



# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 31

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week ended with an absolutely spectacular sports day. We are so thankful for the dry day, huge support, great organisation and efforts from everyone. Please take a look at our **Sports Special Edition** to capture a few of the highlights from the day and also District Sports!

Swimming is now back on the timetable for everyone—hurrah! Many thanks to Mandy and the dedicated Life Savers and Supporters who enable swimming lessons to occur. Without them, the logistics would be an utter nightmare!

Last weekend, we learnt that Bishop Given would be visiting the Parish on Wednesday. Having been a popular visitor before, we were keen to invite him back to school and thrilled that he agreed to talk to the children during Wednesday's Act of Worship. Afterwards, the Bishop visited each class and admired our new swimming pool—which left us feeling really humble: his parishioners don't have such easy access to clean water for drinking, washing and cooking... never mind swimming.

On Tuesday, we welcomed our new Reception children and families to a special Teddy Bear's Picnic, where they met their new Buddies for 2019-20! Everyone had a great time—we look forward to our new Class R's next visit.

Congratulations to all our performers for their contributions to our Music Recital. It was a great celebration of learning, composure, confidence and creativity! Thank you to Mrs Robinson for organising it all—a lovely treat to end a very busy day!

*Please join us in sending the Y6 team our best wishes for their Residential Trip in France (Mon – Weds) next week.*

Please note that we have updated the daily charges for ECM and A8 for September 2019: Early Morning Club: £3.75 and Activ8: £11.50.

With best wishes,

Miss Minnis

## Bishop Given's visit



*Bishop Given asked us to pray for rain in Tanzania, so that crops can grow well to give a good harvest. With little/no rain, a shortage of food and drinking water becomes a difficult reality.*



*Alexia presented Bishop Given with a gift of Class 4's Alpina cards and some artwork of Bible verses to inspire him.*

*Class 4 heard him explain the story of his special name—ask them for the details!*

## Christian Values

Anna S <b>COURAGE</b>	<b>R</b>	For developing the confidence to share her ideas and take part in class discussions
All of Year 1 <b>COMPASSION &amp; FORGIVENESS</b>	<b>1</b>	For showing true compassion & forgiveness at all times
Abigail A <b>LOVE</b>	<b>2</b>	For showing kindness to all her classmates
Nia W <b>LOVE</b>	<b>3</b>	For helping others in class
Oliver L <b>PERSEVERANCE</b>	<b>4</b>	For his good work and perseverance in science this week
All of Year 5 <b>RESPECT</b>	<b>5</b>	For showing respect to the hosts at Sevenoaks and Valence Schools today
All of Year 6 <b>RESPECT</b>	<b>6</b>	For showing respect to our hosts at Kent Police College



**Class R** have been discussing how much they like ice-cream, especially in this warm weather. The children decided to transform the role play corner into an ice-cream parlour. They enjoyed designing their own ice-creams and acting as shop assistants and customers. There have been big queues to get a sample of the newest flavours in town!



**Class 1** have had a great week exploring 'Mass'. they made comparisons and carried out investigations using non standard units of measure.



**Class 4** have been looking at the connections between science, music and art this week. Among other things we have been exploring the work of Paul Klee who was a mathematician and musician; but most famously, an artist.



**Class 2** have been getting to know other children in the area by visiting Amherst and Riverhead School to take part in special KS1 Sports Activities.



**Class 6** have had a very busy week visiting both Sevenoaks School for a Sports Day hosted by pupils from Valence School to understand the roles para-athletes play in sport. They then visited Kent Police College to learn all about modern day policing in Kent.



## 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
Class R	94.3%
Class 1	97.5%
Class 2	98%
Class 3	96%
Class 4	97.3%
Class 5	93.2%
Class 6	97%
School Weekly	96.2%
School YTD	96.2%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

## PTA News

Thank you to Heidi and the PTA team for providing wonderful refreshments for the Teddy Bears' Picnic and our Music Recital .

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.

## On-line Safety

Some advice and interesting questions from **Digital Parenting**:

- As a parent/carer, do you follow your own screen-time rules? (*Some 90% of 12-16 year olds think their parents **DON'T!***)
- Don't forget to **PRAISE** good actions/habits, including powering down, unplugging devices, sticking to family-use rules....
- Stay calm when something goes wrong, or rules get broken.... so that your child feels confident to share problems or concerns next time.

## Dates Ahead

Date	Event
1st-3rd July	Class 6 Residential
4th July	Secondary School Transition Day
10-11th July	Class 4 Residential
12th July	INSET DAY - No children in school
15th July	Pro-Kick Challenge
16th July	Class 6 to Chevening House
16th July	Open Classrooms
17th July	KS2 Swimming Sports (1-3 pm)
22nd July	KS2 Performance (2:00/5:30 pm)
23rd July	End of year service (2:00 pm)

## Pro-Kick Assembly

Junior, from Sports Connections, visited the school to talk about our Prokick event. Sports Connections help children in less fortunate parts of world, to have better access to sports.

The Prokick challenge is to kick a ball, as hard as possible, into a giant inflatable goal. The speed of kick is recorded and the fastest girl and boy from every year group will receive a medal and have their name engraved on a special Prokick trophy! Every child will receive a certificate for taking part.

The children will bring home sponsorship forms today and all children that bring back their forms (however much sponsorship they get) on the day of the event- 15<sup>th</sup> July- will receive a wristband and extra kicks to 'win' that special medal and name on the trophy!!! If children manage to raise £20 or more, they will receive a Prokick football. Sponsorship raised will be split between helping children gain access to sports equipment in other parts of the world, through Sports Connections, and a percentage will be given to Chevening for our own sports equipment. Thank you, as always, for your support!

Mrs Roll

## Act of Worship

Following on from Pentecost, our theme is Community—Koinonia and the Early Church.

We thought about what it means to **belong** to our school family—children wear a uniform, staff wear ID badges, we share and celebrate Christian values, we come together for Act of worship each day, we have special systems in place to organise our day at school—bells, houses, rules, etc.

We have asked the children to think of one aspect of school they enjoy and would like to thank God for.... Please do join in! Papers can be found in the Office Porch area.