

# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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## HARVEST

Thank you to those able to attend the lovely harvest festival. It was great that Miss Minnis could also be with us to share in the celebration. YR had their own festival at school and also did a quick tour of the whole site, while it was nice and quiet I believe! On Monday the Year 6 children will enjoy meeting people in the community to distribute your gifts.

## YEAR R VISITORS

We are really pleased that a grandparent in the school who is a doctor, is coming to school next week to talk to Class R about their bodies, bones and keeping healthy. This all links to their topic - 'All About Me'. Year R have also booked a parent who is an author of children's books for the following week. It's great to have these visits. If you have a profession, skill or some experience that you think would be valuable to share at school, please let us know.

## EASYFUNDRAISING

Thank you to all who shop online through Easyfundraising.org.uk This is an amazing way that the school can raise additional funds - simply follow the link below and sign up to easyfundraising. It doesn't cost any money, but anything you buy online through the easyfundraising will generate a small donation to the school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cheveningcep/>

In the last 30 days our supporters have raised just under £40, which is enough to provide a year's worth of sugar paper for art and display.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

I am sure that the families who decided that it was the right choice for their child to sit the 11+ test are aware that the results will be available soon. We want to let you know that there will be a separate message sent to Y6 parents via email to watch out for. I am sure we all understand the need for sensitivity as well as celebration and consideration of the feelings of all who took the test; as well as those who chose not to. Finally, a reminder to all parents of Year 6 pupils to make their secondary school application either online at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) or by paper SCAF before **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018**.

## BOOK FAIR & NATIONAL POETRY DAY

Please do take a look at the books during the Book Fair. They are a wonderful way to share some special time with your children, fire up their imagination and help them acquire a thirst for knowledge. Some are just a really good laugh!

## CLUBS – PARENTS IN SCHOOL

Thank you so much to all those who assist in clubs, such as cross country. You make it possible for us to offer these sporting activities. However, please may I remind all parents that children should return to classes by themselves after being escorted back to the playground. I am sure you understand the sensitive nature of children getting changed in the classrooms.

### Diary Dates

Term 1 2018/2019

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> September

New Entrants Open Morning

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 9:15

School Harvest Festival

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October

Book reading "The Day Granny's  
Knickers Blew Away"

PTA AGM @ 7:45 am

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> October

New Entrants Open Morning

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> October

YR & Y6 Height & Weight  
Measure

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October

No violin lessons

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October

Last day of clubs T1

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

INSET DAY - No pupils in school

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

Last day for secondary school  
applications

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

Odd Socks Day

## **POOL UPDATE**

Just a quick message from Mrs Thewlis. She is pleased to announce that the swimming pool work is scheduled to start next week.

## **SEVENOAKS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ~ CHILDREN'S CONCERT**

There is a family concert on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm at the Stag which is suitable for children. "Around the World." We have a connection in that one of our parents will be playing. There is a live symphony orchestra accompanying a narrated story which is suitable for 4-12 year olds. It has been a sell-out show in previous years with and boasts wonderful atmosphere in which to enjoy the music.

## **STRICTLY BLACKPOOL**

It was lovely to celebrate the successes and see the trophies brought back from a dancing competition in Blackpool during assembly. Congratulations to Tristan who also demonstrated his skills in the hall. We have loved listening to others play instruments in assemblies and so if your children have a particular talent to share, please encourage them to talk to their class teacher or Mrs Robinson and they will be delighted to make a spot just for them at the beginning or end of an Act of Worship.

**A snippet from the Harvest Festival... "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9v7 (The last phrase is one of the Rector's favourites.)**

*Nadeem Qureshi ~ KS2 leader*

## **A FINAL MESSAGE TO CLOSE THE NEWSLETTER BUT OPEN A NEW CHAPTER - FROM MISS MINNIS**

Thank you to everyone in the Chevening School Family for the warm welcome on Thursday morning. It was wonderful to be able to join in the special Harvest Thanksgiving Celebrations at the Church, with the children, staff, volunteers and wider school family. Although there was a chilly start to the day, the warm handshakes and smiling children really helped to warm us! What a delightful service, with wonderful contributions by individual and groups of talented children. The children's readings, prayers, 'Little Voices' singing and magnificent orchestra were all very special - we have much to be thankful for!

Thank you to all the parents, aunties, uncles, grandparents and younger friends who were able to attend the service and also for all the generous donations to the Harvest collection. Class 6 will be ready on Monday to organise the gifts for those in our community who will benefit from this practical demonstration of God's love.

I am looking forward to joining in more school events in the next few weeks, before fully starting after the half-term break.

## **A Harvest Prayer**

For all the harvests of the world:  
we give you thanks, O God.

For those who work to gather the crops:  
we give you thanks, O God.

For those who fill our shops with food:  
we give you thanks, O God.

For food to eat and food to share:  
we give you thanks, O God.

*Miss Minnis ~ Headteacher*

## **Diary Dates cont.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> October - 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**HALF TERM**

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

First day Term 2

T2 Clubs Start

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

Last day for secondary school applications

**Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Last day of clubs T2

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Christmas Fair 12-3pm

### **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)

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