

# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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### A GREAT SHOW!

Thank you so much to the PTA who organised the Greatest Showman Singalong last night and to the parents who supported the event. What a great idea! A huge thank-you to Heidi Brooks for overseeing the event and making it so much fun!

### CLUBS

Clubs have started and we hope the children have been talking about the wide range of activities. It has been great watching their enthusiasm. For some it can take a while to 'get into' a new activity so we ask parents to encourage children to persevere for a few sessions if they have a place. However, if it turns out that the club is not one they are suited to, then please let the leader know so that the spot may be offered to another child, that way opportunities open up for all.

### PARKING

We are keenly aware that parking is an issue in the village and we welcome any suggestions on how to improve the situation. It would be great if parents banded together to share transport or even make an event of the walk to school by joining with others. Pupil safety is our primary concern, and we notice some vehicles are not abiding by the yellow zigzag rules. These rules are there for safety reasons; both for pedestrians as well as access for emergency vehicles. (While there is a notice stating the legally enforceable times, I am sure you would agree that it is best to keep them clear at all times.) Thank you for your cooperation.

### CHEVENING PRAYER GROUP

There is a Chevening Parent & Staff Prayer Group that meets every Thursday for 20 minutes after morning drop off. Prayers are offered for the parents, staff and children of our community. For further information, please contact [laura@wickhams.co.uk](mailto:laura@wickhams.co.uk)

### POPPIES REMINDER FROM MRS MCLEAN

This November is the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. To mark this occasion we would like to create a ribbon of poppies around the playground made up of **at least** 100 knitted poppies - hopefully hundreds of knitted poppies! (See newsletter #35 for the pattern.)

### MARSDEN MARCH – From Louis Dod (Mum of Charlotte Y5)

On Sunday 10th March 2019 myself, Charlotte and her big brother James are going to take part in the Marsden March in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospitals. In years gone by various Chevening families have taken part in this incredible day. The reason for me writing this now is that there is an early bird offer for places and I am happy to book these places on behalf of anyone that would like to join me in the next Marsden March. It would be lovely to get a Chevening team again for this coming year to do either the 15 mile walk or the 5 mile walk; I will be doing the 15 mile one. The Marsden hospitals are amazing and have done so much for many, including some from our Chevening family. For more information please contact me [louisedod@live.co.uk](mailto:louisedod@live.co.uk)

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would like to ask parents to check that all of your child's uniform is named - this makes it much easier to reunite lost property with the correct owners as sometimes pen marks wear out and labels can fall off.

### Diary Dates

Term 1 2018/2019

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

New Entrants Open Morning

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> October

Last day for Christmas designs

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

School Harvest Festival

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

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

Odd Socks Day

## WEBSITE CLASS PAGES

All classes have been getting on with some exciting activities over the first few weeks and we would like to share this with you. We have wiped the class pages for a fresh new year and are starting to upload pictures, information, links, and great pupil work onto the website. Please bear with us as it takes a while to do this from scratch but we hope you check in regularly to see what has been going on in school. You can find the class pages by following this link: <http://www.chevening.kent.sch.uk/class-pages/>

## HARVEST

In this season centred around giving thanks, we would like to remind you about the forthcoming harvest festival. When considering gifts, the Chevening Church Office ask - "Please could the children bring non-perishable food that is in date. There is no instruction on the number of items, some might bring one and some might want to bring more." We are all looking forward to sharing this time with you; and the Y6 children to sharing your gifts while meeting people in the community.

## BOOK FAIR – OUR BOOK FAIR NEEDS YOU!

Every year we hold two book fairs and the first is fast approaching, starting on Wednesday 3rd October through to Wednesday 10th October. It's a great chance to celebrate the joy of reading with your child and the children get quite excited on the variety of books on offer, so please do find time to pop in.

The Book Fair will be located in the library and will be open every morning and afternoon before and after school. Every book bought will earn commission and with your help these fairs raise hundreds for the school to spend on class resources and books for the library.

The fair relies on parent helpers (and the help of their children) to open and close the book shelves and take payments before and after school (8.30-9.00 and then 3.15- 4). If you're able to help, please speak with Angela (Mum of Louis, Class 6 and Isla Rose, Class 3) or email the school office and we can send your details on to her. She needs two parents per slot. Many thanks, Angela Kerr.

## ENGLISH AND MATHS WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

We will be running Reading, Phonics and Maths workshops in the following terms. These sessions will be lead by the teachers and will help parents understand the way that the subjects are taught in the classroom. It is a great opportunity to gain an appreciation of the teaching they receive in the classroom and thus enable you to support them at home. Watch for updates before the end of term.

## KEEPING IN CONTACT

We are very grateful to the governors who regularly make themselves available on the school playground to share news and listen to your thoughts. The commitment is particularly appreciated since we all lead busy lives and some of the governors no longer have their own children at school. It is a valuable point of contact. We will also welcome your thoughts and questions in some forthcoming Parent Forums. More details of these will appear in the following newsletters.

## CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGNS

I almost dare not write the title above as we are only just in harvest! However, the PTA are ready to receive your children's Christmas Card Designs. In fact, it's not just cards that can be printed, there are many more individualised items that can be purchased if you wish. Please read the helpful tips about getting the most out of the design opportunities in the email sent by the PTA.

Finally a verse chosen by the 'Office Angels'...

**"Apply your heart to what you are taught. Listen carefully to words of knowledge" – Proverbs 23:11**

*Nadeem Qureshi ~ KS2 leader*

## 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

**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

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