

# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome Back

We hope you have had a wonderful summer break with family and we are pleased to welcome you back to exciting times of change at Chevening. The amazing performances of the children during the Lion King spectacular still stick in my mind. The theme is particularly relevant for us, as our leadership is passed from one team to another. It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Lovatt-Young and we also look forward to the arrival of Miss Minnis later in the year. Each member of the community brings something unique to the team and I hope you have had time to read Mrs Lovatt-Young's email about new appointments and arrangements. The letter also mentions the opportunities to **'Meet the Teacher' next week for classes Y1 to Y6 (DOES NOT apply to YR).**

It is always with mixed feelings that we say goodbye to those leaving us, as we miss the spark and light they bring; but at the same time we are excited about the new opportunities coming their way. In addition to those we mentioned in the last letter, we want to thank and wish all the best to Jo Turner, who is moving out of the area; and Kelly Hall, who has a new role at her child's school. We will miss all of our leavers. Our best thoughts and wishes are with the new Year 7s too!

### Class 6

The Y6 children really showed their mettle this week. They settled quickly into their new roles and responsibilities and had a very positive attitude towards the PESE test period. Children sitting the tests tackled them with great maturity for their age and their classmates have developed some thought-provoking projects to share with the class over the coming days.

### Poppies

Calling all Chevening families! 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!

#### **The pattern is as follows:**

Cast on 60 stitches.

Knit 2, purl 2 – repeat to end of row x 8 rows;

Knit 2 together – repeat to end of row.

Slip 2, knit 1, Passover, repeat to end of row.

Yarn through all stitches, pull together and sew seam. Middle of poppy sew in black button or black yarn to create inner.

Please help us to mark this very special occasion by bringing in your knitted poppies to me as soon as they are finished!

**Mrs McLean**

### Diary Dates

Term 1 2018/2019

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Children back to school

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

11+ Kent Tests

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 9:05**

Meet the Teacher (Y1-Y6)

**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September**

Violin lessons begin (private tutor - fee)

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2:45**

Meet the Teacher (Y1-Y6)

**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Clubs Start

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September**

Y5 Science Event

PTA Event - The Greatest Showman

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

New Entrants Open Morning

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

School Harvest Festival

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

New Entrants Open Morning

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

No violin lessons

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

Last day of clubs T1

## Attendance

Good attendance is a critical component of a child's education. As such, we will be recognising those pupils who achieve 100% attendance from Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December with a special award.

## New staff

Please join me in welcoming our new members of staff: Mrs English, School Secretary; Mrs Kandasamy, Teaching Assistant Y6 and Mrs Lee, Teaching Assistant, Y1.

## Job Opportunity

As Jo is moving out of area, we have job vacancies for 3 Early Morning Club sessions per week and 2 after school Activ8 sessions. Please contact the Bursar or Office for more details. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Children and Youth Programmes @ St. Botolph's Church

A warm welcome back from me to all of the Chevening families and a special welcome to the new Class R families! As a church school, Chevening has strong links with St. Botolph's Church and we look forward to meeting you all. Our children's and youth Sunday club activities all kick off this Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, and there is something for everyone. The Creche (pre-school) meets in the nursery opposite the church from 10.15am, Bertie Bus (5-9yrs) and Quest (10-13yrs) begin in church at 10.30am and go out during the first hymn, and Kinect (14-18yrs) will meet at the Rectory at 10.30am. Our morning service is at 10.30am and this Sunday there is also an informal evening service at 6pm. Please join us this Sunday!

*Rev Chris Smith*

## Residential Development Comments

If you live in Chevening village, you will have been made aware of a proposed residential development opposite the school on Chevening Road. (Site MX49 Froghole Farm.) Sevenoaks District Council have requested comments from the public to be made by 5pm on Monday 10th September.

The proposals may be viewed via the following Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) link:  
[https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/download/355/land\\_to\\_west\\_of\\_chevening\\_road\\_chipstead\\_mx49](https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/downloads/download/355/land_to_west_of_chevening_road_chipstead_mx49)

## Riverhead Carnival

Riverhead Carnival (organised by 3<sup>rd</sup> Sevenoaks Scouts) will be taking place on Chipstead Common on 16<sup>th</sup> September from 12 till 4pm. Admission is free and there are loads of activities and stalls including the usual bouncy castles and slides, coconut shy, tombolas, bungee trampolines, sand art and the ever-popular egg throwing. New stalls for this year are gluten free patisserie, party supplies, tutor doctor, crafts and plants. The Scouts will be running the BBQ (burgers and sausages provided by Batchelors butchers) and a refreshments stall selling tea, coffee, wine, prosecco, beer, cider and soft drinks. Sevenoaks Animal Feeds are sponsoring the dog show again this year with lots of fun classes to enter your dog into for the chance to win one of their great prizes and fantastic goody bags.

*Have a lovely weekend all!*

*Nadeem Qureshi ~ KS2 leader*

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 07483 425779

## 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

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

Last day of clubs T2