



# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 11

## Autumn Term 2: Friday 7th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA team for organising such an amazing Christmas Fair! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the atmosphere, activities and festive fun, even tho' the weather was so dreary! Many thanks to Heidi, Fran, Kirsty, Rebecca, Martha and the class reps for all their hard work!

Having enjoyed celebrating 200 years of education in the Parish, last weekend saw the school embracing 21st century communication by joining Twitter. We will be able to speedily update parents/carers with school news, reach out to our local community and to model good e-safety behaviours. This means that we welcome followers who are parents/carers, but will challenge any under-age account holders and inappropriate messages. Follow @CeChevening on Twitter.

The staff are finalising end of term assessments and these will be shared with parents on Tue 18th December. The format may be different to previous reports from school, but will reflect each child's recent learning, attendance and next steps for development. We hope this will be a useful update, following the Parent Consultations earlier this term.

*With very best wishes,  
Miss Minnis*

### Christmas Events

There are a number of special events and activities coming up, which will steer us towards the Christmas holiday. We do hope you will be able to join in with some/all of the events—the details have been sent out via email.

Congratulations to our Chevening Nursery children and staff for their lovely performance this morning. It was good to see so many proud parents attending and supporting. The children's singing really helped to cheer us up on a dreary morning!

Can this afternoon's excursion to the Sevenoaks Pantomime be matched by next week's activities? Yes, of course! We are looking forward to the KS1 Nativity in school on Tuesday, Christmas lunch on Wednesday and the KS2 Carol Service on Thursday at St Botolph's Church. A busy, but exciting time for everyone!

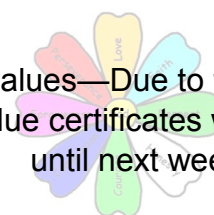


### Class News

Class R's learning has been linked to 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' book. In partners they created their own super story maps to show the Postman's route and had fun retelling the story to their friends!



Christian Values—Due to the Pantomime, Christian Value certificates will be postponed until next week.



## Prize Winners

For our wonderful Christmas Fair, the children were invited to colour in a Christmas bauble decoration. The entries have now been judged and we are delighted that there were so many excellent designs—it was a VERY difficult task to identify class winners! The winning entries are celebrated below. Thank you to everyone who contributed a bauble decoration... and thank you to our lovely PTA team for organising the competition and prizes, which will be awarded next week!



Congratulations to **Rosie, Teo, Isabel, Imogen, Tristan T, Archie W and James W** for their winning designs.

## PTA News

### Christmas Fair:

Firstly, a huge thank you to the Christmas Fair team - Rebecca Massam, Kirsty Searle and Martha Guy, for their incredible work coordinating a fabulous Fair last weekend.

Thanks also to all the Class Reps who organised the class stalls and refreshments and to all the parents & carers who assisted on the day. We will advise on how much we raised as soon as we can.

**Kids Disco** - Don't forget the children's disco on Friday 25th January - full details will be given after Christmas.

**Spring Ball** - the PTA Spring Ball is on Saturday 23rd March at Nizels; tickets for tables will go on sale on Friday 11th Jan at 9am, where 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.

### School Contacts:

Attendance/sickness messages; EMC/Activ8 bookings/cancellations; School lunch orders/changes/cancellations	<b>Mrs Grobbelaar</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-catering.com	Pay by debit/credit card via phone 07483 425779



## Class Attendance

This week's attendance is 96.6%, a slight drop from last week. In the season of coughs and colds, please encourage proper handwashing routines for your children to help minimise the spread of germs.

### Hand-washing technique with soap and water

NHS



Class R	97.5%
Class 1	97.2%
Class 2	98.7%
Class 3	97.7%
Class 4	96.8%
Class 5	97.5%
Class 6	96.1%
School	96.6%
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
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10am & 2pm	KS1 Nativity in School Hall
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch for children
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight at St Botolph's Church
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.00am	Parents/Carers' Prayer Group—meet in Glass Room.
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 5.30pm	KS2 Carol Service @ St Botolph's
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm	Carols by Candlelight at St Botolph's
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2.00pm	End of term Service @ 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.

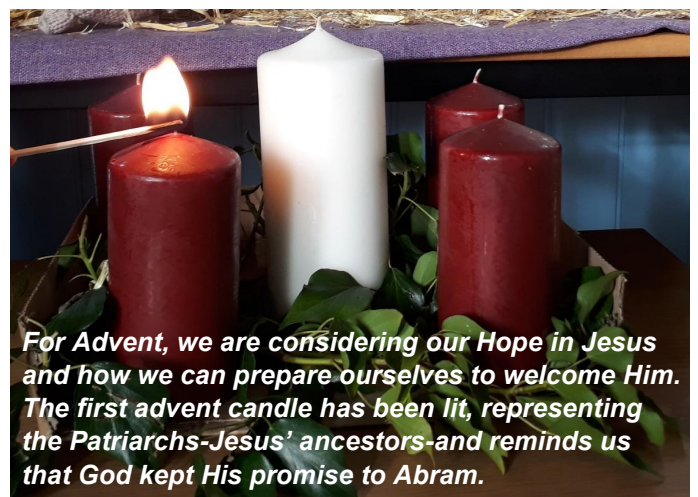
You are all very welcome to attend and we hope to see you there.

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.

## Act of Worship News



For Advent, we are considering our Hope in Jesus and how we can prepare ourselves to welcome Him. The first advent candle has been lit, representing the Patriarchs-Jesus' ancestors-and reminds us that God kept His promise to Abram.

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