



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 02

Autumn Term

Friday 13th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to everyone for a great first *full* week of term. There have been some great highlights, with our new Class R all joining together on Monday morning, great courage and perseverance in 11+ assessments, new sports coaches and Class R's first class lunch!

Please remember that the playground gate, by the School Office Porch, opens at 3.10pm each afternoon, so parents/carers are on the playground in time as staff dismiss the children at 3.15pm.

You will notice that the pedestrian gate leading from Chevening Road to the School Office, will be used more from next week, so we are sure that our site is safe and secure during school hours. Should you need access during the day, there is a buzzer to contact the School Office. For easy exit, there is a release button/mechanism on the right-hand side, by the gate itself.

To maintain security, we ask ALL parents/carers to confirm **any** changes to normal collection at the end of the school day—without this, we cannot release children to anyone else. Please alert staff at the main doors 8.45-8.55am or phone the School Office before 2.45pm to advise us of any changes.

As it is start of year, please refer to our Safeguarding Information Leaflet—sent out by email with this Newsletter. We take our Safeguarding responsibilities seriously. Our Safeguarding Staff are : Miss Minnis (Headteacher), Mrs McLean (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Caisley (SENDCo). If you need to speak with one of the Safeguarding Team, please come to the School Office.

With best wishes for the weekend, Miss Minnis



Class routines and expectations!

Class teachers will be sending out information about class routines and expectations very soon. We are making time available from **3.45– 5pm on Tuesday 24th September** as a 'drop in' opportunity for any parent/carer in Y1-Y6 to ask quick questions.

Miss Levy has already had a similar opportunity to chat with Class R parents/carers, so will not be available on 24.09.19

This is in addition to the usual Parent Consultation Evening in Term 2.

Some of our Class R 2019 pupils enjoying their first full week of learning at CEP.



Christian Values

Grace G COURAGE	1	For showing great courage in learning the new ways in Class 1
Beatrice G COMPASSION	2	For displaying the value of compassion
Oliver B PERSEVERANCE	3	For showing resilience in all of his learning this week
Max W PERSEVERANCE	4	For maintaining focus during classroom activities
Frankie B HONESTY	5	For displaying the value of being honest
Aditya M COURAGE	6	For carrying on even when things get tough

Free School Meals

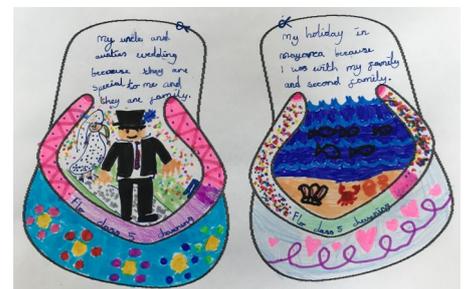
Who is eligible for free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment period)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Nut Free School: Packed lunches must **NOT** contain nuts or nut products. Snacks should only be needed for KS2 children and should be either fruit or vegetables.

Thankful Flip-flops from Class 2 and Class 5



We are starting the process of seeking a new Parent Governor. If you are interested in considering this vital role, please speak with Mrs Prue Burrlock, Miss Minnis or ask at the School Office.

A letter has now gone out to all parents/carers this week; you can learn more about the role at <https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>

Early Morning Club & Activ8

We currently have some spaces in our Early Morning Club and Activ8 after-school provision. Please ask at the School Office for more details if these two opportunities might be of assistance to your start of day, or after-school arrangements.

Early Morning Club details:

EMC provides childcare for parents and runs each day from 8:00 - 8:45 am. Children take part in a range of activities, which are changed daily. A breakfast meal is not served. The cost is £3.75 per session.

Activ8 details:

Activ8 runs Monday-Thursday from 3:15 - 5:30. Children take part in a range of activities, inside and out. Children are also offered a light, healthy snack. The cost is £11.50 per session.

Class Attendance

Please remember that regular and punctual attendance is vital to helping the children develop socially, emotionally and academically, now and into the future.

Last week, we made a positive and strong start to school, with 99% attendance Y1-Y6—let's maintain this all year!

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
Class R	99%
Class 1	99.3%
Class 2	100%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	99.3%
Class 5	93%
Class 6	94.4%
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

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.

There will be a Welcome Coffee Morning on **Friday, 20th September at 9:00 am at the Bricklayers Arms**. This is an opportunity for parents, old and new, to meet informally.

The PTA AGM will take place on Tuesday, 8th October. Time and location TBC.

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
w/c 16th Sept	Term 1 Clubs Start
20th September 9:00 am	PTA Welcome Coffee Morning @ Bricklayers Arms
24th September 3:45 - 5:00 pm	Y1 - 6 Meet the Teacher
26th September	BBC Music Day
26th & 27th September	Y6 - Undersea Explorers Snorkelling Sessions
3rd October 9-10:30 am	School Harvest Service @ Chevening St Botolph's
3rd October	National School Census Day
6th October 10:30 - 11:30 am	Chevening St Botolph's Harvest Service
8th October	PTA AGM - Time & location TBC
10th October	World Mental Health Day



There's just one more day left!! Let's see if we can increase the number of children who complete the challenge and see if we can't nudge our way further up the Schools' Board by tomorrow!

Act of Worship

Our theme in this week's Acts of Worship has been **FAITH**—one of our School Christian Values.

With new experiences for many children and adults this week, looking at example of Bible Heroes helps to inspire and reassure. On Monday, we needed to exercise our faith muscles, as our IT just would not perform as we wanted. We sought the wisdom and expertise of knowledgeable and reliable staff and children, who managed to guide us through the (minor) difficulty.

In the Old Testament, Joshua faced far greater challenges, leading God's people to their new home. His faith in God sustained and directed him when the 'going got tough'.