



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 23

Spring 2: Friday 29th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

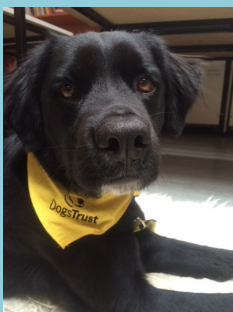
Our week started last Sunday, with the termly School Service at St Botolph's Church. Thank you to everyone who attended—especially the children who sang beautifully, read well and led the congregational prayers. Coming straight after the PTA Ball, the attendance was impressive! Now we are preparing and looking forward to our end of term service at St Botolph's (2pm on Friday 5th April).

We have two visits linked to safety this week—Paddy and Helen from the Dogs Trust (see photo below) and Lynda, Laurie, Elizabeth & Hayley from NSPCC. Both visits were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.

Class 3 have had a busy week, taking part in the Westerham Music Festival with Mrs Maxwell and other school choirs on Tuesday and then heading off to Howletts Zoo on Thursday. Class 2 enjoyed deepening their Historical knowledge by visiting the newly opened Knole House—a great treasure right on our doorstep! Thank you to the staff for organising the workshops and visits that help make our curriculum bespoke to our children's needs. Further thanks to parents/carers for making time to accompany visits and trips—without you, we couldn't manage such a vast array!

Lastly, we would like to thank Mr Bicknell as he ran his last football coaching session on Thursday after four years of volunteering. We are still looking for a replacement to start in the new academic year, so if you think you might be interested, please speak with Mrs Roll.

With very best wishes, Miss Minnis



Meet Paddy—one of our Dog's Trust visitors!



The NSPCC team visited on Tuesday to support our teaching and learning about personal safety. Please be sure to regularly remind your child of the PANTS rules. For further details visit www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/nderwear-rule

Not sure how/when to start talking about it? Here are some suggestions: at bathtime; when applying cream or getting your child dressed; during car journeys; going swimming and saying that what's covered by swimwear is private; during a TV show that features a sensitive storyline; singing along to the PANTS song with Pantosaurus.

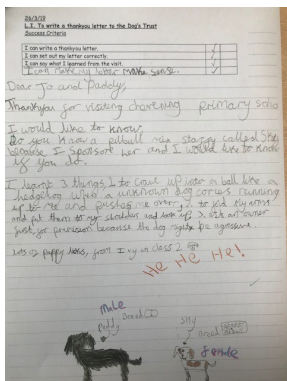
Christian Values

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

Klarissa COURAGE	R	For developing her confidence to share ideas and being an enthusiastic learner
Celia-Rose V FORGIVENESS	1	For being such an understanding, kind and caring friend
All of Class 2 RESPECT	2	For their fantastic behaviour during the Knole Park trip
All of Class 3 RESPECT	3	For their fantastic behaviour during the Howletts Trip!
Yvaine T PERSEVERANCE	4	For working on her 'Rock Star' times tables
Florence T LOVE	5	For always showing kindness and love to those around her
Gemma G PERSEVERANCE	6	For all the hard work that she has put in to improving her reasoning.

Class News

Class 2 enjoyed their visit from Paddy, one of the canines from the Dogs Trust. They then wrote a thank-you letter to Jo from the Dogs Trust telling her all the things they learned during her visit.



Class 1 enjoyed exploring Choice Chambers this week in Science. They worked as a group and created 4 different habitats for their chosen mini beast to explore. They made predictions and then closely observed their mini-beast settle in it's most favourable habitat.



Class 3 enjoyed a wonderful day out at Howletts Conservation Park on Thursday. They had a very informative 'Animals of the Ice Age' tour, saw lots of beautiful and unusual animals and of course, enjoyed lunch!



Class 4 were delighted to find out that 5 of our posters had been shortlisted for the Sevenoaks School Science competition. We received some lovely feedback and were thrilled that Florence was first out of all of the schools, and will receive a prize soon. Here you can see an effective example by Rachael.



Class R discovered a large egg hiding in the outdoor area inside one of the builder's bag of stones! Mr Garrett kindly rescued it and the class decided to make a nest out of sticks and grass to keep the egg safe. The children noticed that it was slightly cracked and made some predictions as to what might be inside.



Giant Tetrahedron Challenge - Yrs 5 & 6

Classes 5 & 6 were joined by Sam from MEBP who shared information about careers in the construction industry. The children then worked in teams to create a giant tetrahedron demonstrating skills in teamwork, listening, planning, problem-solving, time-keeping, organisation & leadership.



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	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

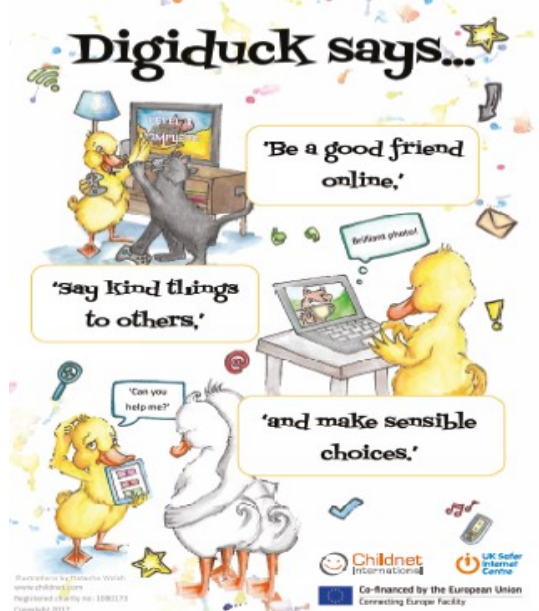
This week in particular, there has been an increase in pupil absence due to illness. Please remind your children about the importance of proper hand washing as the best way to control the spread of germs. As a school, our minimum YTD attendance target is 96%.

Class R	98.3
Class 1	97.9
Class 2	93
Class 3	92
Class 4	99.3
Class 5	90.8
Class 6	96.3
School Weekly	95.3
School YTD	95.9
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

E-Safety

Digiduck stories are especially designed to teach younger children simple principles for online safety and well-being.

Visit <https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories> to find out more—there are stories to share, posters to print off and an app to download.



Lent—Day 25 & Day 26 Challenges

Day 25: Be brave by trying something you find hard

Day 26: Hold the door open for someone

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
29th March	Deadline for Secondary School appeals
1st April	Class 1 Trip to Lullingstone
2nd April	PTA Easter Fun Day
3rd April	Lent Book Study Group
5th April	End of term service - Chevening Church - 2:00 pm
5th April	Last day of term 4
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	Chevening Circus
5th May	Volunteer Lifesaving Course

PTA News

Spring Ball:

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Ball on Saturday night; once again it was a roaring success. Huge thank you to Team Ball (Cathryn Bishop, Katie Williams and Tracey O'Brien) who helped me coordinate the event and an immense thank you to our auctioneer on the night, Chris Burrige, who's fabulous skills helped us smash previous year's total and raise a staggering £6,300 for the PTA. For a small school, amounts like this raised at a single event is incredible and the PTA are extremely grateful to everyone who donated auction and raffle prizes, bought tickets and bid on the auction lots.

The fundraising didn't stop there either, the Ball guests donated a further £420 to our charity collection for the Royal Marsden.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone.

Act of Worship

During Lent, we have been focusing on the Lord's Prayer. Please try the 5 fingers of prayer at home—an easy way to structure your conversation with God.

