



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 26

Summer 2: Friday 3rd May 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot begin to write to you today, without mentioning last Friday's magnificent PTA Circus event—what a triumph! Many thanks to Heidi and 'Team Circus' for leading, planning, preparing and cleaning up! Further congratulations to our own Love2Dance and Performing Arts performers!

There have been more opportunities and activities for different individuals, groups and classes this week, which have focused on different skills, interests and learning. Class R's trip to the allotments has sparked an interest in gardening and food! Thanks to Mrs Wagstaff for hosting the children and for all the parents/carers who supported the event. We look forward to hearing from Class 4 when they return later today from Kent Life!

Congratulations to our Tennis and Hockey players for their endeavours this week. As well as being resilient to the changeable weather, we are particularly proud of their compassion and sportsmanship shown.

Class 5's training for Peer Mediation took place earlier in the week. We look forward to them developing their confidence to support others with friendship concerns, as they develop self-organisation and mediation skills.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our change in the start of day routines. Just to confirm the times of day have NOT altered—the school day starts at 8.55am in class, we are simply allowing the children to come in from 8.45am. If you do have questions or concerns, please speak with the Office Team or myself, so we can try to assist. Please remember that for safety reasons, children arriving early for Early Morning Club, or activity clubs do need to enter via Room of Requirement, so we know who is on site.

**With very best wishes for another long weekend,
Miss Minnis**

Peer Mediators

Special Report by Evie and Lucas:

"This week, 12 children from Year 5 have been trained to be peer mediators on the playground. Peer Mediation is sorting a communication problem between two people. This could be a friendship issue or an argument. The mediator will not fix the problem, they will help the children sort it out for themselves. A peer mediation session involves the mediators asking the children what has happened and then asking them how they feel about it to find an agreeable resolution. We look forward to starting our new role on Tuesday."



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:

All of Class R RESPECT	R	For great listening & learning on the allotment trip
Celia-Rose V PERSEVERANCE	1	For working hard to complete her biscuit bear
Sadie B COURAGE	2	For being so brave and working hard even during a tricky week
Isla Rose S RESPECT	3	For always listening carefully in class and working hard
Samuel W COMPASSION	4	For showing consideration to another player at the hockey tournament
Lilla R RESPECT	5	For always having a respectful attitude
Stanley S HONESTY	6	For always being honest about whether he has understood his

School News

Class R had a wonderful time at Sevenoaks Allotment and the sun was shining! The children planted some potatoes, went on a mini-beast hunt and discovered tadpoles when pond dipping!



Class 1 have been writing all about Biscuit Bear's trip to the circus with his edible friends.



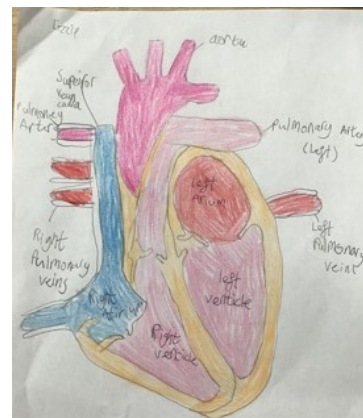
Class 5 welcomed Mrs Walkington to our class on Monday and Tuesday. She taught us about Peer Mediation and gave us all some great tips on how we can communicate effectively with one another. On Tuesday, she trained 12 of us to be Peer Mediators who will be able to help solve disagreements between children on the playground at break times.



Class 3 have begun their work on The Sheep Pig by Dick King-Smith. We have created some artwork for our display board and written letters to Miss Minnis persuading her to get a farm animal for the school!



Class 6 have started to look at their science topic about the human body. We began by looking at the circulatory system and drew our own diagrams of the heart. Did you know that the human heart can pump blood 10 metres?



Class 4 had an enjoyable visit to Kent Life Museum to learn more about the Tudor period (as well as recap what they had learnt about World War II and the post war years during the 200 year celebrations). Among other things, we found out that if you were rich enough, you may have been able to visit the 'Barber Surgeon'; but in reality you



may have been better off not going at all! Here you can see some 'dentistry'!

