



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 19

Spring 2: Friday 1st March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled half term break. With the continuing balmy weather, this first week has felt very spring-like, so it's been great to see the children return with energy and enthusiasm! By Thursday, KS2 children were bursting with excitement at the super Science workshop opportunities at Sevenoaks School. A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers for accompanying the visits and driving the minibuses!

Please see another on-line safety focus—our regular input to help families guide and guard children in the online world. Remember to use our “Tips for Keeping Your Child Safe On-line” should your child ever be worried or scared about anything they see or read. Care for the Family are organising an event for parents/carers, focusing on ‘Powering up your parenting for the online generation’, with a venue in Tonbridge on Tues 5th June at 7.30pm. Full details on p 3.

And finally, Book Week is **next** week—with opportunities for Rec- Y3 parents to attend a Phonics Workshop (Tues) and for the children to dress up as book characters on World Book Day. **We are keen to**



celebrate our love of reading, so please bring in a photo of you reading—in your favourite place, or somewhere different or

unusual! Can you guess this eager-reader and their location?

With very best wishes, **Miss Minnis**

Pool Progress

Half term's good weather really helped the contractors working on the swimming pool refurbishment. The photos show the new liner, pool-side paving, the new glazing and cladding of the changing rooms. It's really exciting to see the work coming together so well. Don't forget to buy tickets for the Splash Event (Fish and Chip) Fundraiser 07.03.19!



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:

Gabriel D Courage	1	For being very brave and resilient
Eva P Perseverance	2	Always trying her hardest in all her learning
Poppy O Respect	3	For always being kind and helpful to her classmates and adults
Abbie M Courage	4	For volunteering to take part in an experiment at the Science show
James H Forgiveness	5	For taking on board a discussion with an adult and making a really positive change as a result
Tess H Courage	6	For standing up in front of the class and reading out her work.

Class News

Class R started their new topic 'Castles'. The role-play corner in the classroom was transformed into a castle by the help of the children. They have really enjoyed dressing up as Princesses, Knights and Jesters and re-telling fairy tale stories!



Class 2 have been evaluating their recent Space Buggy creations with some fabulous writing.



Class 4 have been learning how to add their own music and sound effects to the computer games they are making. They have used a program called 'Isle of Tune' to compose the music; another called 'Audacity' to record the sound; and are importing it into 'Scratch'. All of these programs are free to download so you may like to have a go yourself at home!



Class 6 reports that "Science is Fun" - It's official!

Class 6 have also been using recap this week and using all the things they were taught at their visit to The Guardian newspaper last October. They have written newspaper reports about the two science shows that they watched at Sevenoaks School. One child reported; "The shows were a very interesting and enjoyable experience" and were presented by a company called, "Science Made Simple" which aims to bring science to life for school children.

Can you spot all 5W's (Who, What, Where, When, Why) in our mini report?

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 Grobbelaar	reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk
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School lunch payments	www.principals-catering.com	Pay by debit/credit card via phone 07483 425779

Class Attendance

This week's attendance is 97.4% 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	97.5%
Class 1	98.2%
Class 2	98.3%
Class 3	100%
Class 4	97.3%
Class 5	100%
Class 6	95%
School	97.4%
Key	
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

E-Safety

Care for the Family

present

Connected: Confident Parenting in a Digital Age

Tonbridge: Tue 5th June @ 7.30pm

Donate your unwanted books

Reading Spots is a project working to support rural communities in their desire to establish community-led and owned libraries in partnership with Book Aid International. The project won the TES International Award in 2018. Since 2015, 22 'Reading Spots' have been created mainly through pupil-led fundraising in UK schools, with a team of over 200 volunteers running the projects every day in Ghana. The libraries are fitted with solar-power to enable communities to have free light to read and study by in the evenings. Please visit www.readingspots.org for more information.

Please drop books off at Knole Academy on Saturday 9th March, either at the netball drop box or the football drop box or at Chevening by 8th March. Children's fiction/non-fiction (children's books with pop-ups, noises, etc are always particularly popular!); dictionaries (in English and in other languages; French is often studied); encyclopedias and atlases (again, recent is preferred); science books, any educational resources (e.g. abacuses, shape boxes, spelling cards, posters, stationary etc.).

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
1st March	Class 6 Cake Sale
1-7th March	Book Fair
5th March	Phonics workshop for Parents
6th March—9:10	Lent Book Study
7th March	World Book Day
7th March - 7pm	Splash event—New Date
8th March	PTA Kids' Movie Night
9th March	Netball & Football Tournament @ Knole Academy
12th March	Parent Consultations - 5-8 pm
14th March	Parent Consultations - 3:30-6 pm
15th March	Class R Trip to Leeds Castle
23rd March	PTA Ball @ Nizel's
24th March	School church service
26th March	Visit from the Dog's Trust
27th March	NSPCC Workshop
28th March	Class 3 Trip to Howlett's Zoo
29th March	Class 2 Trip to Knole House

PTA News

Chevening Cinema—Kids' Movie Night
Fri 8th March—Sign up on-line today at www.schoolinterviews.co.uk; code w5xmb

PTA Spring Ball - 23rd March 7pm

LENTEN BOOK STUDY GROUP

Wednesdays during Lent from 9:10—10:10am starting 06.03.19

CHEVENING CHURCH
 Rector Smith will lead a study of the book "A Fistful of Heroes".

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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>

www.chevening.kent.sch.uk

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