



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

**Summer 1: Friday 24th May 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week, Class 6 celebrated successfully completing their formal tests—and this week, Class 2 have joined in the celebrations. Well done to our Y2 team of children and staff for tackling Reading, Maths and SPAG tests so capably. Learning continues apace in all classes—the tests are simply a formal record at one point in time.

We were delighted to welcome Rev Chris Smith to Tuesday's Act of Worship, where he shared the news of his new job. Please read his message for more details. We extend our congratulations to Mrs McLean on her appointment as our new Deputy Head Teacher. Officially, her role will commence in September, but the next few weeks will enable her to make the same kind of transition as Class 6 children, as they prepare for Secondary School. Thank you to everyone who joined us at St Botolph's last Sunday morning. The children ably led different elements of the service and wowed the congregation with their confident Swahili! I do hope the sunflowers enjoy careful attention to promote their growth in the weeks ahead.

Please take a look at the exciting photos of our swimming pool refurbishment project as you get ready for the return of school swimming lessons. As well as developing physical fitness, regular swimming promotes mental well-being. If you are not familiar with school swimming routines and tips, please ask any of our PTA reps or the School Office for help.

Please remember to prepare for warmer and sunnier weather, with named sunhats and sun cream for your child in readiness for next term. (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 for a very happy half-term break!***  
***Miss Minnis***

## A message from our Rector

After ten years I'm making a move to Marlborough in Wiltshire. Obviously, it will be a huge wrench leaving the parish, particularly the school. I've absolutely loved all my associations with the school over the years. As a parent, as a governor and as Rector. Many of you reading this I would count as friends.

So, the 2019 Leaver's Service will be my moment to say goodbye to the school community. I'm delighted Mr Q has said I can offer some Chevening memories and also that Miss Minnis will be giving me a Leaver's Bible. A true Chevening farewell!

My last service at the church will be on Sunday 25th August, when I hope to be leaving after church via hot air balloon - Be there! We will miss you all hugely but please be assured that we feel God is in this move. And do join me in praying that God would be calling a great next Rector.

With best wishes,  
Chris

PS Before I go, is there anything we can pray about together? I'm often free after drop off if you want a coffee...

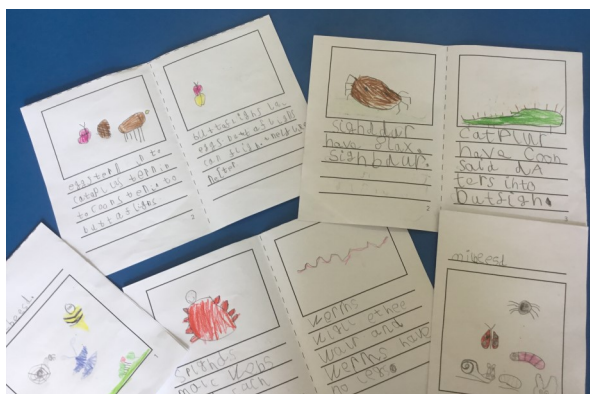
## Christian Values

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

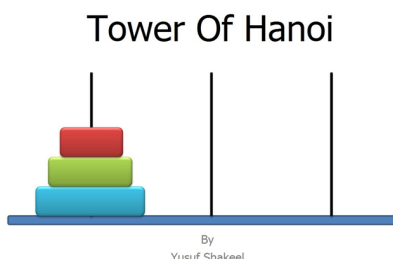
Ellie S & Maya P <b>RESPECT</b>	<b>R</b>	For always being polite and having excellent manners
All of Class 1 <b>PERSEVERANCE</b>	<b>1</b>	For working exceptionally hard all term
All of Class 2 <b>PERSEVERANCE</b>	<b>2</b>	For all of their great work during KS1 SATS
Poppy W <b>PERSEVERANCE</b>	<b>3</b>	For not giving up with her times tables and trying her best every week
Abbie M <b>HONESTY</b>	<b>4</b>	For her sense of fairness and considering all viewpoints in discussions
Nikos A <b>LOVE</b>	<b>5</b>	For the consideration he showed to children and adults alike on the Bushcraft trip
Joel R-W <b>COURAGE</b>	<b>6</b>	For keeping on trying even when things are tough

## School News

**Class R** have been doing some wonderful independent writing this week! They created their own Minibeast fact booklets to tell others about what they had found out and shared them with Class 1.



