



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 24

Spring 2: Friday 5th April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing week—filled with multiple egg-citing opportunities! Huge thanks to Mrs Pemberton, our PTA and parents for braving the chilly rain (and then hail!) for the annual Easter Eggstravaganza. Hopefully the warm drinks kept everyone from freezing! Congratulations to the children for their imaginative hair and Easter hat designs that added much cheer to the dreary weather!

Y1 spent a gorgeous day exploring different habitats at Lullingstone—definitely worth a visit over the holiday! Further congratulations to our Love2Dance team of children for their enthusiasm and hard work that paid off so well in Wednesday's Showcase event in Sevenoaks. Our admiration and gratitude go to Carolyn and Cathryn for their determination, commitment to early mornings and creativity in creating some magnificent routines. We hope to find a way to showcase the dances to the school family after the Easter break!

There are opportunities for families to celebrate Easter at St. Botolph's Church on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Full details can be found on <https://www.cheveningchurch.org/welcome.htm>

Thank you to Mrs Wallis for organising our French Club for a number of years. We wish her well as she moves on to new professional opportunities. We are seeking a willing volunteer to oversee Football Club for September - if you are interested, please speak with Mrs Roll.

Please also remember we start the 'soft start' mornings trial at the start of next term:

- Parents bring children to the playground.
- 8.45– 8.55am Staff open KS1 & KS2 main doors.
- Parents & children say goodbye at door—children enter their building.
- Parents & children arriving late (after 8.55am) enter via School Office.

With very best wishes, Miss Minnis

Love2Dance 2019



Congratulations to our 26 superb dancers, Carolyn and Cathryn for all their efforts in putting together such magnificent routines. The children practised week after week and delivered an outstanding performance.

100% Attendance

This week, we were pleased to congratulate the 25% of pupils in Chevening who have had 100% attendance for the spring term! It's always tricky with the bugs and germs around at this time of year but well done to those who haven't missed a day!



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Alpana Cards: Thanks to all who have supported the Alpana cards initiative. We are pleased to say that we have been able to raise £75 but the story



The children were then busy exploring the 'Lend With Care' website to debate which entrepreneurs we should support. The children carried out a lot of research and contemplated the needs of the people, the value of the business, the financial risks, ability to repay; as well as how vulnerable the people concerned were. We were very impressed with the reasoning involved. Just amazing! Above are some of the beneficiaries — 'The Supra Group'.



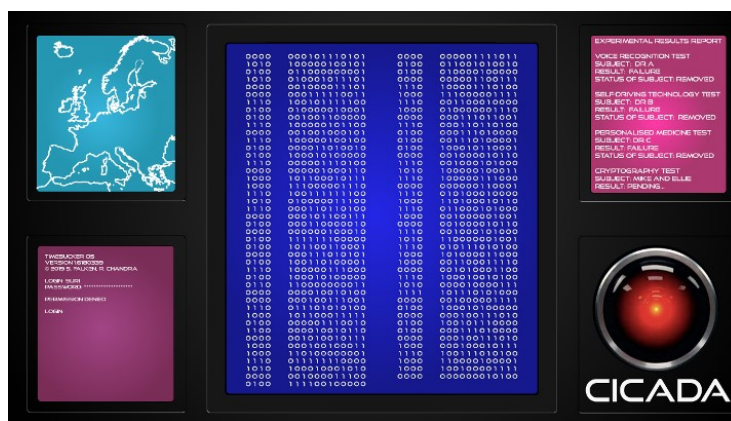
Tonbridge Grammar School Primary Team Maths Challenge:

2 pairs of pupils from Y5 and Y6 worked really hard with Mrs Wright at the Tonbridge Maths Race challenge. They did ever so well to reach 4th place. In fact, they were only a handful of points lower than the winning team.



