



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

Autumn Term

Friday 27th September 2019

Macmillan Coffee Morning hosted by Year 6



Class 6 hosted a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. The class entertained their guests with music, dance, poetry readings and more; and served them all the cake and hot drinks they could ever desire! A huge thank you to their parents and Mrs Mclean for helping them to prepare some tasty treats.

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.

Marta COMPASSION	1	For helping other children whilst continuing with her own learning
Beatrix O LOVE	2	For a wonderful, kind and caring attitude towards her classmates
Sienna H LOVE	3	For always sharing her "heart of gold" with others
Molly B RESPECT	4	For listening to others and their points of view
James W FAITH	5	For the leadership he showed during Pupil-led worship
Archie W COMPASSION	6	For encouraging others during our daily mile

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that two parents/carers have stepped forward as we seek to fill a gap on our Governing Body. Their willingness to serve and support the school is much appreciated and means that an election process is required. Further details will follow next week, giving information and deadlines to complete the process well.

Please remember that collecting/trading cards of any kind are not for school—they need to be enjoyed at home. Should cards find their way into school, they will be kept safe by adults and returned to parents/carers at the end of the day.

This week a number of our children have been showing their independence and responsibility, by joining School Council, training as a Sports Leader, planning updates for our website and preparing to welcome prospective families to visit the school. We are really proud to see them showing wisdom and pride in these ways—well done!

Now for a final reminder for **Class 6 families**: Please submit **SIFs** (church references to support Church Secondary School applications) by 04.10.19 to Jess Lewis in The Chevening Church Office, Parish Hall, Homedean Road, Chipstead, Kent. TN13 2RU. Completed forms will be ready for collection by 14.10.19.

The Church Office is usually open:

Monday 9-1pm

Tuesday 9-5pm

Wednesday 9-1pm

Thursday 9-4pm

However, the Church Office will **NOT** be open over the half-term break, so forms **MUST** be collected by 17.10.19.

With best wishes for the weekend,
Miss Minnis

Class News

Class R

Class R took part in 'Write Dance' (a programme using music and movement to help develop their skills for writing). They created a volcano sequence with their bodies to atmospheric music and acted as the rocks, lava, thunder, lightning and rain! Afterwards they were quite achy which emphasised that lots of their muscles were working!



Class 2

Class 2 have been practicing their counting up on a number line. You can make these anywhere—including the playground. You can even make number steps or mats to jump on and have some fun while counting up!



STOP THE PRESS!

Class 6 have just informed us that a wonderful £368-85 has been raised from the coffee morning and subsequent cake sale.

Well done all!



Class 5

Class 5 investigated some ways that artists have depicted storms at sea and then for homework produced some amazingly effective pieces of work themselves. They wanted to convey the drama and peril facing people in stormy seas. It helped us to feel even more compassion for Odysseus and his crew when they made an enemy of Poseidon in the story. It also made us wonder at the power of Jesus when he calmed the storm in the Bible.



Class 4

Class 4 have been busy thinking about Bible stories which demonstrate some of our Christian values. They have started designing artwork and posters to illustrate stories which help us to see examples of Love, Faith, Respect, Honesty, Courage, Compassion, Forgiveness & Perseverance.

Can you think of a story for each one?





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

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We are pleased to support #HelloYellow on WMHDay. Everyone (staff, pupils, parents) can join in raising awareness of the importance of good mental health by wearing a yellow accessory (socks, hairband, tie) with their regular school uniform/clothes. Please bring a suggested donation of £1 to support The Young Minds charity.

Online Safety

In their English work this week, class 5 came across the word 'veracity'. It is a word we should all have in mind when reading websites or looking at social media. It is really important for us to train our children to consider how likely something is to be true and whether there are ways we can check up on this. It's an important concept to reinforce. Please do have conversations about it and make use of some of the fact-checking websites. (Fullfact.org is just one such website and is also involved with fact-checking things said in parliament.)



