



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 10

Autumn Term 2: Friday 17th November 2018

Dear Parents,

Last Friday afternoon's Act of Worship was an amazing event, witnessed by pupils, staff, parents and Governors. Mrs. McLean, Mrs Kandasamy and Class 6 had prepared a beautifully thought-provoking and emotional service, with helpful contributions from other classes. Please see page 3 for more details.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Consultation Meetings this week. We hope you found the discussions productive and helpful in steering the children's efforts and focus in the weeks ahead. Another thank you to the parents/carers who stayed for Coffee and Chat with Prue, David and myself today—it's a lovely way to meet members of the school family.

As many of you will know, Mr Townshend joined our school in September 2017, as our Deputy Head Teacher. During the last academic year, he taught Class 6, contributing to many aspects of school life and the Senior Leadership Team. Mr Townshend has now decided that, for personal reasons, he should leave Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School on 31st December, 2018. The Staff and Governors wish him all the best for the future.

With very best wishes, Miss Minnis

200 years celebration

This week we were delighted to welcome back Miss Bowers, a previous Head Teacher at Chevening. She spent time with our classes on Monday, helping the children to understand how the school has changed over the years. Unfortunately, Miss Bowers is unable to attend our special service at St Botolph's on Sunday morning, as she is spending some time abroad.

The excitement about our 200 year celebration is really brewing. We are delighted that some past staff, Governors and pupils will be attending our **School Service at St Botolph's on 18.11.18**. Sir Michael Fallon will be joining us too. There will be special music, readings, interviews, songs and photo opportunities to enjoy. **Please make sure your child is proudly wearing their school uniform!**

Don't forget, Mon 19.11.18, is 'dress up day' for the children: Class R: represent their parents at school Class 1-1945 Class 2-Victorians Class 3-The Future

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:

Phoebe— Compassion	Class 1	For always being kind and caring to her classmates.
Oliver— Kindness	Class 2	Showing great kindness to his classmates
Wilfred & Imogen— Perseverance	Class 3	Always working hard, even when they find the work tough.
Sofia – Perseverance	Class 4	Trying hard with the bar models in mathematics after finding them rather challenging last week.
Elsie— Respect	Class 5	For showing respect to adults, children and the school.
Alfie — Compassion	Class 6	Showing understanding about how others feel during anti-bullying week.

Class News

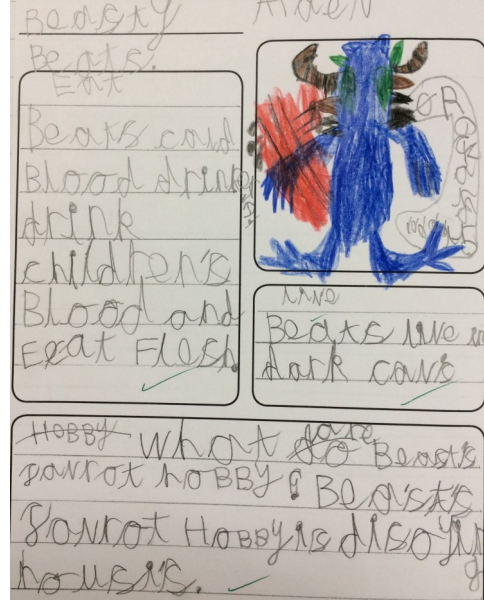
Class R have been learning about money, 'buying' their fruit at snack time. Miss Levy gave everyone some coins and the children had to select the correct coins to pay. They really enjoyed it!



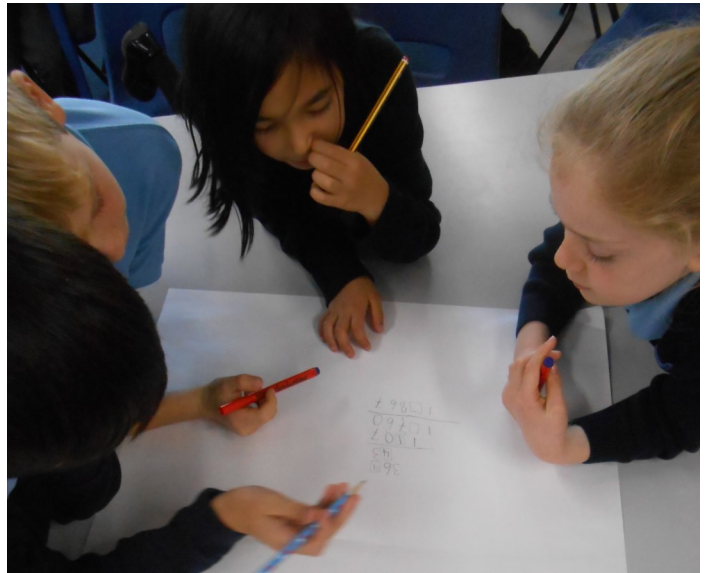
Class 3 painted beautiful poppies in the classroom window for Remembrance.