**Class 6** have been thinking about challenges in Maths this week. We are designing and planning a series of logic challenges in the style of the Crystal Maze. After half term we will be making our puzzles and trying them out. To help us get started we tried the Towers of Hanoi puzzle. Can you work out the number of moves for different numbers of discs?



Move the discs from tower 1 to tower 3  
Rules: One disc at a time and only smaller discs can be placed on larger discs

**Class 4** have been taking inspiration from Ted Hughes' Iron Man to come up with their own mysterious and suspense-filled openings to stories. With imagination in flight we have been gripped by the first chapters shared and can't wait to hear more!



**Rugby** Our team played their hearts out in a number of thrilling matches. Narrowly losing games in the group stages, they showed great **perseverance** in the knock-out stage to continue with heads held high. The team won their semi-final game 11-10 with the last try of the match against Seven-oaks. Then, with a seemingly never-ending game, Chevening won the final 18-12 against Anthony Roper. A great achievement and some of the best team-spirit I have seen. Thank you to the pupils, parents and dogs who supported!



**Class 5** had a great time on their Bushcraft residential trip. They built fires, made shelters, made survival bracelets and much more! Please see the class page on the website for some more pictures of our adventures.



**Class 1** have observed their cress seeds for 8 days and are very pleased with the results.



**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	<b>Mrs Grobbelaar</b>	reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk
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EMC/Activ8 bills	<b>Mrs Thewlis</b>	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
<b>Class R</b>	99%
<b>Class 1</b>	93.6%
<b>Class 2</b>	98.3%
<b>Class 3</b>	100%
<b>Class 4</b>	94.5%
<b>Class 5</b>	97.1%
<b>Class 6</b>	94.3%
<b>School Weekly</b>	96.7%
<b>School YTD</b>	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

Another finding from our e-safety questionnaire was that many children and parents have got the message that leaving a gap between using an electronic device and going to bed is important.

The majority of the results analysed so far show children taking a rest from screens for over an hour before sleep.

That's good news and perhaps a useful piece of information for those who say they leave less than half an hour before their head hits the pillow!

## Birdbox Bonanza

We are all really excited about our visitors to the KS1 bird-box. The little fledglings are getting quite brave as they poke their heads out of the hole in the expectation of food. It won't be long until they are tempted to fly away.

If you would like a copy of a book made by the school when we had birds visiting the swimming pool box, you can find it on the school website. There is a link on the 'Class Pages'. (<http://www.chevening.kent.sch.uk/bird-box/> . Alternatively you can buy a paper copy if you wish from Lulu at... <http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/Chevening> )

## Dates Ahead

Date	Event
27– 31st May	Half Term Break
3rd June	INSET DAY - No children in school
3rd June	Kent Grammar Test Registration opens (current Y5)
6th June	Y5&6 Swimming Gala (6-8pm)
7th June	Y5 Secondary School Meetings
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
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)

## Act of Worship

This week we have been exploring walking in faith. From Jesus walking alongside his friends to Emmaus, and the beautiful 'Footsteps in the Sand' poem, to modern-day pilgrimage - the theme reminds us that The Father, Jesus and Holy Spirit walk with us through the joyful times as well as the challenging times.

Great news for Rev Chris and Mrs McLean as they face new professional challenges!

***What other challenges are you facing?***



## Swimming Pool Progress

We are pleased to be able to share with you some of the many parts of the swimming pool refurbishment project that is nearing completion. The children will enjoy their first swim on Tuesday, 4th June. Don't forget to "Sponsor A Fish" as more panels will be added as the donations grow. Please continue to watch out for details of the Grand Opening on 17th June.



New building - Hosts the new pool equipment, boiler and electrics.



Refurbished changing room block



Spectator platform



New pool liner

## Swimming Timetable - Term 6 2019

Group	Expected # Lessons	Suggested Contribution	Cost per lesson	M	T	W	T	F
KS1	21	£60	£2.86					
Class R								
Class 1								
Class 2								
KS2	28	£80	£2.86					
Class 3								
Class 4								
Class 5								
Class 6								

### Swimming Kit:

- Close fitting shorts or one piece swimming costume;
- Swimming hat
- Goggles – please ensure to adjust at home in the bath before the first lesson
- Towel & swimming bag
- Plastic bag for wet items

**PLEASE ENSURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED! Jewellery, of any kind, is not allowed during lessons.**