



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 15

Spring 1: Friday 25th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week's colder weather has prompted a review of the school's procedures for hazardous/severe weather conditions. You may have seen the new page on our website (in the Parents' tab), but here is a summary:

We are committed to maintaining as normal a school offer as possible, but will prioritise safety when circumstances require either an adaptation to school timings, services or indeed, full closure. All decisions are taken with care and thought for everyone's well-being.

For information about salting routes, Kent County Council services, travel issues, etc please see www.kent.gov.uk/winter.

Any disruptions to the school day, including closure, late opening/early closing, will be shared via email, the school website, the Kent closures website and Twitter.

Parents/carers can sign up for free email alerts on the Kent Closures website. We ask our families to use these systems, as the school phone lines are limited and needed for emergency service contact.

We ask our families to help by:

- providing a **local** emergency contact who is authorised to collect your child/ren in emergency situations;
- ensuring children are appropriately dressed (boots, gloves, scarves, thick coats, etc) and provide school shoes for indoor use;
- providing safe escort for children to and from school, especially during icy conditions, and using gritted pathways on school site;
- providing a packed lunch from home, in case school dinner deliveries are not possible;
- understanding that the school day may need to be adapted/shortened, in order to keep children and staff safe. (NB Any decision to close the school will only be taken if there is no alternative.)

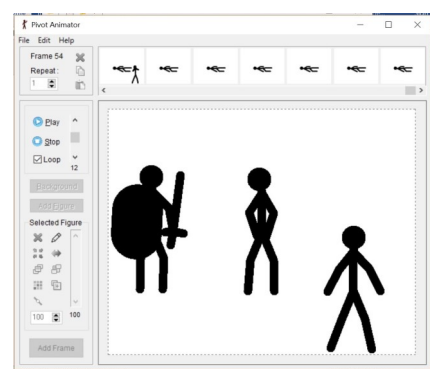
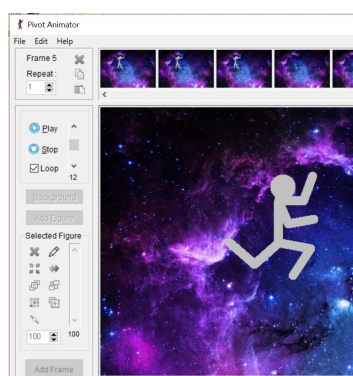
Thank you all for your support! With best wishes for a milder weekend,
Miss Minnis

Animation Club

Last week we were busy using a free-to-download animation tool called Pivot Animator. You can see some examples we made on the Chevening Website.

<http://www.chevening.kent.sch.uk/animation-club/>

The program uses a very basic, jointed stick-man but you can add backgrounds, more people, or even design your own characters with greater detail. The club members came up with some very entertaining animations. Some were even able to make their characters (sprites) dance!



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:

Archie M PERSEVERANCE	1	For producing a fantastic "Traction Man" story
Ollie B PERSEVERANCE	2	When finding something difficult
Poppy O & Nia W PERSEVERANCE & RESPECT	3	For working together so well on their maths problem, discussing possibilities sensibly and not giving up when it got tricky!
Lily B PERSEVERANCE	4	For building a fraction wall for the class to use
Flossie T. RESPECT	5	For always showing respect to adults and children alike
Alexia F COURAGE	6	For always having a smile on her face and keeping going when things are tough

FISH CHIPS

31st JANUARY 7-8.30pm

**COME
TO THE**

SPLASH EVENT!

to discover all about the
swimming pool refurbishment

**WITH A WATER THEMED QUIZ
THAT YOU CAN DIVE INTO!**



LOCATION:
SCHOOL HALL

also includes a
short presentation
of progress and
fundraising plans

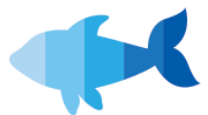

£10
per
person

PRICE INCLUDES COD & CHIPS - BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

TICKETS ON SALE NOW



“SEAS THE DAY”



have fun and help us make the pool a water-tight reality!

LET'S MAKE A SPLASH!



Class News

Class 6 have been thinking about 5 point prayers. They designed their own prayer hands to help them focus.



