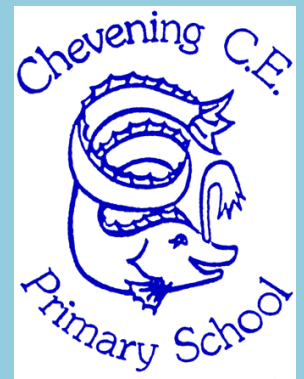


Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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SIAMS Inspection

Yesterday, we were visited by an inspector for Church of England primary schools, who spent the day evaluating all that we do. The inspection was a really positive experience, and whilst the outcome will not be available for a couple of weeks yet, I was really pleased that she was able to recognise so many of the wonderful things that make Chevening the very special school that it is. The children were their normal polite, enthusiastic and articulate selves and it was a real joy to witness through the day so many different people catching the inspector to share something of their experience of Chevening, from the relationships between members of the school community, to the inspiring wider curriculum, to the impact that our Christian ethos has on the school. Heartfelt thanks to all; children, parents, staff and governors; who contributed to the inspection, both on the day and in the run-up of collating evidence. I look forward to being able to share the report with you all when it is finalised.

School Clubs

School Clubs for term 1 and 2 have finished today. A new list of clubs for term 3 and 4 is attached. Bookings for new clubs will open on the school interviews website on Wednesday 6th December at 12:30pm. and close on Friday 15th December. Please book at www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the event code **q8ddz**. If you have any queries about this please contact the school office.

KS1 Christmas Nativity

The KS1 productions on 12 December will take place at 10:00am and 2:00pm. Parents/Carers are invited to book 2 tickets per child. Please book at www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the event code **6x6fe**. Ticket bookings will close on Wednesday 6th December at 12:30pm.

KS2 Christmas by Candlelight

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 event will begin at 6pm and last for approximately one hour. No tickets are required.

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.

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**. Many Churches & shops in Sevenoaks, Otford, Riverhead, Seal & St Johns Hill are taking part, by having a Nativity Scene to visit. Full details will be available in December on posters & on the website www.ctsd.org.uk

Diary Dates

2017/2018

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

2nd December
PTA School Christmas Fair

8th December
Whole School Pantomime trip
to The Stag Theatre

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

School Christmas Lunch – 13th December

All children who usually have a school lunch on a Wednesday will automatically have the School Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 13th December. Flyers to opt in for this have only been sent out to those children who DO NOT usually have school lunch on a Wednesday. The deadline for returning the flyer (and payment, if appropriate) is Monday 4th December.

Staff News

Mrs Robinson has had a long awaited hip operation today and will therefore be out of action until the New Year. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

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.

PTA Christmas Fair

The long awaited Christmas fair is nearly here. All are welcome tomorrow from 12 – 3pm tomorrow 2nd December.

Please can I remind you of the PTA's request that you park considerately.

Attendance this week

| | Class R | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 | Class 5 | Class 6 |
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| 27 th November – 1 st December | 98.3 | 97.9 | 98.0 | 97.0 | 98.9 | 98.3 | 96.0 |

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor
Headteacher



Diary Dates cont.