

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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Playground revamp

As you may have seen, there are some exciting new blue fences on the playground. They are the first instalment of our new playtime structure. As part of our PE and sport development plan, we are aiming to ensure our pupils are active and engaged during break and lunch time. Year 5 will be taking a lead role in the new structure and they will form a 'Playground Squad' that are in charge of the equipment and trained to help younger pupils engage with games and activities in an appropriate manner. The next instalments will arrive shortly and provide each fenced area with a particular activity. Of course, such developments carry a cost, and so special thanks go to the PTA who are supporting the project.

School Clubs

Bookings for clubs during term 3 and 4 have now opened and will close on Friday 15th December at 12:30pm after which application for places should be made to the school office. Please book at www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the event code **q8ddz**.

PTA Christmas Fair

The total sum of money raised from the Christmas Fair has now been calculated and is a staggering **£5,001**. There are some very kind parents who have also asked their employer to price match the stalls that they manned on the day, and so hopefully after all the paperwork is done this figure will increase further.

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, sampled the refreshments, played on the games and completed the activities throughout the fair. It has helped raise a huge amount which will be used to fund various exciting activities for the children and school improvements.

A huge thank you to Bethany Side, Louise Rutter and Fran Sanderson for all their hard work in pulling the event together; it was incredibly well organised and there were a lot of compliments on the day about how good the event was. Thank you.

KS1 Christmas Nativity

The KS1 productions on 12 December will take place at 10:00am and 2:00pm. A video recording of this production will be made by an outside production company; details will be available on the day, but we understand the cost of a DVD will be £15.

KS2 Christmas by Candlelight

On Thursday 14th December, KS2 will lead us through a candlelit service of carols, readings and prayers in the lovely setting of St. Botolph's Church this year. **The expectation is that all KS2 children will attend** – this is a part of the school calendar and is not an optional extra. Children should wear smart school uniform, including polished shoes and tidy hair. The event will begin at 6pm and last for approximately one hour. No tickets are required.

When parking for the service, please turn your car to face away from the church before parking to ensure a smooth departure for all at the end of the service.

Christingle and Christmas tree decoration making

You are warmly invited to the Christingle and Christmas tree decoration making party on Saturday 9th December at 10am in the Parish Hall. This will be followed by the very festive Christingle Service on Sunday 10th December at St Botolph's Church at 10:30am.

Diary Dates

2017/2018

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

12th December
KS1 Christmas Nativity
10am & 2pm performances

13th December
School Christmas Dinner

14th December
Year 6 Height & Weight
Screening
(Date moved by Kent Health
Team from 27th November)

14th December
KS2 Christmas by Candlelight
6 - 7pm held at
St Botolph's Church

20th December
School Christmas Service
2:00pm @ St Botolph's
Church

Term 3

4th January 2018
First day back for children

19th January
PTA Disco's
KS1 4:15 - 5:45pm
KS2 6:00 - 7:30pm

Carols by Candlelight (St Botolph's Church event not KS2)

St Botolph's Church will be holding two identical Community Carol Services on Wednesday 13th December at 7:30pm and Sunday 17th December at 6:30pm. All are invited. The church looks quite beautiful by candlelight and this is a wonderful occasion to come and have a good Christmas sing-song. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service.

Crib Trail

A **Crib Trail** is being organised for the 3rd year running by Churches Together in Sevenoaks & District. This family activity will take place on **Wednesday December 27th, 1-4pm**. Please see the attached leaflet for further details.

Stonepitts Christmas Trees

Stonepitts Farm is supporting our school by donating £2 for every Christmas Tree sold to Chevening families, friends and staff. Additionally, Stonepitts Farm will continue its custom to make a donation to Help for Heroes based on all Christmas Trees sold. To help boost the school's fundraising efforts, simply take along a copy of this newsletter or a leaflet (available in the office foyer and at the Christmas Fair) to Stonepitts Farm in Seal Chart when purchasing your family Christmas Tree this year! Please visit www.stonepitts.com for details and directions. We would like to thank Stonepitts for supporting our school.

Old suitcases required

Do you have any old suitcases which are no longer required? The cases we have had for years to store nativity clothes have come to the end of their life and we need to find some more. If you have one you could donate, please bring it to the school office. Many thanks.

Attendance this week

	Class R	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
4 th December – 8 th December 2017	99.3%	98.2%	97.6%	99.0%	99.2%	95.3%	95.3%

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor
Headteacher



Diary Dates cont.

9th February
PTA Hot Chocolate Sale