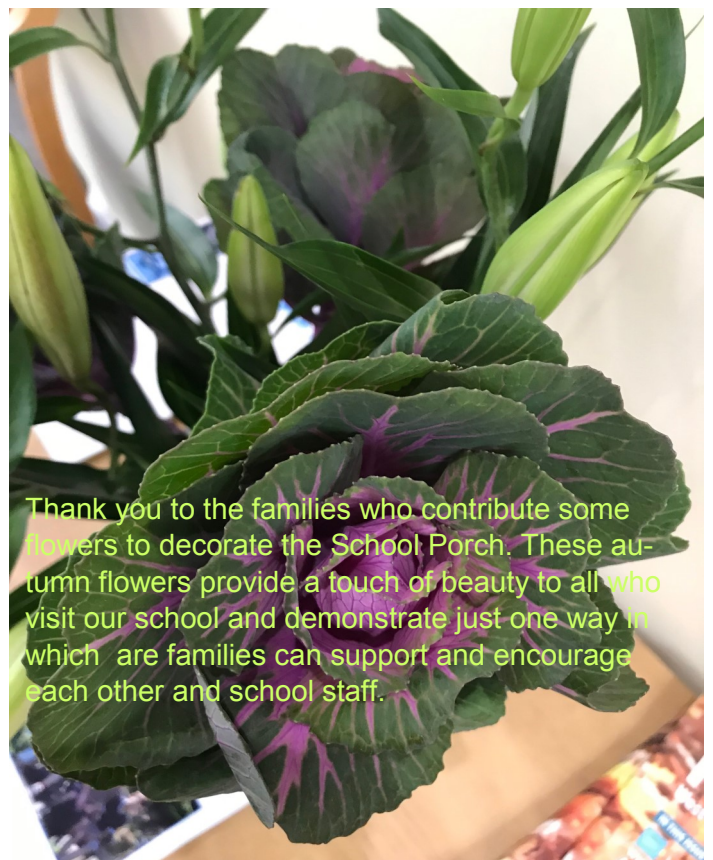
We hope you have found the Digital Parenting book full of useful tips. If for some reason you didn't receive your copy, please collect one from the office.

Act of Worship

This week we welcomed Hannah, from St Nicholas Church, who helped us think how God provides for us by enabling crops to grow—whether in our containers, allotment plots, gardens or farmers' fields.

Please keep in mind our request for help for the Harvest arrangements next week. Class R will hold their own celebration in school, while Y1 – Y6 will meet up at St Botolph's on Thursday, for the service at 9.15am.

Please remember to return your reply slip about the arrangements to the School Office.



Thank you to the families who contribute some flowers to decorate the School Porch. These autumn flowers provide a touch of beauty to all who visit our school and demonstrate just one way in which are families can support and encourage each other and school staff.



At their first meeting of the year, our Councillors decided to offer ongoing support for The Hygiene Bank. Collection bags are now available in the School Office Porch area for donations of new, unused, unopened hygiene products; including: shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, soap, body lotion, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant, hair brushes, wipes, cotton wool etc. Donations will be collected regularly and then used to support families in need. Thank you for your interest and support. For more information speak to a School Councillor or visit <https://www.thehygienebank.com>

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%
Class 1	97%
Class 2	98.9%
Class 3	98.7%
Class 4	97%
Class 5	95.3%
Class 6	98.1%
School YTD	98%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

PTA News

Our PTA play a vital part in supporting school life in many ways, including lovely learning opportunities for children, social events for our families and a wealth of new resources that the school could not afford without their generous support. Over the summer holiday more brand new Interactive Whiteboards were installed, which will help keep your child's learning engaging and relevant. However, without key people, the plethora of events and fund-raising activities would not happen.

We are looking for someone to take on the PTA Chairperson role. If you are interested in finding out what the role entails, please feel free to speak with Heidi Brooks or ask at the School Office.

The PTA AGM will take place on Tuesday, 8th October in the school hall; time TBC.

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
2nd October	New entrants Reception 2020 Open Morning
3rd October 9:15 -10:30 am	School Harvest Service @ Chevening St Botolph's
3rd October	National School Census Day
3rd - 8th October	Travelling Book Show
6th October 10:30 - 11:30 am	Chevening St Botolph's Harvest Service
8th October	PTA AGM - School Hall, Time TBC
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

Prayer Group: Fridays 9am

All parents/carers are welcome to join the group that meets each week to pray for the school. This term, we will meet on Fridays. If you have requests for prayers of thanksgiving, healing, support, etc. please let us know. All prayers are welcome said, silent & sung!

Act of Worship

This week's Bible hero is Ruth—a loyal friend to Naomi, whose faith was honoured by God. Ruth is a real contrast to Joshua—his faith influenced many of God's people immediately; Ruth's faith influenced many through the lineage of Jesus.

How might our faith impact our friends, our class, our school, our community, our country and our world?

One way we can demonstrate our faith is by giving thanks for all that we have—running water, food, shelter, loving friends and families. As we prepare for Harvest, can we find ways to share our belongings, time, energy, smiles and loves with those who do not have so much?