Class 1 have started to explore 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge. Before reading the story, the children made inferences about the characters' emotions from the illustrations and then recreated scenes in groups. They then wrote some amazing, creative fact files, using their preconceptions and ideas about beasts.

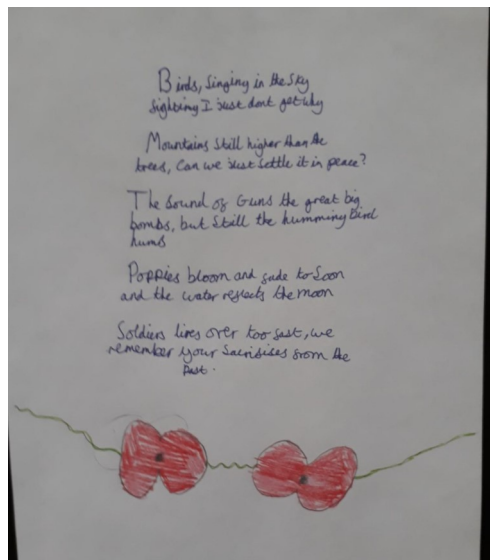
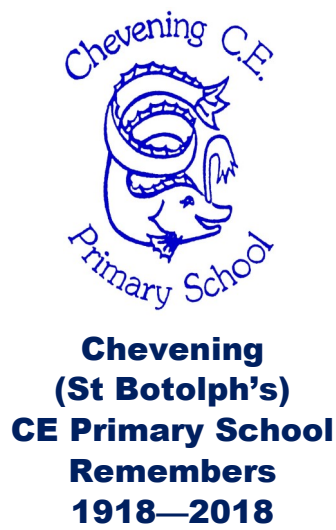


Class 5 worked in groups for Thursday's Maths lesson, tackling multiplication problems and developing their teamwork skills at the same time.



School Contacts:

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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%, an increase from last week. 67% of classes report excellent attendance. We know regular and punctual attendance is vital to helping the children develop socially, emotionally and academically. Please remember to let the school know if your child is absent from school.

Class R	98.6%
Class 1	97.4%
Class 2	98.9%
Class 3	98.3%
Class 4	96.9%
Class 5	97.9%
Class 6	96.2%
Whole school	97%
Key	
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance

Please check the calendar carefully for additions & amendments!

PTA News

16th November—Raffle tickets sent out

26th November—Colouring competition entry deadline (3:30 pm) All children are welcome to take part in a colouring competition to help decorate the school for the Christmas Fair. All entries are 50p and we ask that it is taped to the back of the bauble. Winners for each class! You can enter as many times as you wish (50p each).

23th November—Christmas Jumper Day (bring a bottle for the tombola)

30th November—Cake Collection Day

Saturday, 1st December—12:00 - 3.00pm: Christmas Fair

Soft toys are desperately needed for the Y5 stall.

Keep those donations coming!!

Dates Ahead

Date	Event
18 th Nov 10.30am	Church Service @ St Botolph's: 200th years of school in Chevening (Children need to wear school uniform)
19 th Nov	Dress up day for 200th Year Celebration
19 th Nov : 3.30pm	Netball Match Chevening vs Churchill
21 st Nov 7.30-9.30pm	Christmas Pudding Making
22 nd Nov	Flu Immunisation YR –5
29 th Nov Time TBC	Cross Country Event Y2,3,4 at New Beacon School
1 st Dec 12-3.00pm	Chevening Primary School Christmas Fair
7 th Dec	Christmas Pantomime at The Stag Theatre
11 th Dec 10am & 2pm	KS1 Nativity
12 th Dec	Christmas Lunch for children
13 th Dec 5.30pm	KS2 Carol Service @ St Botolph's Church
19 th Dec 2pm	End of term Service @ St Botolph's Church

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Thank you to everyone who prepared a Christmas shoebox. Mr Garrett and Mrs Garrett loaded 91 boxes into the car and took them to the local collection point. We are proud to know that our boxes will soon be on their way to help other children celebrate Christmas.

Act of Worship News

This week, the children have been thinking about anti-bullying, as part of the national focus on Respect. In their prayers, the children have been thanking God for our differences and seeking His help in being kind. Scarlett summed this up in her prayer, "Dear Heavenly Father, Please make sure we don't bully each other and make sure we respect people, even if we don't know them. Amen."