

# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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*I have really enjoyed being able to visit Chevening Primary again this week, visiting most classes in their classroom and Reception in the Hall at lunchtime. On Tuesday, I had a very lovely meeting with the Head Girl, Head Boy and Deputies (Layla, George, Emily, Gemma, Jamie & Stanley). In our time together, the children clearly explained their roles and responsibilities, as well as some of the school routines and highlights. It was a lively discussion and I look forward to working with this strong team and School Council in Term 2. I wish everyone a happy and relaxing Half Term break and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 29th October, ready for Term 2.*

*Best Wishes,  
Miss Minnis*

## STAFFING UPDATE

We are very grateful to Mrs Lovatt-Young for undertaking the Consultant Head Teacher role during this term. She has ably supported the Leadership Team and Governors, as well as providing helpful hand-over information to Miss Minnis. Today, we presented some tokens of our gratitude to Mrs Lovatt-Young and look forward to continuing to work with the wider network of schools in the local area in the future. Term 2 sees Miss Minnis start full-time as Head Teacher at Chevening and we also welcome back Mrs Edwards, following her maternity leave. Mrs Edwards will teach Class 5 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week. We are delighted that Mr Farman is able to continue in Class 5 on Wednesdays and will also undertake some additional work in school next term as well.

## REFLECTIVE GARDEN

Yesterday afternoon we were fortunate to have experts working alongside parents in the Reflective Garden. Using a prize voucher for 4 hours of free gardening, issued by The Passionate Gardener ([info@passionategardener.co.uk](mailto:info@passionategardener.co.uk)) to a school parent, and with assistance from two parents; a great start has been made to tidy the reflective garden prior to winter.

The garden was designed by Year 6 and created by school parents and children in 2014. It is maintained by parents and friends of our school, with assistance from the children in regards to planting wild flowers each spring time. Various gifts from Class 6 leavers, including a large wooden chair, wooden sheep, and a water fountain are located in the garden. The reflective garden, is a lovely outdoor space, used by the parent prayer group and by children during the school day for quiet reflection and learning. If you would like to join the next working party, please let Mrs English know, so a suitable time can be arranged. Tea and biscuits provided!

## HARVEST THANK YOU CARDS

We have received many lovely cards and notes from members of the community following the delivery of our Harvest parcels. Just a few selected quotes:

*"The children are a credit to you"; "...three smart young ladies...with jolly faces announced with pride they were from the school"; "The three girls were most polite and charming lasses"; "Will you please let them know their visit gave me a lot of pleasure"; "The children who deliver are always so polite and well presented".*

Diary Dates 2018-2019

### Term 1

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October

INSET DAY - No pupils in school

### Term 2

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> October

African Drumming Workshop

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> October

Y6 to Guardian Media Centre

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October

Cross Country Meet @ Radnor House

Last day for secondary school applications

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Individual & Sibling Photos

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November

Girl's Football tournament @ Knole Academy

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November

Open Morning

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November

Operation Christmas Child—  
Shoobox Appeal Deadline

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> November

200 years of school at Chevening Church Service, St Botolph's Parish Church

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November

Christmas Pudding Making Event

## CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF SCHOOLING AT CHEVENING

After half term the children will be preparing for learning about and celebration of 200 years of schooling in the area of Chevening. We urgently need the help of past pupils, families and friends to provide 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:

office@chevening.kent.sch.uk . There will be a special Church Service 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 during the following week.

## BACH TO THE FUTURE

We were delighted to welcome the Kent Music Roadshow, "Bach to the Future" on Monday. The Roadshow, complete with live musicians playing brass, strings and woodwind; aims to inspire students to learn an instrument and gain an understanding of how valuable music is to our world. You may notice some budding musicians creating their own musical instruments at home.



## PTA UPDATE

The PTA met on Tuesday and confirmed Heidi Brooks as Chairperson and Fran Sanderson as Treasurer for 2018-19. Many thanks to everyone who joined the evening meeting. The team have some wonderful ideas for social and fundraising activities for the year ahead, but need the support of all school families. They are particularly seeking someone to take on the Secretary role, following Deirdre Diamond's end of term. Please see Deirdre, Heidi or your Class Rep if you can assist in this role. One immediate plea is to keep a look out for items for Donations Fortnight - especially if you are planning a tidy up/clear out over the half term break!

## Christmas Pudding Making event - Wednesday, 21st November 19:30 - 22:00

We are once again running this successful event, which everyone enjoyed last year. The evening is spent sipping mulled wine, eating mince pies and listening to festive tunes, while making your own Christmas Pudding. There will be a restricted number of tickets available for this event, which will be on sale after half-term.

## Christmas Fair - Saturday, 1st December (12:00 - 15:00)

The Christmas Elves are busy and the Christmas Fair planning is in full swing. Class R will be transformed into a shopping haven for children where they can secretly buy gifts for grown ups 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, smellies, jewellery, gadgets, anything!), please use the donations box in the office.

## CLASS ATTENDANCE

Each week we carefully monitor individual attendance at school, 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 chart below will be updated each week – the traffic light system **celebrates** excellent attendance (97% or above); **notes** good attendance (95-97%); and **alerts** us to attendance that is poor and worrying (under 95%).

Key:

Excellent	>97%
Good	95-97%
Poor	<95%

YR	99.0%	Y2	99.3%	Y4	97.3%	Y6	96.6%
Y1	97.6%	Y3	98.5%	Y5	97.9%		



Saturday, 1st December

PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday, 11th December

KS1 Nativity

Wednesday, 12th December

Christmas Lunch

Thursday, 13th December

KS2 Service & St Botolph's Church

## HOUSE POINTS TOTAL:

**Wolfe 3510**

**Churchill 2899**

**Sackville 2669**

**Stanhope 2104**

Reminder of useful contact information for parents:

**Attendance/sickness information -**

Mrs Grobbelaar

[reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk)

**EMC or Active8 bookings/cancellations -**

Mrs Grobbelaar

[reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk)

**EMC or Active8 bills -** Mrs Thewlis

[bursar@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@chevening.kent.sch.uk)

**Admissions -** Mrs English

[office@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@chevening.kent.sch.uk)

**School lunch orders/changes/cancellations -** Mrs Grobbelaar

[reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk)

**School lunch payments - Online at** [www.principals-catering.com](http://www.principals-catering.com) or correct cash (no cheques) in a named envelope to the office or pay by debit/credit card via telephone on 07483 425779.