



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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back—and welcome to Ellie and her family, who have joined us this week! We hope they feel welcomed and settled in our happy, active and busy school family, with many exciting events and activities in the weeks ahead.

As well as preparing for sports, swimming, more residential and class visits, the children and staff will be continuing to focus on curriculum learning. Monday's INSET day saw the teachers reviewing current topics and plans in readiness for the future. We will be looking to share some resources and new approaches soon.

Over the half-term break we learnt that Mrs McAvoy would no longer be able to take Class 4 on Tuesdays and Class 5 on Thursdays. We thank Mrs McAvoy for her diligent work and are grateful that Mr Farman has been able to return to us this term, resuming his duties in both Class 4 and 5.

Sadly, our plans to start swimming this week hit some unexpected glitches, meaning that lessons could not start. Please see today's email with further details; we hope that the difficulties will soon be overcome by the Contractor and the Project Manager. We will be sharing plans for the Official Opening next week—a great opportunity for our children to give thanks for endeavours so far and meet an Olympian!

Having enjoyed the half-term warmth and sun, please keep named sunhats and sun cream at the ready. (Please note: staff are not allowed to apply sun cream/lotion, so it is best for parents/carers to do this at the start of the day for the youngest children.)

With best wishes,
Miss Minnis

Super Swimmers!

Congratulations to our team of swimmers who excelled at yesterday evening's Sevenoaks Swimming Gala. We were delighted that Mandy Turner was able to attend today's Act of Worship and present them with their certificates and shield.



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:

Zara M PERSEVERANCE	R	For accelerated progress in her reading
Jeremiah M PERSEVERANCE	1	For persevering in his number work
Harriet P PERSEVERANCE	2	For trying hard to work independently
Molly T & Robert S RESPECT	3	For always being ready and keen to learn!
Ellie M COURAGE Ana B COMPASSION	4	Ellie for settling in so well at Chevening during her first week Ana for helping Ellie so well
Lucas D RESPECT	5	For displaying lovely manners to both staff and children
Alfie COURAGE & HONESTY	6	For explaining a difficult topic to the class

School News

Class 3 have been making 3D shapes from their nets!



Class 4 have been enjoying visiting the reflective garden to study the flowers and plants. You can see how they have used watercolours to make these beautiful pictures. Why not visit the garden yourself to reflect amongst the new growth?



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.

Class 6 took part in a workshop led by "Skills 4 Bills" to teach them about money management. They were given different jobs for the morning and had to work out how to spend their monthly salary after tax and not end up in debt! The first time they were not entirely successful! However as the morning progressed, the majority were able to successfully buy a house, a car, holidays, entertainment and also to pay their bills. They also learnt about the importance of having a 'just in case' fund for those trickier times.

It was a busy and informative morning but left Year 6 with the feeling that: "It's not much fun being an adult!"

JOB: POLICE OFFICER INCOME PER MONTH: £2083 (BEFORE TAX)			
	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	
DEBT REPAYMENT:		-£	
MONEY SAVED FROM LAST ROUND		+£ 14.9	
TAX AND PENSION CONTRIBUTION	-£ 60.4	-£	
START	£ 1117.9	£	
			MONEY REMAINING
HOME	-£ 450 Colour green	-£ Colour	£
LIVING COSTS/BILLS	-£ 400	-£	£
TRANSPORT	-£ 100	-£	£
EVENTS	+£ 200	-£	£
EVENT DESCRIPTION	6 lessons		
HOLIDAY	-£ 150	-£	£
ENTERTAINMENT	-£ 30	-£	£
MONEY REMAINING	£ 84.9	£	

Class 1 have been writing their own stories based on 'The Secret Sky Garden' by Linda Sarah. Where would you plant a secret garden?



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
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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	100%
Class 1	95.5%
Class 2	99.2%
Class 3	93.3%
Class 4	99.1%
Class 5	99.1%
Class 6	97.1%
School Weekly	97.1%
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

This week, try a digital detox activity: Put your gadgets away and do something different....

Ask your friends and family members to talk with you about these questions:

What would you like to achieve by your next birthday?

What do you think will be different about you in one year's time?

'Thy Kingdom Come' - 24 hours of Prayer

On Wednesday, Class 6 and Class 4 children represented the school at St Botolph's Day of Prayer—part of the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative. The theme for the prayer stations was Our Daily Bread. Thank you to the parents/carers and staff for enabling everyone to get to and from the church. We hope some of you also managed to spend some time in the church, using the prayer stations to reflect on different aspects of 'daily bread'.

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
10-14th June	Class 1 Phonics Assessment
10-14th June	Healthy Eating Week
11th June	SRE (Sex & Relationships Education) briefing for Class 6 parents - 2:30pm
12th June	Second hand uniform shop
14th June	Class 6 to Rochester Cathedral
14th June	Class 3 Sleepover
17th June	Pool Grand Opening (details TBC)
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)

Healthy Eating Week

Next week, the whole school will take part in Healthy Eating Week.

On Monday, each child receive a food and sleep diary for them to complete at home. We ask that children then return them to school on Friday morning, in order to discuss in class.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Levy or Mrs Roll.

Act of Worship

As we returned to school this week, the preparations to celebrate Ascension were well underway. The children were shocked to see letters spelling 'Christmas' in Tuesday's Act of Worship, but quickly turned the word backwards to symbolise Jesus 'going back' to Father God in Heaven.

Like a number of our school families, the Church family also enjoys remembering and celebrating special events, with Pentecost soon to follow.

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