



Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School Newsletter No 8

Autumn Term 2: Friday 2nd November 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of Term 2, where we really do see Autumn at its best! With the falling, golden leaves and changing clocks, come the darker mornings and cooler temperatures...all sure signs of seasonal changes!

The weekly newsletter is also undergoing some changes over the coming weeks, as we trial different ways of sharing school news and activities with our families and wider community readers. Please be patient as we refine our efforts.

The week got off to a bang with African Drumming assembly and workshops for all classes. The children's enthusiasm equalled that of our drumming leader, Richard Olatunda Baker, and we were all impressed with their rhythmic energy through the day.



Please ensure you make an appointment to meet with your child's Class Teacher on either Tuesday, 13th November or Thursday, 15th November for the termly Parent Consultation—an important time to discuss progress, strengths and areas for development.

Congratulations to the children and grown ups who attended the trip to 'The Guardian'. Governors, journalists and members of the public commended the children's learning, good manners and excellent behaviour. A great accolade!
With very best wishes, Miss Minnis

200 years celebration

We have been delighted to hear from past staff, pupils and families in the last week—all keen to contribute to the celebration of 200 years of schooling in the Chevening area. We are still urgently seeking the memories, photos and artefacts of Schooling in Chevening/Chipstead 1818-2018.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in sharing memories, helping with lessons from yesteryear, visiting a class, etc, then please ask them to contact the School Office via office@chevening.kent.sch.uk. We are looking forward to a special Church Service at 10.30am on Sunday, 18th November at Chevening, St Botolph's, Parish Church, which will launch a week of learning and celebration in school. We hope to exhibit the children's work, some artefacts, photos and memories on Thursday, 29th November.

Swimming Pool Refurbishment

As you can see from the photos below, the work is well underway on the infrastructure, with excavation and pipe work being the current focus. Staff were impressed to see the current progress and are hopeful that the major works will be completed, so that the pool can be used in Term 6, Summer 2019.



School Contacts:

Attendance/sickness information / EMC or Active8 bookings/cancellations / School lunch orders/changes/cancellations:

Mrs Grobbelaar reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk

EMC or Active8 bills - Mrs Thewlis: bursar@chevening.kent.sch.uk

Admissions - Mrs English: office@chevening.kent.sch.uk

School lunch payments - www.principals-catering.com—Pay by debit/credit card via telephone 07483 425779.

Class Attendance

Each week we carefully monitor individual attendance, as we know this is vital to helping the children develop socially, emotionally and academically. Please remember to let the school know if your child is absent. The class chart is updated each week – **celebrating** excellent attendance (97% or above); **noting** good attendance (95-97%); and **alerting** us to attendance that is poor and worrying (under 95%).

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| Class R | 98.3% |
| Class 1 | 97.2% |
| Class 2 | 99% |
| Class 3 | 97.3% |
| Class 4 | 95.7% |
| Class 5 | 97.9% |
| Class 6 | 92.7% |
| Whole school | 96% |
| Key | |
| Excellent | >97% |
| Good | 95-97 |
| Poor | <95 |

PTA News

Donations Fortnight - 12.11.18—23.11.18

**Christmas Pudding Making - Wed 21.11.18
7.30 - 9.30pm**

Following last year's successful event, we are looking forward to another evening of sipping mulled wine, eating mince pies and listening to festive tunes, while making Christmas Puddings. Ticket numbers are restricted, so book in early!

Christmas Jumper Day (and bring a bottle for the tombola) - 23.11.18

Cake Collection Day - 30.11.18

Christmas Fair - Sat 01.12.18: 12:00 - 3.00pm

The Christmas Elves are busy planning another wonderful Christmas Fair for all. There will be a shopping haven just for children to secretly buy gifts for family members ranging in price from 50p to £3, then wrap them (with a little help from the teachers). If you have any unwanted gifts or unused items (candles, toiletries, jewellery, gadgets, anything!), please use the donations box in the office.

Dates Ahead

| Date | Event |
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| 08.11.18 15:45 | Girls' Football Tournament @ Knole Academy |
| 09.11.18 9.30am | Open Morning |
| 12-16.11.18 | Anti-bullying Week |
| 12.11.18 | Odd Socks Day |
| 12.11.18 | Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal |
| 13.11.18 3.30-5.30pm | Parent-Teacher Consultations |
| 15.11.18 5.00-8.00pm | Parent-Teacher Consultations |
| 18.11.18 10.30am | Church Service @ St Botolph's: 200th years of school in Chevening |
| 21.11.18 7.30-9.30pm | Christmas Pudding Making |
| 01.12.18 12-3.00pm | Chevening Primary School Christmas Fair |
| 11.12.18 | KS1 Nativity |
| 12.12.18 | Christmas Lunch for children |
| 13.12.18 5.30pm | KS2 Carol Service @ St Botolph's Church |
| 19.12.18 2pm | End of term Service @ St Botolph's Church |

Please check carefully for additions & amendments!

Remembrance 1918-2018

This is a special anniversary year for Remembrance and Chevening children will be participating by having the opportunity to wear a poppy in school. Class 6 will be leading the fundraising event with poppies (and other items) available everyday after lunch on the playground. All donations will be given to The Royal British Legion. Last day to purchase items is the 9th November. Class 6 will also be leading a special Act of Worship for the school on Friday 9th November.