Times Tables Rockstars:

Mrs Caisley and Mrs Thewlis arranged for the school to have a trial period using the Times Tables Rock Stars website and program. We have never seen the children so excited about beating their times tables recall times; increasing their knowledge and accuracy; competing against their friends; and even challenging teachers! If you haven't had a chance to have a look at home yet, please follow... <https://trockstars.com/> But beware – they may well challenge you next!



Alan Turing Cryptography:

The Solutions will be released on Monday! Thank you to all who have supported children with the Alan Turing Cryptography Challenge. The last couple of chapters have been the most difficult we have ever seen. However, it has been wonderful watching the enthusiasm and perseverance of those taking part. We still don't have anyone who has completed the final chapter (but there are 3 hints in the News section and the Admin forum pages). One of our teams is ranked 103 out of over 1,500 secondary school teams, and is the highest ranking team in Kent. An tremendous achievement! In fact, Chevening currently holds the top 3 Kent places. Please let Mr Qureshi know if you want to see the spreadsheet he has been working on for the final chapter. [Can you spot the film inspiration for the cryptography story? A bonus point if you can!](#)

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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School lunch payments	www.principals-catering.com	Pay by debit/credit card via phone 07483 425779

Class Attendance

This week in particular, there has been an increase in pupil absence due to illness. Please remind your children about the importance of proper hand washing as the best way to control the spread of germs. As a school, our minimum YTD attendance target is 96%.

	Weekly	Spring '19
Class R	94.7%	94.9%
Class 1	92.9%	96.1%
Class 2	98%	96.8%
Class 3	90%	95.7%
Class 4	98.9%	97.4%
Class 5	92.7%	94.5%
Class 6	93.7%	95.1%
School Weekly	94.4%	
School YTD	95.8%	
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

Lent—The remaining Generosity Challenges

Day 32: Invite somebody new to join in with your game.

Day 33: Try to avoid using any plastic that you throw in the bin, like straws.

Day 34: Play with a child in a different year group.

Day 35: Find out how you could help a local charity.

Day 36: Find out something new about somebody.

Day 37: Give someone a nice surprise.

Day 38: Talk to your family about their favourite thing about school.

Day 39: Ask how you can help out at home.

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

For more acts of kindness, why not download the family calendar at <https://40acts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/40-Family-Wallchart-2019.pdf>

Give the gift of time! School work party - Saturday, 6th April from 8am - 1pm.

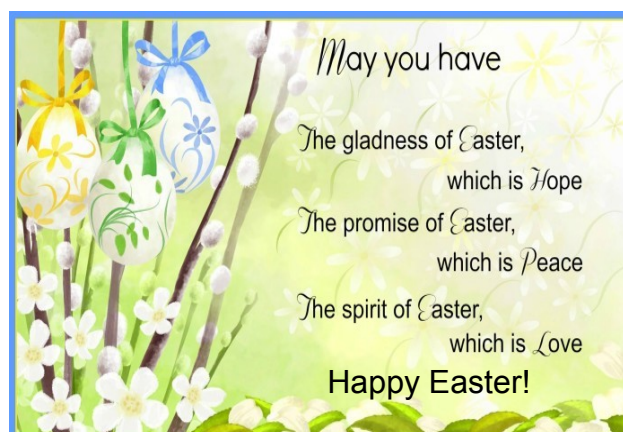
Dates Ahead

Date	Event
16th April	National Offer Day for Primary School places
23rd April	Term 5 Starts— NB: Start of trial for start of day routines (Please see this week's separate letter)
24th April	Safety in Action - Class 6
26th April Circus 6-8pm	Circus-themed Own Clothes Day; Chevening Circus
1st May	Y3&4 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	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
10th May	Hardelet briefing for Y6 parents - 2:30 pm
13th - 17th May	KS2 SATS

PTA News

With only a few weeks until Happy's Circus rolls into town, Team Circus are full steam ahead with their planning and coordination. We are still accepting sweet donations to be left in the box in Reception.

On Friday 26th April, we will be having a 'Circus themed' Own Clothes Day, in return for donations of bottles (for the tombola) and cakes (for the cake stall).



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