



# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 25

**Summer 1: Friday 26th April 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've made a happy and active start to the Summer term this week, despite a few cooler days—what happened to our holiday heat and sunshine? Well done to everyone who managed the prompt return to school after the Easter celebrations—with lots of exciting news to share and some changes to tackle in school. The first few days of our 'soft start' mornings have gone well—thank you to everyone for supporting this initiative and encouraging the children to improve their self-organisational skills.

Y6 undertook their Safety in Action session with representatives from other Primary Schools. This was an action-packed opportunity to develop resilience, personal awareness and to put our school values into practice. We ask families to ensure their children understand that awareness of 'strangers' in all circumstances is a vital aspect of personal safety. Unknown adults/peers need to be treated with polite caution, with no assumptions made! Class 5 will be taking part in some Peer Mediation training next week—more news to follow!

Today is a mammoth and exciting day, with Happy's Circus arriving this morning, setting up and preparing for their amazing performance this evening. We are indebted to Heidi and our wonderful PTA team who have organised this special event—a great opportunity to meet local friends and neighbours, as well as making new ones too!

Our Chevening Love2Dance and Performing Arts groups will also share the limelight today—all are potential stars for the future!

This week Nolwenn and her family have joined Chevening—please do give them a warm welcome, as they become familiar with our school community.

*With very best wishes,*

*Miss Minnis*

## The Circus Has Arrived!

We were so pleased that the sun shone on the final preparations for the Circus. We hope everyone enjoyed the afternoon and evening activities. Once again, a huge thank you to everyone who pitched in today to help with the set-up and Saturday with the clean-up. A massive congratulations to the PTA for such a successful and fun event.



## 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:

Lily B <b>PERSEVERANCE</b>	<b>R</b>	For amazing independent writing!
Elsie B <b>FAITH</b>	<b>1</b>	For always encouraging her friends to achieve the best
Ted S <b>LOVE</b>	<b>2</b>	For always showing love to his classmates
Isla B <b>PERSEVERANCE</b>	<b>3</b>	For landing back from holiday very early morning on Tuesday and still making it into school!!!
Nolwenn and Frankie <b>COURAGE</b>	<b>4</b>	For settling in so well at school.
Charlotte D <b>HONESTY</b>	<b>5</b>	For helping explain a problem between friends with impartiality.
Mackayla P & Layla M <b>PERSEVERANCE</b>	<b>6</b>	For always maintaining focus and effort in all their work.

## School News

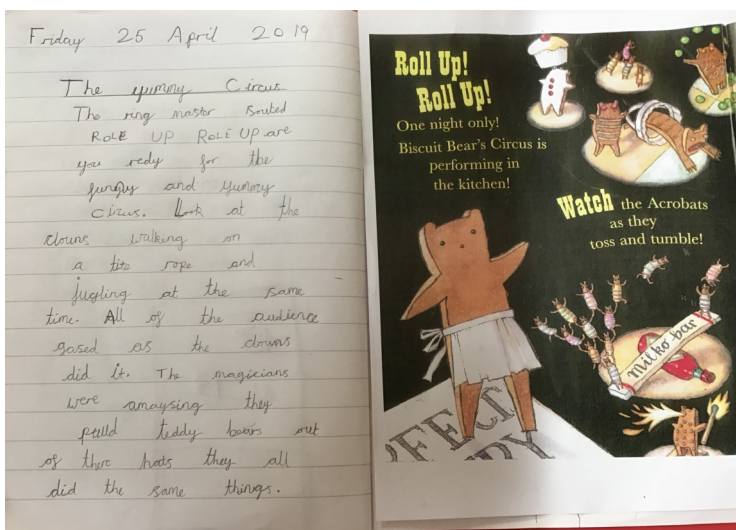
**Class R** started their new topic 'Minibeasts' which they are really enjoying! They have been busy counting minibeasts and went on a hunt in Forest School to spot the creepy crawlies!



**Class 5** have created our own little bit of the rainforest! After researching the Amazon, we then designed our own rainforest-themed book corners. We then worked as a class to bring this to life.

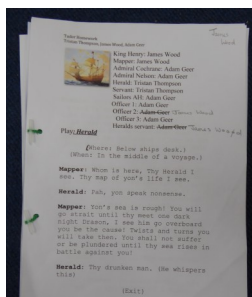


**Class 1** have been writing all about Biscuit Bear's trip to the circus with his edible friends.



**Year 4** have enjoyed seeing the different, inventive ways pupils have responded to the Tudor homework set. We have sampled teeth-testing 'Hard Tack' biscuits eaten by the sailors on long voyages; as well as rich 'Jumble Biscuits' eaten by wealthy Tudor families.

Another Y4 highlight was seeing a new version of a murderous Tudor play inspired by Macbeth! There was some great acting to go with this new script.



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

School Contacts:		
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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
Class R	95.4%
Class 1	99.6%
Class 2	98.8%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 4	99.1%
Class 5	98.2%
Class 6	98.3%
School Weekly	98%
School YTD	95.9%
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 Year 5 were discussing the importance of passwords and why they should be kept secret. As requested they now have new ones for Times Tables Rockstars. Did you know that each year the most popular passwords are posted on websites? It would be good to check that yours are not on there! Meanwhile, here are a few tips to help...

- Don't use personal information
- Avoid real words
- Use mixed characters/symbols (upper & lower case)
- Create longer passwords
- Consider random elements

In order to still remember the password can you think of an image or make up a sequence to act as a reminder?

## Times Tables Rockstars

We have been so impressed with how the children have responded to the Times Tables Rockstars trail that we purchased a licence. Please do chat to your children about how they are doing. Pupils can log on at home using the following link. <https://trockstars.com>

We are seeing great perseverance when tackling difficult tables and learning alternative strategies for any personal challenging multiplication facts can really help. For example if you are stuck with 4x6, perhaps imagine getting 2 double sixes when playing a board game. 2 lots of 12.

## Dates Ahead

Date	Event
26th April Circus 6-8pm	Circus-themed Own Clothes Day; Chevening Circus
28th April	Volunteer Lifesaving Course
1st May	Y3 & Y4 Tennis Tournament - Hollybush
2nd May	Class R trip to allotments
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
21st May* New date	Hardelet briefing for Y6 parents - 2:30 pm
13th-17th May	KS2 SATS
3rd June	INSET DAY - No children in school
11th June	SRE (sex and relationships) brief- ing to Y6 parents - 14:30
14th June	Class 3 Sleepover
21st June	Sports Day
12th July	Inset Day - No children in school

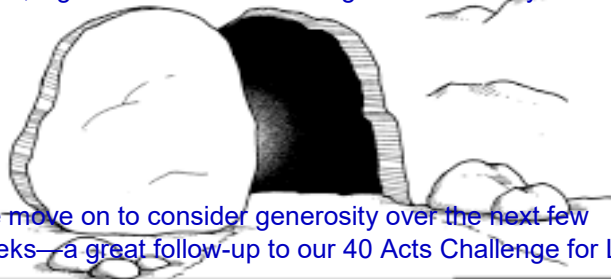
## Lent—40Acts Challenges

Day 40: Make posters about your  
school values to display.

If you made any posters, please can you submit to school, so we can admire, share & display them.

## Act of Worship

We started the term celebrating Christ's Resurrection and considered how his friends would have felt at the amazing news, sights and events following Easter Sunday.



We move on to consider generosity over the next few weeks—a great follow-up to our 40 Acts Challenge for Lent.