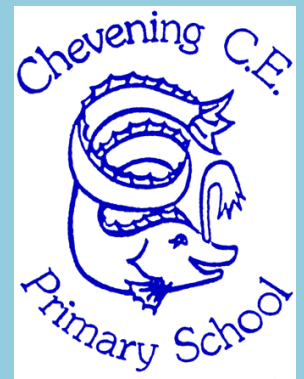


Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

Newsletter 18 - 9th February 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Pyjama Day for GOSH

School was especially bright and colourful today with a huge range of Onesies and PJs! Thank you to all the children who joined in with pyjama day today and made donations to this worthy charity. Thank you also to Abbie Rae and Chloe for organising the whole event. It is lovely to see different skills and talents developing in our children and to see them showing such initiative. The total they have raised today for GOSH is £192.

Reminder of useful contact information for parents

Please could all parents/carers contact the relevant staff in the office as follows:-

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

School lunches for term 4

The cost of lunches for KS2 in Term 4 is as follows:

Monday: 5 Weeks @ £2.20 per day = £11.00

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

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

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

Friday: 5 Weeks @ £2.20 per day = £11.00

Total: 28 days @ £2.20 = £61.60

Please remember that any changes to the days your child has school lunches need to be notified to Mrs Grobbelaar (details above) in writing.

Tax-Free Childcare

We are signed up to the government's new tax-free childcare service, and if any parents wish to pay their Early Morning Club and Active8 Bills through this scheme, they can use this link to visit the website for information (<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/eligibility>). There is a link to this from the Activ8 page on the school website.

Book Week competition

The School Council is running a competition to tie in with Book Week and the Book Fair. They would like children to create a model of a book character or book setting inside a shoe box (on its side so that it can be seen). Please can the creations (clearly labelled with name and class) be brought into the school library on the morning of Monday 26th February where they will be displayed. The School Council will judge the competition and will announce a winner for KS1 and a winner for KS2 on Thursday 1st March. The prizes are vouchers to spend at the Book Fair

Save the dates.....

9th March – PTA Movie night

12th March from 5 – 8pm Parent/Teacher Consultations (Sign up details to follow)

15th March from 3:30 – 6:30pm Parent/Teacher Consultations (Sign up details to follow)

Thanks...

Many thanks to Mrs Wilde, who normally works in Class 2 on a Thursday and Friday, but over the last two weeks has gone over and above, working full time to ensure stability for the children. This also included leading the class trip last Tuesday. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and thoughtful staff team here at Chevening.

Diary Dates

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

Term 4

19th February
INSET day
(No children in school)

20th February
Children start back at school

24th February
PTA Ball

26th February – 2nd March
Book Fair

1st March
World Book Day
(Dress as a book character)

2nd March
Cake Sale after School
(Class 4)

9th March
PTA Movie Night

12th March
Parent/Teacher Consultations
5 – 8pm

15th March
Parent/Teacher Consultations
3.30 – 6.30pm

27th March
PTA Easter Fun Day

Attendance

At the beginning of term 4, whole school attendance will be reviewed once again. We are aware that there have been the usual winter illnesses, but we are still required to highlight attendance issues. Please be assured that your child's welfare is of paramount importance to us and we would therefore like to support any families who are finding attendance an issue for any reason. If you wish to speak to me about this, please contact Mrs Weller in the office to make an appointment.

Playground games

Our children have been enjoying the various new games during break and lunch times, but we are now keen to expand the amount of board games we have on offer. So, if you have any old board games that still have all the pieces needed to play, and you are willing to donate them to school, please place them in the large black box that will be in the foyer of the main reception from tomorrow onwards.

Chevening School Judo Club

We are very excited to be arranging a new and slightly different sports club for the children. We are in the process of setting up the Chevening School Judo club, which will run before school once a week. Judo is a great sport for building self confidence, resilience and determination as well as being a fun way to maintain fitness and gain a new skill. The club is open to Year 2-6 in its first instance, although this could broaden to include all ages if there were sufficient interest. Depending on numbers, we envisage the cost being approximately £4 per session. Children will have the opportunity to attend 'gradings' to gain coloured belts and, as they progress, they will have access to competitions. If this is something your child would like to do, there is still time to register your interest with the school office.

PTA Notices

Spring Ball - Auction and Raffle prize request:

We are very fortunate to have been offered some very exciting auction prizes for the ball but are looking for one or two more, so if you know of anyone who would be able and willing to offer a prize (i.e. sporting/events tickets, nights away, experience days etc.) then please let Heidi Brooks or Cathryn Bishop know.

We are also creating hampers as Raffle prizes for the event, so if anyone has anything that they would be happy to donate (maybe an unwanted Christmas present - beauty products, scented candles, chocolates, wine etc.) there will be a box under the table in the Reception area.

Many thanks for your support.

Summer Fair

The PTA are in the very early stages of planning the Summer Fair and we're pleased to announce that this year it 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.

Bricklayers Bake Off

The Bricklayers are hosting a Bake Off Competition on Sunday 18th February. Please see the attached flyer for exact details.

Charity Pancake Race

Sevenoaks Council are hosting a charity pancake race at The Vine Cafe on Tuesday 13th February from 9.30-12.00. Entry is £1 and all money raised will be donated to the Mayor's Charity.

Active8 (After School Club)

There are currently a few open slots at Active8 on a Monday and Thursday. Active8 provides after school care to children who attend our school only and runs from Monday to Thursday during term time from 3.15 – 5.30pm. Please e-mail reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk if you would like to register your child.

Chevening School Rabbits

There are still quite a few open slots for the care of the Chevening School Rabbits over the weekends during term 4. Please consider signing up to care for them during this time. Without your support we will be unable to enjoy our furry friends! The signup sheets are up in the school reception area.

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor
Headteacher

Diary Dates cont.

27th March
Love2Dance
at The Stag Theatre

29th March
School Easter Service
at St Botolph's Church
at 2pm

29th March
Last day of term 4