Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

Newsletter 15 - 12th January 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Donation to CRISIS

We have heard from St Botolph's Church that donations made at the end of the KS2 Christmas by Candlelight service amounted to £171.24. This has been sent to the homeless charity Crisis. Many thanks for your generosity.

PTS Disco - 19th January

Please could we ask as many of you as possible to car share next Friday and for those transporting children to please park considerably. We had to apologise to some very upset neighbours last year as a result of inconsiderate driving and parking; we would ask that you are mindful of not using the layby opposite the school or blocking drives.

Please bring in your old Christmas Cards

We are hoping to take part in the Woodland Trust School Green Tree Award and Mrs Young and Mrs Cope will be overseeing this project with a small group of children. This is a scheme whereby the school gain points for green and tree-friendly activities which accumulate to gain various levels of awards for the school.

One of the suggested activities is to recycle Christmas Cards, so if you still have any unwanted cards at home, please bring them to the school reception area and place them in the collecting box there.

Job Opportunity at Chevening Church - Message from Rev Chris Smith

As many of you will know Celia Box stepped down as my PA at the end of 2017. This leaves me looking for a new PA and Parish Administrator in 2018. Could this be you? Working for a church is varied, rewarding and surprisingly fun. If you are interested there is a full job spec on the church website or give me a call on 01732 453 555. The hours are 9am (ish) to 1pm based in the Parish Hall, 4-5 days per week. The rate of pay is £10.20 per hour. I only need someone term time plus two weeks in the holidays; very suitable for anyone with school age children. Please prayerfully consider applying. Rev Chris Smith.

The Alpha Course

Alpha is a practical introductory course to the Christian faith, which all are welcome to come on. We look at questions such as 'Who is Jesus?', 'How can I pray?' and 'Does God heal today?' Each evening begins with supper, is followed by a talk and then there is an opportunity to ask questions in a smaller group over tea and coffee. The course is free, although we ask for a contribution for supper. Alpha begins on Wednesday 17th January at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. To sign up please speak to the Rector 01732 453 555 revcjsmith@gmail.com

Chevening School Rabbits

A huge thank you to all those who give their time over the weekends and during the school holidays to care for the Chevening School Rabbits! Without your support we would not be able to enjoy our furry friends!

We still have a couple of term time weekend slots open during January and February and a sign up sheet for their care during the February half term is now up in the school reception area. Please consider signing up to care for them during this time.



Diary Dates

2017/2018

Every Tuesday

Parent Prayer Meeting in the Library after school drop off

Term 3

19th January

PTA Disco's KS1 4:15 - 5:45pm KS2 6:00 - 7:30pm

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

26th February - 2nd March Book Fair

2nd March

Cake Sale after School (Class 4)

Flower Rota

We really do appreciate all parents and carers who kindly donate flowers to the school reception area! It really does brighten up the space and wish to thank you all. If you would like to donate a small bunch of flowers after the February half term please add your name to the sign up sheet in the school reception area.

Bullfrog Productions presents Oliver! at the Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th June 2018

Children of all ages are invited to join the Sevenoaks cast of Oliver!

Rehearsals begin in January and performances are at The Stag Theatre in June.

Bullfrog Productions are a well-known musical theatre company who have been performing at The Stag theatre for many years. Cheryl Baker (Bucks Fizz) is the company's patron and has directed many of Bullfrogs productions, together with a professional musical theatre team. The children who take part in a Bullfrog production, get an invaluable, all round experience of an exciting, professionally produced show. Parents of children wishing the join the cast can contact Bullfrog Productions on Tel: 01342 322411. Details on the website: www.bullfrogproductions.co.uk

Dunton Green Street Dance

Back by popular demand is the Dunton Green Street Dance class. NEW for 2018 it now runs for 1½ hours and is fantastic value at £3.50 per session with a discount for anyone paying for the whole term upfront. Classes are held at the Dunton Green Pavilion and are open to children aged 8 to 16. The fun and welcoming class is attended by both boys and girls and there's no need to book, just turn up. For more information please see the attached flier.

Are you considering teacher training ...

St Gregory's Catholic School, part of the Mascalls Training Partnership, is holding an open morning on Thursday 25th January for anyone thinking about getting into teaching. Secondary, primary and KS2-3 School Direct routes into teaching are available through the Mascalls Training Partnership, where training is school based and school led.

Anyone requiring further information or who wishes to attend should contact naomi.jeffery@mascallsacademy.org.uk . (Please also see the attached flyer)

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor

Headteacher

Diary Dates cont.