



# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 12

## Autumn Term 2: Friday 14th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been an amazing week of fun and festivities, with the KS1 Superstar Nativity performances following on from last Friday's Nursery Christmas Show. We were all very proud of our learners' confident and capable performances! The KS2 Carol service took everyone on a beautiful Christmas journey around the world, with inspiring traditions, carols, readings and prayers. Further congratulations to Class 6 who ably supported Christmas Lunch as table ambassadors!

From January, we are making a few adjustments to class teachers, to ensure staff and children gain the best opportunities for teaching and learning:

**Class 5:** Miss McAvoy will teach on Wednesdays, as Mr Farman is taking on a new role in another school next term. Mrs Edwards will continue to teach the class for the rest of the week.

**Class 4:** Miss McAvoy will teach on Tuesdays.

**Class 2:** Mrs James will continue to teach Monday– Wednesday and Mrs Wilde will teach both Thursday and Friday.

**Class 1:** Mrs Robinson will continue to teach Monday—Wednesday and will now also teach on Fridays. Mrs Billing will teach Class 1 on Thursdays. Please note that term dates for 2019-20 have now been agreed and are attached to the email with this newsletter.

*With very best wishes, Miss Minnis*

### Class 3 trip to London

Class 3 had a wonderful trip to the Natural History Museum on Monday. After a traffic-filled journey, the volcanoes and earthquakes show was well worth waiting for! We looked around the rest of the museum and experienced the earthquake simulator. The class were so well behaved and were an absolute credit to Chevening. Mrs Roll would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Day, Mrs Bates and Mrs Simon, who offered invaluable support on the trip. We are looking forward to the next one!



### 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:

<b>Emily Love</b>	<b>Class 1</b>	For being kind and caring to all
<b>Lola Perseverance</b>	<b>Class 2</b>	For carrying on with the Nativity despite feeling very poorly
<b>All of Year 3 Respect</b>	<b>Class 3</b>	For their impeccable behaviour on our class trip!
<b>Tristan &amp; Adam Compassion</b>	<b>Class 4</b>	Tristan and Adam for helping people in the pantomime to feel more comfortable and confident
<b>Tim Courage</b>	<b>Class 5</b>	For volunteering to read at the KS2 service despite his apprehension
<b>Amelia Perseverance</b>	<b>Class 6</b>	For reading so well (even though there were some tricky words) at the KS2 service

## Backstage at the Nativity

Just in case you wondered how the children got ready for their performance... Prepare to be impressed by their organisation and calmness! What superstars both on and off the stage!



## PTA News

**Kids Disco** - Children's disco: Fri 25th January - full details will be given after Christmas.

**Spring Ball** - Our Spring Ball is on Sat 23rd March at Nizels; tickets for tables will go on sale on Fri 11th Jan at 9am and a deposit of £20 per person is required. Tickets sold out in record time last year, so it's worth coordinating tables before the tickets go on sale. Full details on how to book and booking forms will be released soon.

**Christmas Baubles**—Congratulations to our additional winners, Jamie W and Theo! All winners received their prizes today in Celebration assembly.

## Our Swimming Pool - Let's make a Splash!

The Governors invite all parents and friends to a Splash Event to discover all about the swimming pool refurbishment. This will be on Thurs 31st Jan 2019, 7 - 8.30pm in the School Hall. Come and enjoy a fish and chip supper, with BYO drinks, presentation of progress to date, fundraising plans, plus a water themed quiz that you can dive into!

So "seas the day", have some fun and help us make the pool a water-tight reality!

Tickets will go on sale in January, £10 per person (includes cod and chips). Please contact Prue Burrlock - pburrlock@chevening.kent.sch.uk for tickets.

## School Contacts:

Attendance/sickness messages; EMC/Activ8 bookings/cancellations; School lunch orders/changes/cancellations	<b>Mrs Grobelaar</b>	reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk
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EMC/Activ8 bills	<b>Mrs Thewlis</b>	bursar@chevening.kent.sch.uk
School lunch payments	www.principals-	Pay by debit/credit card via phone 07483 425779

## Class Attendance

This week's attendance is 96.5%, a very slight drop from last week. On Wednesday, we will be awarding certificates to all those pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for the whole of Term 2. We know regular and punctual attendance is vital to helping the children develop socially, emotionally and academically, now and into the future.

Class R	97.4%
Class 1	97.2%
Class 2	98.4%
Class 3	97.5%
Class 4	96.9%
Class 5	96.9%
Class 6	96%
School	96.5%
Key	
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance



We have noticed a number of cars stopping on the school markings at drop off and pick up times. Please can we ask our parents/carers to ensure they keep our children and families safe, by keeping the yellow zig zag lines clear of parked vehicles—especially as the early mornings and afternoons get darker now we are in meteorological winter. Thank you for your understanding and support.

## Dates Ahead

Date	Event
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 5.30pm	KS2 Carol Service @ St Botolph's
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am	Christingle Family Service @ St Botolph's—Scratch Nativity
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight at St Botolph's
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term assessments delivered
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00pm	End of term Service @ St Botolph's
25 <sup>th</sup> Dec: 10.30am	Christmas Day Family Communion @ St Botolph's
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2019	Term 3 starts 8.55 am -Don't be late!

*Dear Parents, Children and Carers,*

*You are warmly invited to the Christingle and Christmas tree decoration-making party on **Saturday 15th December**, at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. This will be followed by the very festive Christingle service on **Sunday 16th December** at St Botolph's Church at 10.30 am.*

*You are all very welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.*

*Nicola, Ben, Alexia (class 6) and Izzie French*

### Church Weekend Away—

**“Come and recharge with a retreat”; Open to the school community; 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**

There will be prayer, worship, great teaching plus programmes for the children in the beautiful Oast Houses in Northiam, East Sussex.

It is a very special weekend and numbers are limited so please do contact Katie Williams (on the playground) or Jess Lewis in the Church Office - [Cheveningoffice@gmail.com](mailto:Cheveningoffice@gmail.com).

