

# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

## Newsletter 27 - 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Year 6 Test Week

Year 6 children have been busy this week with a gruelling schedule of End of Key Stage tests. They have done extraordinarily well at taking these in their stride, staying calm and positive and persevering through some challenging material. We are very proud of their efforts – well done Year 6 – and hope they have a lovely weekend of relaxation over the next couple of days.

### Thy Kingdom Come

Some of our Key Stage 2 children have visited the 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative at the church this week, where they have worked their way around some reflective prayer stations. Activities included lighting candles and praying for those they know, learning about different types of prayers and writing prayers in invisible ink which only showed up under ultra-violet light in a special tent. It was lovely to look at prayer in such an interesting and creative way. Our thanks to St. Botolph's church for inviting us to visit.

### Year 4 and 5 Residential

Years 4 and 5 have both been away over the last two weeks on their respective residential trips to Wide Horizons and Bushcraft. They have taken part in adventurous activities, learned new skills, developed their teamwork and even, for year 5, slept under canvas. We thank the staff who have given up their own time to accompany both classes and look forward to the children's reports in next week's newsletter.

### Rogation Day Sunflowers

This Sunday is Rogation Day, the time in the year when we traditionally ask God's blessing on our crops. To help our children understand this a little better we will be offering each of them a sunflower at church. They can take this home, plant it and then watch it grow. In the autumn at Harvest Festival we offer prizes for the tallest sunflowers and those with the biggest heads. This is meant to be fun and not too competitive! Anyway, all are welcome at our family service this Sunday at 10:30am. Rev Chris Smith

### 'Connected' – Confident Parenting in a Digital Age

The internet has revolutionised the way that we live our lives. From smartphones to social media, digital technology allows young people to develop life skills and build connections in ways that were never previously possible. However, parents can feel out of touch with their children's online habits and can be concerned about how to protect their children. Alternatively, there are advantages as the internet can be used as a tool for good within families too.

Please see the attached flyer with information of how to book a place at the event taking place in Tonbridge on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June which will arm you with practical tips on how to guide your family through the highs and lows of the digital world.

### 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This year the school is celebrating 200 years since the first school in the parish. There will be more information about this over the coming weeks but the aim is to hold celebratory events in September. We have a small committee planning these and would be grateful if a parent would be able to join this group. If you would like to do this, please contact the school office.

## Diary Dates

### Every Friday

Parent Prayer Meeting  
after school drop off

### Term 5

### Throughout May

KS1 tests

22<sup>nd</sup> May 18:00 – 19:00 or

23<sup>rd</sup> May 14:15 – 15:15

Secondary Transfer  
Information Meeting  
for year 5 parents

### 23<sup>rd</sup> May

PTA Meeting at 9:00

### 25<sup>th</sup> May

Superhero Day &  
Last day of term 5

### 4<sup>th</sup> June

INSET DAY  
(no children in school)

### 5<sup>th</sup> June

First day of term 6

### 14<sup>th</sup> June

Sex/Relationships Education  
Information meeting for  
parents (year 5/6) – 14:00

### 17<sup>th</sup> June

School Service at St  
Botolph's Church - 10:30

### 20<sup>th</sup> June

District Sports at Knole  
Academy - 17:00 – 19:00

### **Lion King – Save the Date**

We will be performing two shows of The Lion King on 20<sup>th</sup> July. These will take place at 2pm and 5pm. Please save the date if you would like to be there and we will send out information about tickets nearer the time.

### **Superhero Day – 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Don't forget the fundraising event for Cancer Research which will take place next Friday on the last day of term 5. Everyone is invited to bring £1 (or more) in exchange for dressing as a Superhero for the day. Your outfit can replicate a well known superhero or you can create one of your own. There will be a prize for the best dressed superhero in each class.

### **PTA Meeting**

The next PTA Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd May in school. Please sign in at reception to be directed to the meeting room. Summer Fair arrangements such as allocation of stalls for classes will be finalised and therefore we request a class rep. to attend from each class. All parents and carers are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

### **Summer Fair**

The Summer Fair is going to be held in Chevening Gardens on Sunday 1st July from 2pm - 5pm. We are very privileged to be able to host our fair in the grounds of Chevening House and in previous years this event has been a huge fundraiser for the school, so we're hoping this will be a big success once again. We have a small committee of key organisers at the moment but if anyone would like to be involved in the coordination and run up to the event please let Heidi Brooks or Katie Williams know.

### **Chipstead Allotment Gardens**

A couple of Chipstead Allotment Gardens have become available to rent - (average cost £10 payable annually, plus a one off fee of £10 to join The Allotment Association.) It is possible for two families or a couple of friends to share a plot.

This is a great way to get more exercise & fresh air and enjoy inexpensive fruit, vegetables and flowers that have been locally grown.

If you are interested please email The Letting Officer [valwoodruff@icloud.com](mailto:valwoodruff@icloud.com)

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor  
**Headteacher**

### **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 Weller [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.**

**21<sup>st</sup> June**

Welcome Meeting for new Reception parents - 19:00

**22<sup>nd</sup> June**

PTA Cake Sale  
Class 1 - 15:15

**22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Class 3 Sleepover

**27<sup>th</sup> June**

New reception children  
'Stay and Play' Session 1

**29<sup>th</sup> June**

Sports Day

**29<sup>th</sup> June**

PTA Lolly sale at Sports Day  
Class R

**1<sup>st</sup> July**

PTA Summer Fair  
At Chevening House

**2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> July**

Class 6 Residential

**4<sup>th</sup> July**

New Reception children  
'Stay and Play' Session 2

**5<sup>th</sup> July**

Secondary School Induction  
Day/Class swaps

**6<sup>th</sup> July**

Reserve Sports Day

**11<sup>th</sup> July**

New Reception children  
'Stay and Play' Session 3

**12<sup>th</sup> July**

Open Classrooms 3:30 -  
4:30pm

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

End of year reports