



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 28

Summer 1: Friday 17th May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Bestowing congratulations on individuals and groups from the school forms our main theme this week. We are particularly proud of Class 6 who have undertaken the formal end of Key Stage 2 tests this week, with focused courage and perseverance. Their commitment and self-belief were built on the staff team's resolute determination to support them through the process, guiding them with faith and compassion. Well done everyone!

Class 5 have enjoyed the opportunity of the Bushcraft residential to hone skills of good teamwork and self-organisation, as well as showing respect in a new context. All very important as they prepare for Class 6 responsibilities next term.

Please remember there is a School Service on Sunday at St Botolph's Church. The service starts at 10.30am and will be followed by a BBQ lunch for all. Please note that the children do **NOT** need to wear school uniform on Sunday.

Swimming surveys were sent out this week to Key Stage 1 classes, signalling that the last term is almost here! The final phases of the Swimming Pool refurbishment project are underway and our plans for an Official Opening Celebration will soon be shared.

Term 6 could bring warmer and sunnier weather, so please stock up on sunhats and sunscreen for your child in readiness for summer days at school. (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.)

We have heard that the Sevenoaks Swimming Gala (for Y5 & Y6 children) has been moved to 6th June—please make sure you have the new date in your diary!

With best wishes,

Miss Minnis

Congratulations!

We are particularly proud to announce more recent good news:

Our Y4 Maths Challenge Team who participated in the Somerhill Maths Challenge came 6th—a great achievement as more than 30 primary schools took part.

Also, congratulations to everyone who took part in the **Alan Turing Competition**, resolutely battling against older and more experienced children.

Certificates were presented this week, with the organisers commenting that one of the chapters was the hardest they have ever set. In the end Chevening held 3 of the top 5 places of Kent schools. (8 of the top 10 Kent schools.) This is an amazing achievement given Chevening is the only Primary school taking part against Secondary, Private and Grammar schools. Thank you for all the parental support.

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:

Charlie T RESPECT	R	For respecting our classroom and for being a helpful member of the class
Alice D PERSEVERANCE	1	For continuing with Maths work even though it was tricky
Abigail F PERSEVERANCE	2	For always trying her best in all of the activities set for her
Ellis R-W COMPASSION	3	For always looking after her classmates when they are hurt or upset
Amber, Ana and Abbie HONESTY	4	For being very honest when resolving any difficulties
All of Class 5 COURAGE & RESPECT	5	For their outstanding efforts during the Bushcraft Residential
All of Class 6	6	For demonstrating all of our Christian values during SATS week

School News

Class R have been exploring the book 'The Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. The children really enjoyed acting out the story on the outdoor stage!



Class 3 have been looking at the book "The Sheep Pig", They designed their own 'sheep-dog trial' course and wrote instructions to the farmer for him to be able to train his dog (or pig!) to navigate it.



Class 1 began planting in their Enchanted Garden.



Class 4 have been busy investigating solutions in science this week. They have been finding out which aspects help solids to dissolve. Hopefully, a positive by-product may be that they will be able to make you the perfect cup of coffee. (As long as you supervise; and have a thermometer, measuring jug and measuring spoon to hand!)



Eco News

Many of you will be aware of the terrifying reality of Climate Change. David Attenborough described it as "our greatest threat in thousands of years". Expert after expert explains the consequences of rising CO2 levels, on the ice caps, on coastal regions, on weather and wildlife and society itself.

It's not always easy to know what you can do but, here is a simple list of some small changes that all households can make:

- No single-use plastics to be used
- All light bulbs to be energy efficient
- All heaters, when on, to not go over 19°C
- All cisterns in our toilets to be filled with eco-blocks
- All paper used, to be recycled paper
- All food waste to be composted
- Turn lights off when not needed
- Only print documents if absolutely necessary.



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	96%
Class 1	97.9%
Class 2	99.3%
Class 3	98.7%
Class 4	99.3%
Class 5	99.3%
Class 6	100%
School Weekly	98.6%
School YTD	96%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

On-line Safety

With this week's revelation in the news that 'What'sApp's' security has been breached, allowing some mobile phones to have spyware downloaded onto them without the owners being aware, it is good to consider what **protection** we have on our IT devices (other than the more obvious laptops and pcs).

Additionally, in our own school survey, we found that there are a large number of alternative devices being used to access the internet varying from games consoles to humble digital book readers.

It is important to check settings such as parental filters, firewalls and anti-virus software regularly—something to add to your online calendar!

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The latest addition to the Chevening Family making their home in the bird box outside KS1.

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
19th May: 10.30am	School Service at St Botolph's Church & BBQ lunch
20 - 24th May	KS1 SATS
21st May* *New date	Class 6 Hardelot briefing for parents - 2:30pm
23rd May	Class 2 to Chiddingstone Castle
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 Assessments
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
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
12th July	INSET DAY - No children in school
17th July	KS2 Swimming Sports
22nd July	KS2 Performance (2:00/5:30 pm)
23rd July	End of year service (2:00 pm)

Act of Worship

Our theme of 'Generosity' has continued in class and collective worship this week, with the children considering how to be a good 'Global Neighbour.'

They have looked at different worldwide issues and learnt about individuals and organisations who seek to offer practical and spiritual support and help, including Christian Aid. Please encourage your child to notice, discuss and consider different issues impacting different countries.



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In case of queries, please contact Mrs Prue Burrlock, Chair of Governors on
pburrlock@chevening.kent.sch.uk

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Thank you for your support, The School Governors