



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 22

Spring 2: Friday 22nd March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am immensely proud of our children—this week has been an emotional challenge for us all, but with God's help, your support and our staff team's care and guidance, we have known and shown resilience, faith, love and compassion towards one another. Thank you for your on-going prayers and concern for each other, our children and the staff team.

I am very grateful to Mr Qureshi, who has spent considerable time this week reviewing some books which tackle different aspects of loss and bereavement. If you want to know more, please see the accompanying notes with this letter.

I look forward to seeing lots of Chevening School faces at the 10.30am service at St Botolph's on Sunday. Please remember that school uniform is not required!

Our netball team have enjoyed their first success, following many weeks of coaching, practice and development of skills! Our congratulations and continuing encouragement go to the team! Our Y1 and Y2 Infant Agility teams enjoyed their afternoon of fun at Knole Academy with a good number of other schools. What a great opportunity to join in a large scale event at such a young age!

We managed to squeeze in a Science focus and visit from the History Troupe this week as well. Further details can be found in this newsletter and our Science Special Edition. Best wishes to all the parents/carers attending our PTA Spring Ball tomorrow evening!

With very best wishes, Miss Minnis

James Theodosiou

02.01.09 - 10.03.19



Sporting Achievements



This week saw more fantastic sporting achievements across KS1 and KS2. Thank you to Mrs Roll for facilitating our participation in all of these events.

Twenty pupils from Years 1 and 2 took part in an Infant Agility festival at Knole Academy. The event provided children with the opportunity to try a variety of activities.

Our Netball League Team ended the season on a high with their first win. A huge improvement in confidence and skill was enjoyed by the whole squad. Well done!

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:

Rosie L PERSEVERANCE	R	For great effort with her Phonics and being keen to learn
Oliver T COMPASSION	1	For comforting another pupil when they were upset
Isabel H PERSEVERANCE	2	For trying to speed up how long it takes to do activities
Aoife K-R LOVE	3	For always looking out for her friends and using kind words.
James W & Yvaine P FORGIVENESS	4	For demonstrating the gift of forgiveness
Kiana C COURAGE	5	For offering answers aloud more in class
Miller C PERSEVERANCE	6	For sticking with his maths until he could explain the answer

Class News

Class 2 has been studying habitats for Tuesday's 'Science Day'. We visited forest school and looked for small habitats - terrorizing poor wood-lice, worms and other creepy crawlies. We then researched and made our own Shoebox habitats.



Class 3 has investigated how water is transported through a plant. We have written an introduction, made predictions, collected results and written a conclusion on how the experiment went.



Class R learnt about Jesus' resurrection and created their own Easter Gardens using natural items collected in Forest School.



Class 4 have been busy being 'Rebellious Artists' this week and have entered the Turner Gallery's Portfolio competition. As a taster, Yvaine's is asking the question 'What will London look like in the future?' with Global Warming and possibly Brexit.



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

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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	90.7
Class 1	96.4
Class 2	91.3
Class 3	93
Class 4	99.6
Class 5	88.8
Class 6	95
School Weekly	93.6
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

Be Share Aware: Talk about what's OK, and not OK, to share online

Talk to your child about what 'personal information' actually is - such as an email address, full name, phone number, address or school name - and why it's important.

Explain simple ways to protect privacy. For example, avoiding usernames like birthdates or locations that give away too much information.

Discuss images, videos and photos, and what might be appropriate. Help your child understand how photographs can give people a sense of your personality, and that sharing the wrong kind of image can give the wrong impression.

Explain that it isn't easy to identify someone online. People aren't always who they say they are, so don't share personal information with them. If it's someone who genuinely knows your child, they shouldn't need to ask for personal information online.

Tell your child that if they're in any doubt they should talk to you first.

For more information, visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child->

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
24th March	School church service - 10:30 am
26th March	Visit from the Dog's Trust
27th March	Lent Book Study Group
27th March	NSPCC Workshop
28th March	Class 3 Trip to Howlett's Zoo
28th March	Giant Tetrahedron Challenge Y5/6
29th March	Class 2 Trip to Knole House
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
23rd April	Term 5 Starts
24th April	Safety in Action - Class 6
5th May	Volunteer Lifesaving Course

PTA News

PTA Spring Ball - 23rd March 7pm

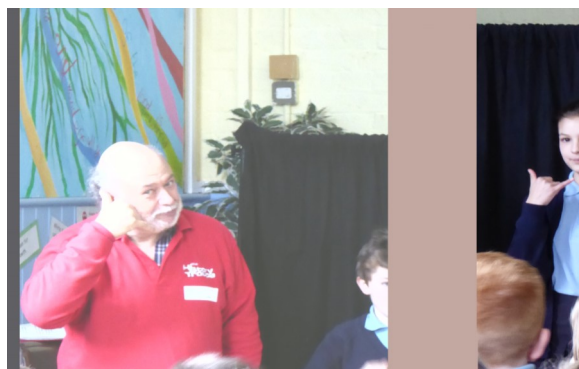
Easter Fun Day - Tuesday, 2nd April

40acts for Lent—Day 18 & Day 19 Challenges

Day 18: Congratulate others when they do well
Day 19: Help return lost property to the right owner

Act of Worship

During their visit on Thursday, the History Troupe were reminding us all that prayer is like a telephone—a conversation with God, any time, any place.



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CHEVENING PRIMARY SCHOOL - "SPONSOR A FISH"

The deadline for "Sponsor a Fish" is Wednesday 3rd April. This will ensure that there is enough time for the fish to be ready for the artwork to be displayed on the swimming pool fence in Term 6.

We will continue to accept order forms after this date but will only be creating art work panels when sufficient fish orders have been received.

At the Splash event last week, we were asked what the artwork might look like. The above photo is a mock-up of the art panels.

