



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 20

Spring 2: Friday 8th March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

The excitement of Book Week is always a special feature of the school year. Admiring the amazing costumes is both entertaining and awe-inspiring, as we try to work out which character and which book are being represented! Further details are available in Mrs Edward's Special Edition Newsletter. (Did you guess that it was Mrs Edward's photo in last week's Newsletter?)

Thank you to the parents who joined in our Phonic Workshop and Splash Events this week. What different themes— but both events focused on important learning for our children and we are grateful for all the support shown. Mrs Robinson will be adding her handouts and other resources to the school website, so please remember to check it for updates.

We were also delighted to receive a bundle of books from the George & Dragon at Chipstead, all focusing on celebrating inspirational women! Huge thanks to Mr James for his generosity and great choice of books.

There has been more attention on internet safety for children and elements of 'fake news' over the last 10 days. All of which are good reminders to regularly check in with your child to know they are communicating safely and appropriately on-line, as well as knowing how to respond to inappropriate content or contact.

On Wednesday we launched our preparations for Easter by starting the **40acts for Lent**. This is a class focus on sharing Christian values on a daily basis by completing a challenge which is linked to *Gratitude, Environmental Care, Giving, Community, Kindness, New Friends or Doing the Right Thing*. If you want to join in, or learn more visit <https://40acts.org.uk/signup> Please remember your appointments for next week's Parent Consultations—a chance to discuss your child's Spring term report with staff.

With very best wishes, **Miss Minnis**

Adults learning in school!

Here are some adults learning in school this week—focusing on adding 'sound buttons' to words in Mrs Robinson's Fun Phonics Workshop on Tuesday afternoon. Thursday evening's quiz proved challenging for the Splash Eventers! Thanks to our Governors for organising the event and David Lewis for his quiz master skills!



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:

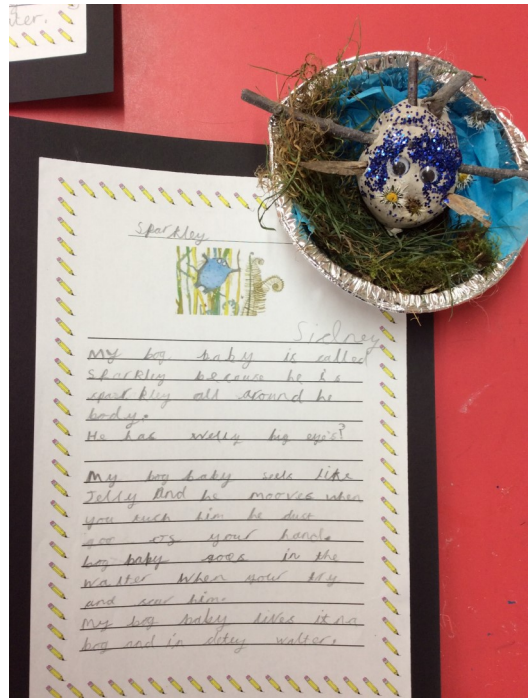
Hugo B Perseverance	R	For always trying his best and having a go
Elsie B Love	1	For always showing love and kindness towards her peers
Sadie Respect	2	For always 'doing the right thing' and being helpful and thoughtful
George S Faith	3	For recognising the importance of being grateful for Jesus during the 40 days of Lent challenge
James W Courage	4	For courage during world book day
Samuel D Faith	5	For exploring big questions during his learning about sacrifice and Easter.
Emily R Honesty	6	For always being honest about her work and how it can be improved.

Class News

Class R have been very busy with a variety of activities for Book Week.



Class 1 have made their own Bog Baby out of clay. They went to Forest School and made a perfect habitat for their new friends to live in.



Key Stage Two have taken part in a book-themed carousel today to finish off their Book Week learning. They have been making character bags, designing alternative book covers, exploring maps within books and making their own character Top Trumps.



