



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 29

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, our Senior Leadership Team has started to look at the results of the recent parent/carers survey. First of all, we would like to thank the families who took part in the new style of electronic questionnaire—we thought this would be an eco and time-saving approach! The responses are really helpful as we continue to review different aspects of school life and consider plans for future development. More news about the results can be found in the separate publication.

As well as looking at personal safety and health, with Healthy Eating activities and Relationships briefing for Y6 parents/carers, we welcomed the Arriva Bus to the playground on Tuesday. The Bus Safety team reminded the children about how to conduct themselves appropriately and safely on public transport, which is vital as they prepare for longer journeys to Secondary Schools.

As Class 6 prepare for new opportunities, it's also a valuable time to consider special memories. Our Rector, Chris Smith, is also preparing for change, with a move to a Marlborough. Chevening Church Office would welcome any special memories/message for Chris, after 10 years at St. Botolph's Church. Please contact Jess Lewis at cheveningoffice@gmail.com if you have a memory/highlight to share. For Y5 families seeking Secondary School places, where church attendance is considered, special arrangements have been made for registers to be kept at St Botolph's from September. Please make sure you sign the register and submit your SIF to the Church Office for a Church Warden to sign.

After the deluge of rain earlier this week, it seems unnecessary to keep this reminder about sun safety.... But just in case, please keep named sunhats and sun cream at the ready.

With best wishes, **Miss Minnis**

Refurbishment Celebration!

We look forward to welcoming Olympian Rower, Steve Williams (OBE), to our Act of Worship on **Monday, 17th June**. Steve will talk to the children about his rowing experiences, his medals, and will then unveil the new commemorative plaque to mark the Swimming Pool and Changing Rooms refurbishment programme. Our Rector and a small number of invited guests will be attending and participating in this Act of Worship.



We would welcome parents/carers at 2.45pm on Monday, to see the refurbishment work and join us for refreshments (hopefully outdoors!). Please ensure you collect your child at 3.15pm.

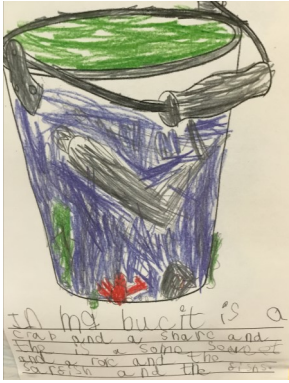
Christian Values

Each week, we recognise and affirm someone in each class who has clearly demonstrated one of our school values. This week's nominations are:

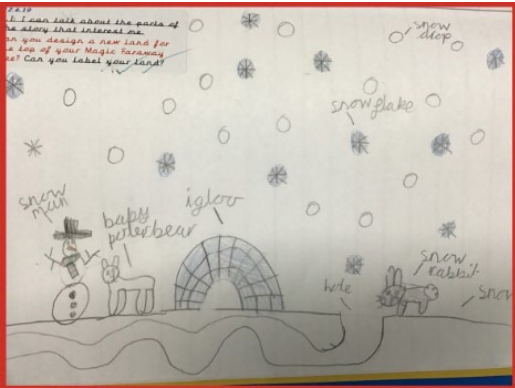
Herbie S PERSEVERANCE	R	For his creativity and thinking outside the box!
All of Class 1 PERSEVERANCE	1	For demonstrating perseverance with their phonics screening this
Jacob C RESPECT	2	For always being kind and respectful of his classmates
Ellis R-W LOVE	3	For always being kind and caring to her classmates
Lily B COMPASSION	4	For producing two posters to help us all stay "sun-safe"
Seth W COURAGE	5	For being brave enough to change a bad habit and working really hard to overcome
All of Year 6 FAITH	6	For demonstrating the importance of faith on their visit to Rochester Cathedral

School News

Class R have been exploring the book 'Billy's Bucket' by Kes Gray and Garry Parsons. The children imagined what could be inside their bucket and had some interesting ideas!



Class 1 have been creating a new land for the top of Enid Blyton's Magic Faraway Tree. What land would you like to visit?



Class 1 made collages using fruit and vegetables. They then used oil pastels to create portraits in the style of Italian artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo.



Class 3 have learnt about Pentecost in RE this week. They have created watercolour paintings of the flames that descended on the disciples heads, as a sign of the Holy Spirit.



Class 4 have continued their science experiments about evaporation and have found that when salty water evaporates, the salt gets left behind and can form crystals. Here you can see some large crystals in the cup, as well smaller ones on the plate amongst the patterns made as the water evaporated.



Class 5 have been running a lunchtime club for KS1 for the past two weeks. Planned and run completely by them, the children have made and painted their own clay pots.



For further details on your child's learning, have a look at their class page on the school website.

School Contacts:		
Attendance/sickness messages; EMC/Activ8 bookings/cancellations; School lunch orders/changes/ cancellations	Mrs Grobbelaar	reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk
Admissions	Mrs English	office@chevening.kent.sch.uk
EMC/Activ8 bills	Mrs Thewlis	bursar@chevening.kent.sch.uk
School lunch payments	www.principals-catering.com	Pay by debit/credit card via phone 07483 425779

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	90.7%
Class 1	98.2%
Class 2	99%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 4	98.3%
Class 5	98.2%
Class 6	96.7%
School Weekly	96.8%
School YTD	96.1%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

On-line Safety

Does your child have Digital Resilience?

The UK Council for Internet Safety Education working group defined digital resilience as:

- Children understanding when they are at risk online;
- Children knowing what to do to seek help;
- Children learning from their experiences;
- Recovering when things go wrong;

So, parents/carers can help a child develop good digital resilience by:

- Making sure your child knows when they are sharing personal data;
- Showing your child how to seek help if they are worried about something they have done, or something someone else has done.
- Working through problems together, so your child remembers the steps to take.

PTA News

Thank you to Heidi and our amazing PTA team for all their recent efforts to support school life and fund-raising. As well as contributing to the swimming pool project, the PTA will provide refreshments for our new Reception parents' welcome evening and will be purchasing a defibrillator and a replacement interactive whiteboard for the Room of Requirement. Huge thanks to you all!

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
17th June	Pool Grand Opening - 2:45 pm
19th June	District Sports
21st June	Sports Day
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
10-11th July	Sponsored Swim-a-thon
12th July	INSET DAY - No children in school
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)

Music Recital

Our annual Music Recital will take place on Wednesday, 26th June from 3:30 - 4:30 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.

Act of Worship

We have continued to focus on Jesus' Ascension—His return to Heaven—and His instructions given to his followers.

We looked at traffic lights to help us remember:

Red—Stop! Do not leave Jerusalem.

Amber—Wait for the promised gift—the Holy Spirit.

Green—Go! Be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.

When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, Jesus' friends were able to do amazing things.

