

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

Newsletter 24 - 27th April 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Stations of the Cross

Before Easter we had a lovely reflective few days where children shared the events of Easter week through seven interactive stations. This led to some excellent discussions and questions from the children. We are very grateful to the parents and governors who supported us by running different stations and to Year 6 who helped them.

Infant Agility

On Wednesday this week, 10 children from Class 2 attended the Infant Agility Competition organised by the Knole Sports Partnership at Radnor House. There were a large number of schools taking part. The children participated in a wide range of multi-skill activities including; ball throwing, 6-pin bowling, long jumping, hook skipping and speed bouncing. They were all impeccably behaved and put 100% effort into all of the activities. Congratulations to all who took part.

Mrs Roll

Year 5/6 Hockey Festival

On Tuesday afternoon, 8 pupils from Years 5 and 6 went to Hollybush to take part in a Hockey Festival for local schools. The competition was tough, but the team showed a lot of determination and won 2 of their 5 matches. Unfortunately they did not progress to the final, but everyone had a fun, active afternoon! Well done!

Music Recital

On Wednesday over 60 children very talented children played their instruments in front of a large audience. They were so confident, nervous and excited all at the same time and played beautifully. It was such a warm atmosphere and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

Thank you to all those who helped set the hall up, donated cakes, prepared afternoon tea, helped to clear the stage away and tidied up the kitchen. These events wouldn't be possible without your immense support.

The children thought that it would be good to raise some money to buy some new music stands as the ones we have are old, wonky and on their last legs.

The tea and coffee donation pot raised £90 so we have bought 10 new stands which will be arriving next week. Thank you for your generosity.

I look forward to organising many more musical celebrations in the near future.

Mrs Robinson

Safety In Action

"I have lost count of the number of off-site visits made where I have, as teacher, come back thinking it was good but might have been better. Yesterday's Safety in Action visit for Year Six was simply outstanding - a difficult subject to strike the right balance between informative and engaging but somehow (years of experience and speakers who were also connectors) and I could not think of any improvements necessary. Thank you to them and to Year Six for entering into the spirit of what was on offer - namely life-long, and life-saving lessons."

Mr Townshend

Annual Maintenance Morning

Our annual maintenance morning is fast approaching on the 12th May and we would be very grateful for lots of willing volunteers between 9am and 12pm. We are considering whether there

Diary Dates

Every Tuesday
Parent Prayer Meeting
in the Library
after school drop off

Term 5

Throughout May
KS1 tests

8th May
Class Photo's

10th May
PTA Cake Sale
Class 5 at 3:15pm

10th-11th May
Class 4 Residential

12th May
Annual Maintenance Morning
9:00 - 12 noon

w/c 14th May
KS2 tests

17th-18th May
Class 5 Residential

22nd May 18:00 - 19:00 or
23rd May 14:15 - 15:15
Secondary Transfer
Information Meeting
for year 5 parents

25th May
Last day of term 5

4th June
INSET DAY
(no children in school)

is a need to provide childcare for the morning. If you are able to help on this morning please sign up on the sheet outside the office next week and indicate on this how many childcare places you would like.

Swimming Pool Update

I am very pleased to be able to share with you that after a huge amount of work behind the scenes, the governing body were this week able to ratify the decision to appoint a contractor to complete the work on the school swimming pool. This is excellent news and means that we can look forward with confidence to works on the pool starting in the near future.

Flower Rota

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who donate flowers to the school reception area. It really does brighten up the space. If you would like to donate a small bunch of flowers please add your name to the sign up sheet in the school reception area.

Sports Day

For those adults needing to book days off, please note Sports Day will be held on Friday 29th June 2018. Parents will be invited for a picnic that starts at approximately 12 noon and to stay for sporting events throughout the afternoon, finishing at 3.15pm.

PTA Notices

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.

Nursery – Job opportunity

Please see the attached flyer with details of a vacancy for an Early Years practitioner.

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor
Headteacher

Reminder of useful contact information for parents

Attendance/sickness information - Mrs Grobbelaar reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk

EMC or Active8 bookings/cancellations - Mrs Grobbelaar reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk

EMC or Active8 bills - Mrs Thewlis bursar@chevening.kent.sch.uk

Admissions - Mrs Weller office@chevening.kent.sch.uk

School lunch orders/changes/cancellations - Mrs Grobbelaar reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk

School lunch payments - online at 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.

5th June

First day of term 6

14th June

Sex/Relationships Education
Information meeting for
parents - 14:00

14th June

Welcome Meeting for new
Reception parents - 19:00

17th June

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

20th June

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

22nd June

PTA Cake Sale
Class 1 - 15:15

22nd June

Class 3 Sleepover

27th June

New reception children
'Stay and Play' Session 1

29th June

Sports Day

29th June

PTA Lolly sale at Sports Day
by Class R

1st July

PTA Summer Fair
At Chevening House

2nd-4th July

Class 6 Residential

4th July

New Reception children
'Stay and Play' Session 2

5th July

Secondary School Induction
Day/Class swaps