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 Grobelaar	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	97.3%
Class 1	96.8%
Class 2	98.3%
Class 3	96%
Class 4	98.3%
Class 5	97.9%
Class 6	89.3%
School Weekly	96.2%
School YTD	95.9%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
3rd May	Class 4 trip to Kent Life Museum
5th May	Volunteer Lifesaving Course
6th May	Bank Holiday
7th May	Whole School & Class Photos
7th May	Class 5 trip to Chiddingstone Literary Festival
8th May	Y2 Rapid Fire Cricket
10th May	Peter Pan Workshop - YR, Y1, Y2
13th-17th May	KS2 SATS
21st May*	Hardelot briefing for Y6 parents - 2:30 pm
*New date	
3rd June	INSET DAY - No children in school
11th June	SRE (sex and relationships) briefing to Y6 parents - 14:30
14th June	Class 3 Sleepover
21st June	Sports Day
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 term service (2:00 pm)

On-line Safety

Online safety tips for parents of pre-school children 0-5 Year Olds

Checklist

- Put yourself in control**
Make use of the parental controls available on your home broadband and any internet-enabled device. You can find out how at your broadband provider's website or by visiting internetsmatters.org.
- Search safely**
Use safe search engines such as www.google.com or www.bing.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube. You can find out more at google.co.uk/safesearch.
- Set boundaries**
It's never too early to start setting rules about when and for how long your child can use devices and start to introduce the subject of internet safety at the same time. Encourage children to use devices in a communal area, keep other devices out of reach and use passwords so they can't go online without asking you first.
- Explore together**
Set your homepage to a child-friendly site such as CBeebies and give them a user account which only allows access to sites and apps you've chosen.
- Help them learn through games**
Games are a great way for young children to explore the internet and learn about the world around them. You can choose safe, fun and educational games free of charge from providers such as Fisher Price or about their favourite characters like Peppa Pig.

Learn about it:
Teach your child some simple rules:

- Make sure your child knows just to share personal information like their phone number or email address online.
- Only talk to real life friends or family if they are on sites with a social media element like Meerkat Moments or Club Penguin.
- Use privacy settings whenever they wish to keep their information private.
- Be a good online friend and don't say nasty things even if it's just a joke.
- Use secure and legal sites to download music and games.
- Check attachments and pop ups for viruses before they click or download anything.
- Use Public Safety Warnings when they're out and about to filter inappropriate content.
- Help them to better understand the different online platforms they use and judge the quality and reliability of online resources.

Talk about it:
Use for a meaningful conversation:

- Start conversations when your children won't be embarrassed, for example in the car going home from school.
- Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter.
- Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online.
- Be sensitive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you.
- If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them.
- Talk about online grooming so parents and carers understand and explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are.
- Ask them about things online which might have been uncomfortable.



Deal with it
You can find out where to get help and advice on the Report It page of internetsmatters.org, where we include information on how to report problems - and which relevant organisations and agencies to turn to.

On this page, we also provide information on how to deal with any specific issues you may encounter with your child such as finding inappropriate content and cyberbullying.

Children can now have a digital footprint before they learn to speak and often before they're even born.

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online as they grow up - with information, advice and support on all the big e-safety issues.

internetsmatters.org

Whole School Photo

A little reminder that on the 7th May we will be taking class photos as well as a whole school photo. Please do check uniforms, as well as whether girls have the right colour hairbands in, so that we can look as smart as possible.

Sporting Success



A massive congratulations to players from Class 6 who competed in the West Kent district schools football team. The team, with two players from Chevening, won the cup against Dartford on Thursday in a brilliant match with a final score of 1-0. Well done!

Act of Worship

This week, we have been thinking about Generosity. We started the week considering God's generosity in sending Jesus as Saviour.

We then also remembered Mr Garrett's generosity in time, willingness to work hard and give his time to help in Circus preparations. We hope he enjoys a cup of coffee and treat from us!