

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 18

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Inspiring learning has been evident this week, with our children enjoying different experiences to bring their learning to life. Y1 shone brightly as they learnt about toys in Brighton on Monday—a great follow-on from Y5's trip to The Natural History Museum last Friday.

Kent Fire Brigade visited on Wednesday, bringing a Fire Engine to school! The excitement was almost too much—but the children have learnt important safety skills, including the importance of NOT charging mobile phones overnight, so that the batteries do not overheat—explode—cause a fire!

Please see our first on-line safety section in this week's Newsletter— a regular input to help families guide and guard children in the online world. There is also a separate letter giving details about a new police initiative in Kent—Operation Encompass—responding to domestic violence incidents involving children.

Please note that Book Week will soon be upon us—with opportunities to dress up as book characters on World Book Day. In advance of this, here's some half-term holiday homework for children and grown-ups: please bring in a photo of you reading—in your favourite place, or somewhere different or unusual!

We wish all our families a relaxing and funfilled half-term break. Please remember Monday is an INSET day, so we will be ready to welcome the children at **8.45am on Tuesday 26th February!** With very best wishes, **Miss Minnis**

Nifty Netballers!

Congratulations to our netballing stars who spent a freezing and windy Saturday morning honing their skills at Kent College. As well as playing numerous matches, the children got to meet other nifty netballers—including KCC's superstar U17 England team member! Many thanks to Mrs Roll and our families for enabling the children to enjoy this experience!



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:

Soraya O-W PERSEVERANCE	1	For working so hard consistently in all areas.				
Shivaan D RESPECT	2	For showing respect to teachers, pupils and the school.				
Wilf G COURAGE & PERSEVERANCE	3 e _{ren} e	For getting back up after a nasty fall during PE and carrying on playing.				
Sebastian M HONESTY	ess ess	For immediately responding openly when asked about something in class.				
Austin B LOVE	5	For his love for learning and the way he conducted himself on our class trip to the Science Museum.				
Henry W LOVE & COMPASSION THEA M HONESTY	6	For taking care of another child when they were injured. For the way she faces difficult work.				



HELP US RAISE £65,000 FOR THE SWIMMING POOL REFURBISHMENT



Sponsor a Fish and help create a School of Fish! The Fish will be displayed on panels inside the pool fence for children and spectators to enjoy. There are two sizes of Fish to sponsor - Small (£20) and Large (£40). You can choose the text to be inserted on each Fish - your child's name, your family name, your company's name - up to 20 characters for a Small Fish and 50 characters for a Large Fish.

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In case of queries, please contact Mrs Prue Burrlock, Chair of Governors on pburrlock@chevening.kent.sch.uk

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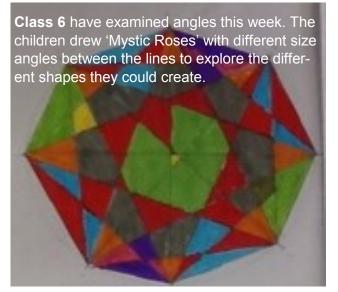
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I want to Gift Aid my donation of f____ _ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to Chevening (St Botolph's) Primary School.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please notify us if you want to cancel this declaration, change your name or home address, no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Thank you for your support, The School Governors



Class 5 have made their own Spacethemed toys this week. Each toy has its own working cam mechanism.



Class 2 designed and made their own space buggies—a fun ending to their topic this term.



Class News







School Contacts:						
Attendance/sickness messages; EMC/Activ8 bookings/cancellations; School lunch orders/changes/ cancellations	Mrs Grobbelaar	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 94.6%% and YTD at 96%. 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	96%					
Class 1	96.4%					
Class 2	96.7%					
Class 3	94.7%					
Class 4	95.7%					
Class 5	91.2%					
Class 6	94%					
School	94.6%					
Key						
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance					
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance					
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance					

Online Safety

"Young people may appear to have the technical skills to negotiate the internet but increasingly, it is becoming clear that they do not have the social skills because information technology may be having a deep impact on their cognitive and social development." Children's Commissioner—2015

For tips on how to keep your child safe online, visit https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/



Fire Brigade Visit

The whole school benefited from a visit by Kent Fire Brigade this week. Children heard about smoke alarms, keeping safe, calling in case of emergencies, as well as thinking of a home emergency escape plan. The youngest children also got to see the fire engine in attendance. The fire brigade's advice on smoke alarms is to test them weekly.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY GROUP

Every Wednesday during Lent from 9:10—10:10am starting 06.03.19

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Rector Smith will lead a study of the book

"A Fistful of Heroes".

Books are just £5, available from the School Office

Dates Ahead

Date	Event				
25th February	Inset Day—No pupils in school				
26th February	Term 4 & clubs start				
28th February	Parents' Prayer Meeting KS2 Science Day @ Sevenoaks School—Details TBC				
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				
23rd March	PTA Ball @ Nizel's				
24th March	School church service				

PTA News



Happy Circus is coming to Chevening on 26th April! Tickets are now sold out but you can add your name to a waiting list if any tickets become available!

Class 6 Cake Sale—1st March—After school

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

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