Class 1 became authors and illustrators and wrote a new adventure story for Traction Man.



Class 2 have explored their alien sides and made model Beegu aliens with modelling clay.



Class 3 continued their investigation of pre-historic man by creating their own cave drawings.



Class R had a visit from a dentist on Friday to link to their topic 'People that help us'. She explained to the children how to brush their teeth correctly and showed them a model of teeth. Also, she brought in some other tools and equipment for the children to see. The children were curious to find out all about teeth!



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

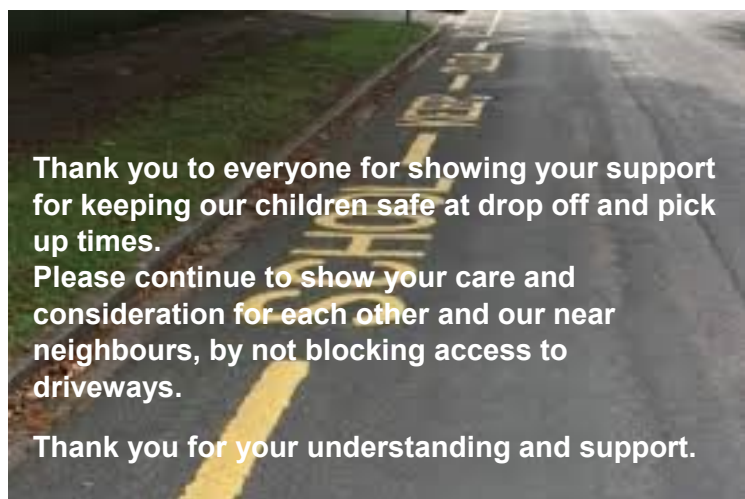
This week's attendance is 96.1%. Please remember that regular and punctual attendance is vital to helping the children develop socially, emotionally and academically, now and into the future.

Class R	96.7%
Class 1	96.3%
Class 2	98.1%
Class 3	97.3%
Class 4	97.1%
Class 5	96.7%
Class 6	95.7%
School	96.1%
Key	
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

Calling all Code Crackers

Manchester University run an annual cryptography competition for secondary school children. It is a great challenge and even though it is meant for older children, many upper KS2 children in Chevening have really enjoyed taking part. They have done amazingly well in previous years, and even won some spot prizes. Please let Mr Qureshi know if your child is interested in being part of a team.

If you would like to find out more, or even test your skills against previous competitions, you can visit the website http://www.maths.manchester.ac.uk/cryptography_competition/.



Dates Ahead

Date	Event
31st January 7:00-8:30 pm	Swimming Splash Event/Fish & Chip supper
1st February 9- 10 am	Coffee Morning with Headteacher
1st February	Year 5 Hot Chocolate Sale
4th February	Young Voices @ The O2
5th February	Internet Safety Day
8th February	Y5 trip to Science Museum
13th February	Visit from Kent Fire Brigade
15th February	Last day of term 3
25th February	Inset Day—No pupils in school
26th February	Term 4 clubs start
28th February	KS2 Science Day @ Sevenoaks School
23rd March	PTA Ball @ Nizel's

PTA News

PTA Spring Ball - 23rd March 7:00 pm

Incredibly, all sold out in a record 5 minutes!

A huge thank you to those who have donated auction lots, we have already received some incredible auction prizes. If anyone has anything that they would like to donate to the auction that would help us raise valuable funds then please email cheveningpta@gmail.com.

Save the Date - 6pm on Friday 26th April - The Circus is coming to Chevening!

Church Weekend Away: 1-3 March

Come and recharge with a retreat! The week-end will involve prayer, worship, teaching and programmes for children. Flyers available in the school office.

News from Act of Worship

We have been reflecting on Jesus as **Life Guide** this week, learning about Jesus as Light of the World. Thank you to **Tristan** for sharing his prayer, which really helped us on Tuesday:

"Dear Lord, Thank you that we have the opportunity to learn and do what we love. Thank you that we can grow in lots of different arts and talents. Sorry for when we take things for granted and don't realise how fortunate we are. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."