

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Service this Sunday 4th February at 10:30am

This coming Sunday we are joining the congregation at St Botolph's Church for their morning worship. Our children will be taking part. Please could all children come wearing smart school uniform.

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

Pyjama day – Friday 9th February

Next Friday, two of our Year 6 pupils have organised a charity fundraising day to raise money for GOSH. All the children are invited to come to school wearing their PJs and bring £1 for this worthy charity. Please ensure that children's choice of pyjamas is appropriate for school in terms of coverage and warmth – obviously they need underwear and are welcome to wear additional layers underneath!

In addition, the Year 6 pupils have organised competitions for both KS1 and KS2. KS1 are invited to bring a teddy which they have dressed themselves. These need to be named with the children's names on and will be judged by Mr Garrett for the title of 'Best Dressed Teddy'. KS2 children have the chance to design their own PJS. They have all been given a sheet with a pyjama outline shape for drawing their designs. These will also be judged by Mr Garrett and in both key stages there are prizes for each class. Thank you to Chloe and Abbie Rae for all their hard work organising the event; it is great to see such independence and creativity.

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, please register interest with the school office.

Digital Sunset Challenge

This week we had a visit from Councillor Anna Firth and her colleague Kelly Webb, who came to speak to the children about e-safety and health in respect of digital equipment they have access to at home.

The children have been challenged to switch off their devices a short while before bed and then leave them downstairs until the morning over a period of a week. Each child has been given a sheet on which they can record their data, a badge and a box. If they complete the challenge each night, they are invited to wear their badge on their school uniform the next day. If they did not complete the task, they should leave the badge in the box the following day and try again the next night. This Council run initiative coincides with e-safety week.

Lent Course - Simplify

Are you thinking of 'doing something' for Lent? The six weeks that runs up to Easter is often a good time to pause and reflect on how things are going in our lives and our walk with God. This year to help this process we are offering something to take up - a Lent Course. This will be based on a book by Bill Hybel's called Simplify. This is a practical Christian book aiming to help us 'declutter our souls' and simplify our lives. Its very readable and relevant. If you feel too busy and overwhelmed this is the book for you.

Lent begins on Valentine's Day and ends on April Fool's Day, which makes the dates easy to remember (this dating doesn't happen again for 73 years so enjoy it while you can!) To join in do buy a book from the school office or church; we've managed to get them discounted for £5. If you read on your own its 7 pages per day or

Diary Dates

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

Term 3

4th February
School Service at St
Botolph's Church 10:30am

9th February
PTA Hot Chocolate Sale

9th February
Last day of term 3

Term 4

19th February
INSET day
(No children in school)

20th February

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)

two chapters per week. However we will also be offering mini book clubs for Lent where we can meet up and discuss what we are reading. Do join in one of these groups as we often learn so much more. Hopefully there will be at the school. Also Catherine Smith & Wendy Heydorn and Chris & Jo Miners are offering groups. Do talk to them to sign up.

For full details of the course and all the groups do contact Adam Pyrke on 07419 901 676 or aljpyrke@hotmail.com Please join in, read Simplify and make the most of Lent.

Rev Chris Smith

PTA Discos

A very big thank you to Kelly Stiff and Carolyn Murphy for their organisation of the school discos, which raised £626 for the PTA. Also a big thank you to all the parents/carers and teaching staff who helped on the evening too; it was great night and all the children enjoyed themselves.

PTA 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.

Marsden March

On the 4th March a group of parents and children are participating in the Marsden March, as we have done in the last few years. The Marsden March is a 5 mile or 14 mile walk between the Royal Marsden hospital in Chelsea to the Marsden hospital in Sutton.

The Royal Marsden hospitals care for so many patients including some from our Chevening family, so if you would like to support us and donate some money for these hospitals, please do so using this link.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cheveningschampions2018>

Many thanks indeed from myself (Louise Dod) and all the walkers taking part, it really does make a difference.

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.

Message to all adults...

Ever fancied having a go at netball but haven't played since you were at school? Then these sessions are just for you.

Sessions are designed specifically for adults (although the minimum age is 14 so you can bring an older child along too). No experience is necessary. The sessions are lots of fun and whatever your age or ability you will be guaranteed to have a good work out, have a laugh and realise that Netball is a good way to get to know people. There is no pressure to attend every week. Just come along when you can. Sessions run every Wednesday (weather permitting).

For more information please see the attached flier.

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 during the February half term and several weekend slots 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.

9th March
PTA Movie Night

27th March
PTA Easter Fun Day