For further details on your child's learning, remember to 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

This week's attendance is 95.4% and YTD at 96.1%. Please remember that regular and punctual attendance is vital to helping the children develop socially, emotionally and academically, now and into the future.

Class R	92.7%
Class 1	97.1%
Class 2	97.3%
Class 3	97.3%
Class 4	94.3%
Class 5	97.7%
Class 6	94.7%
School	95.4%
Key	
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

E-Safety

Online safety quiz time!

Who knows more—you or your child?

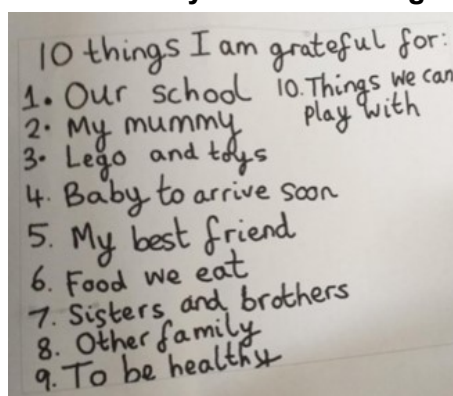
Mrs Edwards found this quiz and recommends you to try it—a great conversation starter!

<https://www.o2.co.uk/help/nspcc/parents-vs-kids/play>

40acts for Lent—Days 4 and 5 Challenges

Day 4: Practise Kindness by letting people go ahead of you all day. *Let us know how many people you impressed!*

Day 5: Practise further Kindness by Offering to carry someone's bag today.



Day 1:
10 things I
am grateful
for

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
9th March	Netball & Football Tournament @ Knole Academy
12th March	Parent Consultations - 5-8 pm
13th March	Lent Book Study Group - 9 am
14th March	Parent Consultations - 3:30-6 pm
15th March	Class R Trip to Leeds Castle
20th March	Lent Book Study Group - 9 am
23rd March	PTA Ball @ Nizel's
24th March	School church service
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 & Y6
29th March	Class 2 Trip to Knole House
29th March	Deadline for Secondary School appeals
2nd April	PTA Easter Fun Day
3rd April	Lent Book Study Group
5th April	End of term service - Chevening Church - Time TBC
5th April	Last day of term 4
23rd April	Term 5 Starts

PTA News

PTA Spring Ball - 23rd March 7pm

CheveningChamps@Marsden

On **Sunday 10th March** a number of families are participating in the Marsden March—a 5 mile or 15 mile walk between the Royal Marsden Hospital in Chelsea to the Marsden hospital in Sutton. The Royal Marsden hospitals care for many patients, including some from our Chevening family. If you would like to support us and donate some money to these hospitals, please do so using the following link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cheveningchamps>

Alpana Inspired Cards



The Power of Books:

Year 4 have been intrigued by our class book set in India. The children have found out a lot about customs and ways of life in the rural village where 'Rickshaw Girl' is set.

The heroine, who paints alpanas (traditional geometric designs), uses her skills and breaks conventions in order to help her father repair their rickshaw and avoid falling further into debt. The book gives a balanced view of the wonderful things about the area as well as the vulnerability to problems – particularly with finance.

Class 4 researched how 'microfinance' initiatives have been set up to support such communities and decided that they would like to help. They have made beautiful alpana-styled designs and will turn them into cards for sale. With the help of the School Council, Year 4 wish to then pick one of the families on the 'lend with care' website to support. (In the initiative, small family businesses request loans to help them grow their business or carry out repairs. The funds are then repaid at no interest over a planned fixed period and the repayments can later be used to support another family or withdrawn. You can see some of the requests on <https://lendwithcare.org/>) The children wrote persuasive letters to ask for Miss Minnis' agreement and thankfully she said 'yes'!

Class 4 will have cards for sale and information about their learning at the parent consultations. We hope you like them and are able to support this project. It's a great way for children to discover how their learning can inform, as well as benefit, themselves and others.

