

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Gift Appeal

Thank you to the many families who have filled a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child. Our 'wall of love' has grown and is a lovely picture of our school values in action. We send our boxes with LOVE, RESPECT and COMPASSION.

Rabbit News

Our thanks to the very kind parent who has anonymously sponsored the complete cost of the new rabbit cage cover and sliding doors.

There are still some spaces on the list for care over the Christmas holidays as well as on the new list for weekend care after the Christmas break. Please sign up on the relevant sheets in the school reception area.

If you would like to help with the rabbits, but are unsure about what is involved, please pop to the office and have a chat with Mrs Grobbelaar who will be happy to advise you about this.

School Clubs

Next week is the last week that School Clubs will run for term 1 and 2. The final clubs will take place on Friday 1st December. A list of clubs being offered for term 3 and 4 will be advised in the next few weeks. Please note that the offer of clubs may vary each time a list comes out (Term 1, 3 and 5). O2 choir for Years 4-6 will continue to run up until the concert for the same children, but will not be advertised on the new clubs list.

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. Online booking of tickets will open on Tuesday 28th November at 12:45pm. Please book at www.schoolinterviews.co.uk using the event code **6x6fe**.

Carols by Candlelight (St Botolph's 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

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 will only be sent out to those children who DO NOT usually have school lunch on a Wednesday, who will need to return the form (and payment if appropriate) ordering for this day. This will be free for KS1 children and £2.20 for KS2 children. A flyer will be sent out on Monday.

Diary Dates

2017/2018

Every Tuesday

Parent Prayer Meeting
in the Library
after school drop off

1st December

Return Raffle Ticket stubs
and money

1st December

Colouring Competition
entries to be returned

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

SIAMS Inspection

As predicted, we have been notified that our school SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) will take place on Thursday 30th November. We are looking forward to sharing with the inspector all the wonderful things that your children achieve at school and the way in which our ethos and Christian Values support their learning and behaviour at school. I would like to thank all those parents who took the time to complete their questionnaires; your feedback is very helpful.

Reflective Garden Winter Working Party

Mrs Prue Burrlock will be heading up a working party in the Reflective Garden on Monday 1.30pm - 3.15pm and Tuesday 1.30pm - 3.15pm. If you are able to come along and join her, she would be very pleased to have your help. Refreshments will be served.

Please support Chevening Nursery

This is just a reminder that Chevening Nursery is one of the selected charities you can vote for at the Riverhead Tesco store. Please vote for the Nursery using the blue tokens handed out at the till and encourage family and friends to vote too. Any funds raised through Tesco will go towards buying outdoor equipment and a two storey wooden play house for the nursery.

PTA Christmas Notices

Christmas Fair

Thank you for all the bottles that were donated this morning, the children all looked wonderfully festive.

Colouring Competition

Just a reminder that there is now only a week to go to get the decorated baubles in, last collection of these will be after drop off on the 1st December. There is a prize for one child in each class and a prize for the class who enter the most baubles. Well done Class 3, you are back in the lead! All prizes have kindly been donated by Tesco.

Donations

Thank you for all the sweets, mince pies, toys and presents for the secrets room but the collections for these have now finished.

Cake Donations - 1st or 2nd December

Please bring in a cake next Friday or the morning of the fair to be entered into the chocolate explosion draw.

Attendance this week

	Class R	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
20 th – 24 th November	98.99%	99.64%	96.67%	96.67%	99.28%	97.67%	95.67%

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor
Headteacher

Diary Dates cont.

20th December

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

Term 3

4th January 2018

First day back for children