



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 30

Summer 2 Friday 21st June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

We were absolutely delighted to welcome Steve Williams (OBE) and a number of very special guests to Monday's Act of Worship, when we gave thanks to God for all the hard work that has gone into our Pool & Changing Room Refurbishment Project. I think everyone who met Steve really enjoyed his inspiring talk, seeing his medals and cheering his team for the Athens Olympic race!

Our pool has played an important role in the heritage of the school and those who have led on the planning, preparation, fundraising and upkeep have shown much courage, perseverance and faith over the years in order to keep the pool viable and vital. A few staff and Governors visited Countess Stanhope's home on Tuesday afternoon, cementing the continuing link between the Stanhope family and the school. We have a photo in school of Countess Stanhope ceremonially cutting the turf for the original swimming pool back in 1930! Our re-opened pool will be an incredible asset and responsibility for us all—so we need to sustain our efforts to finish off the final elements of work and fundraising. Mr Garrett has the responsibility of installing the new ceremonial plaque marking this week's event alongside the original plaques.

Following Monday's sunshine, the changeable weather has been challenging, affecting some local sports activities with very late decisions. We do apologise to everyone involved and will continue to do our best to pass on information as soon as it is made available to us.

A quick reminder from last week:

- If you have a special memory / message for Chris, after 10 years at St. Botolph's Church, please contact Jess Lewis at cheveningoffice@gmail.com
- Please see last week's Newsletter for advice about proving church attendance at St Botolph's from September.

With best wishes,

Miss Minnis

Meeting Steve Williams (OBE)!



Thank you to EVERYONE for making our pool re-opening such a special and memorable event!

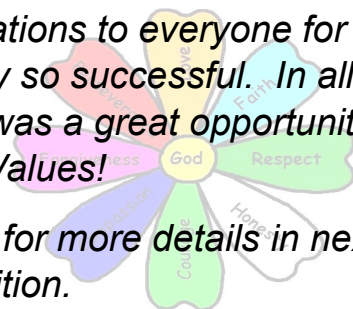
More photos in our Special Edition!

Christian Values



Congratulations to everyone for making today's Sports Day so successful. In all the fun and activity, it was a great opportunity to see our Christian Values!

Watch out for more details in next week's special edition.



Summer Reading Challenge:

This week Jenny Carter, from Sevenoaks Kaleidoscope Library, came to talk to the children about the Summer Reading Challenge.

We would love for all children to grab their library card (or get one if they haven't already) and aim to read 6 books over the summer. There are all sorts of rewards to collect as they progress and the school is entered in the competition to find the school with the highest percentage of children taking part. There is a cup to be won alongside the medals for children! You can find out more here...

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

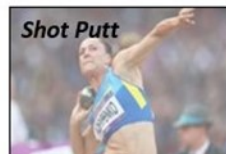
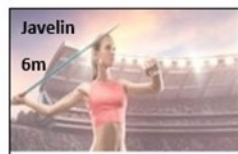
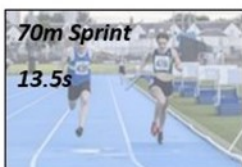


HIStory Troupe: We were as pleased as ever to welcome the HIStory Troupe to Chevening this week. With a theme of people walking on the moon, the Troupe helped us to learn about that amazing achievement and think about the footprints left there in the 'heavens'.

They then helped us to consider Jesus' footprints here on Earth. How amazing to think of The Son of God walking the same Earth as us - underneath the very same moon. Perhaps he gazed up at it just as we do?

We have also been finding out more about the Holy Spirit and how He walks with us this very day.

Class 4 have been trying hard to improve at a number of sporting events and have been recording their personal best times and distances using the computers. The team can now do the tunnel ball relay in less than 30 seconds and some children can manage around 40 speed bounces in 20 seconds! Everyone is trying to improve their own personal best. Here's a personal best certificate example from a Year 4 girl.



Class R have been consolidating their teen numbers by delving deeper into what the numbers mean. The children have been using their reasoning skills and different mathematical items to demonstrate this.

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	100%
Class 1	98.9%
Class 2	98%
Class 3	97%
Class 4	100%
Class 5	98.9%
Class 6	96.3%
School Weekly	98.4%
School YTD	96.2%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

Time for a Digital Detox!

Put your IT gadgets away for a bit and try something different:

If you had the choice, would you rather be able to fly or survive underwater?

Have a chat with your friends and family and see how they would answer the question too... Try to convince them that your idea is right!

Music Recital

We are looking forward to our annual Music Recital on **Wednesday, 26th June, 3:30 - 4:30pm** in the school hall.

This will showcase the progress of those children who have music lessons in school during the year.

If you have any questions, please speak with Mrs Robinson.

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
23rd June	PTA Meeting (7:30 pm)
27th June	Class 2 Sports Fun Event
28th June	Class 6 to Kent Police College
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)

PTA News

Thank you to Heidi and the PTA team for providing wonderful refreshments for Monday's Pool celebration as well as the New Parents Welcome Evening.

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.

Act of Worship

Some of the children's recent prayers have focused on our pool and our Christian values:

"Almighty God, Thank you for the kind people who help us build the swimming pool and for the people who raised the money. Amen"

"Dear God, Thank you for the builders who are rebuilding the pool and please help them to have faith in themselves and for us to have faith."

"Dear Heavenly Father, We thank you for all the good times we have, like the swimming pool and sports day. Please help us to help our neighbours, even if we don't know them and help us to be grateful for the events and things we have. Amen."