



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 33

Summer 2 Thursday 11th July 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

A short week of learning for the children because of today's INSET day.

Despite this, the children (and staff!) have been working hard at different opportunities, with Class R rehearsing for their show next Wednesday, Class 4 enjoying challenges at Carrot Wood and the KS2 Triathlon at Hever to name a few! Thank you to our parents and supporters for your time and energy to make these opportunities viable to manage.

This is the time of year when we review the children's learning and progress more formally. Term 6 reports and assessment results for Class R, Class 2 and Class 6 will be shared on Monday. Please take time to review the documents before Open Classrooms next Tuesday (Please see more details below).

In case you missed the email announcing class teachers, here's a handy reminder:

Class R: Miss Levy

Class 1: Mrs Roll

Class 2: Mrs James and Mrs Wilde

Class 3: Miss Sweeney

Class 4: Mrs Robinson and Mrs McLean

Class 5: Mr Qureshi

Class 6: Mrs Edwards & Mrs McLean

We have decided to keep the class bases the same for September, so some adults will be moving, but not the furniture.

During our Open Classrooms (3.30-4.30pm, 16th July) children will be sharing their books and learning in their current classrooms. Next year's classroom can be visited afterwards! Please note that this year's exercise books need to stay in school, so are not to be taken home.

With best wishes for the longer weekend,

Miss Minnis

Vive La France!

Class 6 enjoyed a cultural class trip to Northern France last week. The children behaved impeccably and embraced the French culture with traditional pursuits such as corn-weaving and bread making as well as culinary delicacies including "cuisses de grenouilles" and "escargots". The children also spent some reflective time at the Etaples Cemetery marking their visit with a hand-knitted poppy. A huge thanks to Mrs McLean for hobbling after the group!



Class R have been exploring how we can measure time in different ways. The children took part in a variety of 1 minute practical challenges and were surprised by how quickly time went by!



Class 2 have been looking at Van Gogh and painting in his style.



Hever Triathlon

43 children from KS2 went to Hever Castle on Tuesday 9th July. They spent the morning doing activities in and around the castle and spent the afternoon learning about the three disciplines required within a Triathlon. They even had to swim in the lake! All of the children were so well behaved during a long, exciting and very tiring day - they were an absolute credit to our school.

Thank you so much to all the parents who gave up their time to drive minibuses and help keep the children safe!



Christian Values

Christian Value presentations will resume next week due to the Inset Day.



Class Attendance

As a school, our minimum YTD attendance target is 96%. Please remember that regular and punctual attendance is vital to helping the children develop socially, emotionally and academically, now and into the future.

| | Weekly |
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| Class R | 98.3% |
| Class 1 | 99.1% |
| Class 2 | 93.8% |
| Class 3 | 97.5% |
| Class 4 | 98.3% |
| Class 5 | 96.9% |
| Class 6 | 95.8% |
| School Weekly | 97.1% |
| School YTD | 96.2% |
| Excellent | >97%: celebration of excellent attendance |
| Good | 95-97%: note of good attendance |
| Poor | <95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance |

Our KS2 Swimming Sports event is on Wednesday, 17th July from 1:00 - 3:15 pm. This is similar to a swimming gala and parents/carers are welcome to come and cheer for their swimmer and Houses!

KS2 Swimming Sports

On-line Safety

Digital Detox Time

Put your gadgets down for a rest and try something different ... Something to think about and discuss with your friends and family:

If everything you dream of comes true, what will happen?

What would the impact be on you, your friends, your family, your community, the country and the world?

Dates Ahead

| Date | Event |
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| 15th July | Pro-Kick Challenge |
| 16th July | Class 6 to Chevening House |
| 16th July | Open Classrooms |
| 17th July | KS2 Swimming Sports (1-3 pm) |
| 17th July | Class R Step Together Show @ Knole Academy |
| 19th July | PTA Meeting (2:00 pm) |
| 22nd July | KS2 Performance (2:00/5:30 pm) |
| 23rd July | End of year service (2:00 pm) |
| 2nd Sept | INSET DAY - No children in school Start of Term 1 - 2019-20 |
| 3rd Sept | First day for pupils in Y1 - Y6 Term 1 2019-20 |

PTA News

The next PTA meeting will be on Thursday, 19th July at 2:00 pm.

We are seeking willing volunteers to take on responsibility as Chair and Treasurer from October 2019. If you are willing and able to step in to offer your support, Heidi and Fran would be delighted to chat about the roles and requirements. Please see the letter from Heidi (mailed out separately) for full details on the role.

Prokick Event

Just a reminder that Prokick money and forms must be returned to school by no later than the 15th July.

Act of Worship

Continuing the Koinonia theme, this week we have looked at the early disciples' practice of frequently meeting together and remembering Jesus through the celebration of Holy Communion, the Eucharist, the Lord's Table—where bread is symbolically broken and wine spilled/poured.

The children have also been reflecting on Rector Chris' role in school, to help guide staff and Governors in forming a contribution from the school, when the time comes to seek a new Rector. Please do chat with your child/children to see which attributes and actions they see as important for a new Rector!