

# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

## Newsletter 33 - 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Chevening School celebration - 200 years of education in the Parish**

Further to Tuesday's Parent Coffee Morning, we would like to invite 2 parents to join staff and governors in a working party for this celebration. The task is to determine and arrange events and activities for the children and the local community. We will be looking back at school life over the 200 years and celebrating. For further details of what will be involved, please contact Prue Burrlock (Chair of Governors).

### **Parent Questionnaire**

Our thanks to all the parents who completed and returned our Parent Questionnaires this term. Your input is really helpful, with comments and suggestions providing input for next year's School Improvement Plan. They have now been analysed by the Senior Leadership Team and shared with the Strategy Committee of the School Governors. Some real strengths of the school were apparent, with almost all parents agreeing that their children felt safe and were well looked after at this school and the vast majority feeling that their child made good progress. There were some lovely comments about staff and the quality of teaching.

Key areas for improvement included the visibility of the leadership team and consistency of high standards expected for behaviour. Areas for improvement will be included within the School Improvement plan for September, which once approved by the governing body, will be available on the school website.

### **Staffing Update**

It was lovely to see Mrs Edwards and little Oscar in school last week. As you know Mrs Edwards is still on maternity leave in Term 1, so Class 5 will have an alternative arrangement. We are pleased that Mr Farman will be joining us in September and will remain with class 5 until Mrs Edwards returns. Mr Farman has much experience teaching in Key Stage 2, both locally in Sevenoaks schools and further afield and looks forward to joining the team in September.

There is change afoot in the office team too, as Mrs Weller is moving house to live closer to family in a different part of the country. Unfortunately the commute would be a little too far so she will be finishing at the end of July. Mrs Weller is a very key part of our school community and we have all benefited from her calm efficiency, kindness, friendship and wisdom during her seven years at the school. We are very sad to see her go, but wish her all the best as she starts a new chapter with family and in particular her granddaughter. We are delighted to have appointed Mrs English, who will be joining the office team in September to take up the Office Manager role.

### **Lion King**

The Lion King is now only a week away! Excitement level are at an all-time high. Thank you for sending in costumes so promptly. An enormous thank you to all those who helped with the set building challenge and mask making during our Curriculum Week. What talented parents we have. Thank you in advance to all those who have offered to help on the day with face painting and general costume chaos.

There are still a couple of tickets remaining for the 2pm performance. Tickets will continue to be on sale next week.

Tim Rice has very kindly signed a Lion King poster for our lovely school. We will therefore be selling raffle tickets at the theatre before the production begins for a chance to take home this amazing prize. The lucky winner will be announced on the last day of term. All proceeds will go

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Every Friday**

Parent Prayer Meeting  
after school drop off

#### **16<sup>th</sup> July**

End of year reports

#### **17<sup>th</sup> July**

Class 6 Chevening House visit

#### **20<sup>th</sup> July**

The Lion King Production  
14:00 and 17:00

#### **23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Year 6 Leavers' BBQ  
18:00

#### **24<sup>th</sup> July**

Leaver's Service  
9:30 @ St Botolph's Church

#### **24<sup>th</sup> July**

Last day of term 6 and the  
academic year

towards to purchasing some new decent stage lights and possibly some microphones to use in our future productions. The tickets will be on sale for £5 each so you feel free to buy as many as you like. The poster will be on display in the office area next week.

### **End of Year Service at St. Botolph's Church**

Our End of Year Service will take place at St. Botolph's Church on 24<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am. Children should be brought directly to the church, arriving from 9.15am, so that they can be seated for the beginning of the service. Parents are very welcome to join us for the service, which we expect to last about an hour, and **need to transport the children back to school afterwards**. There will be staff on the playground to receive them back at school. Children who attend Early Morning Club will be transported both ways by minibus.

### **Early Morning Club & Active8**

Please note that we currently have a few spaces at Early Morning Club on a Monday and a Friday and Active8 on a Monday and a Thursday from September 2018. Early Morning Club runs every Monday to Friday from 8.00 - 8.45am and Active8 runs every Monday to Thursday from 3.15 - 5.30pm. If you would like to find out more or book a place for your child at one of these clubs, which support working parents, please e-mail the school office at [reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk) or discuss with office staff.

### **Important Information - School Dinners**

Should you wish to make any changes to the days your child has school dinners from the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018, please ensure that you notify the **school office in writing by the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018** by e-mailing [reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk). If we have not heard from you by this date we will assume that you would like your child to continue with the lunch arrangements from Term 6.

**Please note that children going into year 3 in September are no longer entitled to Government Universal Free School lunches and if we do not hear from you regarding changes to the days they have school dinners you will be charged for these meals in the new term.**

Please **DO NOT** contact Principals Catering as they are not responsible for making changes to the days your child has lunches.

We kindly request that you endeavour to order and pay for the meals that your children require in advance. Payment can be made quickly and safely by logging onto [www.principals-catering.com](http://www.principals-catering.com) and following the instructions to pay online either through PayPal or by using direct payment with a debit or credit card (there are no charges for this service). **Please note that from September cash will no longer be accepted.**

### **The cost of lunches for KS2 in Term 1 is as follows:**

Monday: 6 Weeks @ £2.20 per day = £13.20

Tuesday: 7 Weeks @ £2.20 per day = £15.40

Wednesday: 7 Weeks @ £2.20 per day = £15.40

Thursday: 7 Weeks @ £2.20 per day = £15.40

Friday: 6 Weeks @ £2.20 per day = £13.20

**Total: 33 days @ £2.20 = £72.60**

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor  
**Headteacher**

## **Diary Dates cont.**