend as well and that he reminded us that God provides for all our needs.

- We were delighted to pass on extra special thanks in the form of flowers and gifts to Heidi, Fran and Prue, for all they have done for the school family in their PTA and Governor roles.

We were very pleased to welcome Jenny Carter from Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope Library to our celebration worship. She had some great news to deliver along with a shiny trophy. We were very excited to hear that Chevening reached 2nd place in the Summer Reading Challenge out of 55 competing schools - thanks in particular to nearly 90 children receiving their gold medal! What impressed Jenny even more, was that our children had taken part through choice (rather than having to complete it as holiday homework set by the other top schools). Well done all!

*With best wishes,
Miss Minnis*

Following our School Harvest Service, Class 6 helped to decorate St Botolph's Church ready for the Harvest Services on Sunday. Following this, the children will assist in sharing the gifts of provisions, smiles, chats and community love with some neighbours and local friends on Monday.

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.

Martine, Poppy & Lily RESPECT	1	For working so well together as a TEAM
All of Class 2 PERSEVERANCE	2	For playing Rugby in the cold & rain
Matylda W PERSEVERANCE	3	For putting 100% into all she undertakes and overcoming any challenges with a positive approach and attitude.
Missy R PERSEVERANCE	4	For sticking with it during Strategy Club even against older opponents
Eliza M COURAGE	5	For reading prayers in front of all the parents and leading 'Pupilled AoW' this week
Lilla R RESPECT	6	For receiving constructive criticism and making a positive change

Class News

Class R

Class R had their own special Harvest celebration in the classroom. They created Harvest baskets by printing fruits and vegetables in paint!



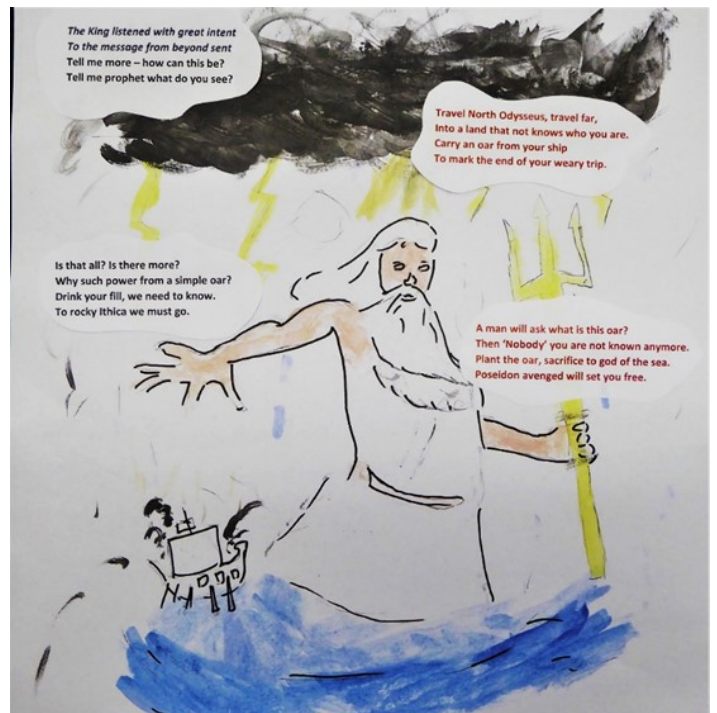
Class 5

Class 5 have been responding to National Poetry Day by writing their own chilling, choral poems about Odysseus' adventures.

We hope you enjoyed our harvest performance poetry at church. There is a chance for you to exercise your own poetry skills too! 'National Book Tokens' are running a 30 word poetry competition on the theme of 'truth'. (Children may also take part if an adult uploads their entry.) Why not have a go and share your ideas with us, as well as uploading an entry into the competition?

Class 3

Class 3 have finally got around to writing our very own animal poems, which are full of rich description, including, similes and onomatopoeia. We took our learning outside as we rehearsed and practised for our recitals and performances.



Hever Triathlon



Last Saturday 28th September, 14 children from Class 4 took part in the Hever Castle Triathlon. The event consisted of 3 continuous, sequential races: a 100m swim across the freezing cold lake, a 4km bike course, followed by a 1.3km run to finish.

Most of the children competed as relay teams, each completing the swim, cycle or run: 'Chevening Champs', 'Happy Hot Dogs', 'Chevening Champions', 'Team 4b' and even a mixed school group, gave their all.

Everyone did brilliantly, showing fantastic teamwork, and Team 4b were declared the winners out of all the relay teams in their category! A special mention goes to Molly who competed as an individual - completing all 3 elements by herself. Being one of the youngest in her category, she did incredibly well. All the children truly deserved the refreshments devoured at the finish line and are already talking about training for next year!



#HelloYellow

HAVE A GIRAFFE IN CLASS

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH

This World Mental Health Day we're saying **#HelloYellow** in our school to show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

Wear yellow on 10 October and donate £1 to YoungMinds

**World Mental Health Day:
Thurs. 10th October**

YOUNGMINDS.ORG.UK/HELLOYELLOW **YOUNGMiNDS**

We will be supporting #HelloYellow on WHDay. Everyone (staff, pupils, parents) can help to raise awareness of good mental health by wearing a yellow accessory (socks, hairband, tie) with their school uniform/clothes. Please bring a suggested donation of £1 to support The Young Minds charity.

Online Safety

How do you know when to be worried? The Digital Parenting Guide advises that any 4 of the following suggest excessive gaming :

- If your child plays online to forget other parts of their life;
- If your child plays online for extended periods (more than 3 hours)
- If your child is restless, irritable & moody if they are **not** allowed to play online
- If your child doesn't want to enjoy friends & other (off-line) activities
- If your child plays online rather than doing homework
- If your child struggles to reduce their time gaming online

If you are worried about your child playing online too much:

- agree a specified time for online games;
- give reasonable countdowns for turning off;
- remove devices from bedrooms overnight

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
3rd - 8th October	Travelling Book Show
6th October 10:30 - 11:30 am	Chevening St Botolph's Church Harvest Service
8th October	PTA AGM 7:30 pm
10th October	World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow
11th October	New entrants Reception 2020 Open Morning
17th October	National Child Measurement Program
18th October	Staff Inset Day - No children in school
30 October	Individual & Sibling photographs
1st November	Flu vaccinations
12th November	Parent consultations 5-- 8 pm
14th November	Parent consultations 3:30 - 6:00 pm

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	96.2%
Class 1	95%
Class 2	100%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	96.3%
Class 5	98.7%
Class 6	99.3%
School YTD	98%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance