

# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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## Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Gift Appeal

Our 'wall of love' is under construction, with beautifully wrapped shoeboxes of gifts for children around the world being brought into school each day. We will be collecting until 20<sup>th</sup> November (THIS MONDAY COMING) and then sending them off to the Operation Christmas Child team for distribution.

Don't forget that if you donate your £5 on line, you will be given a barcode to print out and place inside your shoebox on top of your gifts. This enables the charity to tell you which country your shoebox is sent to (See section 4 on the leaflet under 'How to Pack Your Shoebox').

## Chevening School Service

We are looking forward to joining with the St. Botolph's Church congregation this **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November** for the morning service. All children should be in full school uniform. As usual our children will be reading the lesson, offering prayers and singing. The service starts at 10:30am.

## Parent Governor Election

We are delighted to welcome Paul Thompson to the Governing Body as a Parent Governor.

## School Games Mark - Silver

Every year, schools around the country apply for accreditation for their sports provision. In 2015/16, Chevening earned a respectable Bronze award. However, we are delighted to announce that in 2016/17, Chevening earned Silver!

This proves that the children have plenty of access to high quality PE and enjoy lots of success, competition and involvement. It is also testament to all the parents who have helped run clubs and supported their child - it is a huge team award!

Well done and thank you to everyone who has helped achieve Silver!

## Dare to Believe

"Yesterday afternoon some children from Chevening School went on a 'Dare to Believe' sports trip – there were lots of different activities that were based on people who are unable to do the sports that we normally participate in. We did Sit-Down Volley Ball, Wheel-Chair Football and played Blind Ball. I learnt different techniques for those sports. I was awarded the Aspirational Award (one of only four awards given with 150+ children in attendance) for my approach to the afternoon."

Jed Y6

"I was fiercely proud of the Y5 and Y6 leaders who took part; their attitude was exemplary. If only children ran this world we would all be pulling together rather than falling apart. Thank you to the unsung heroes who made the afternoon possible; you know who you are." Mr Townshend.

## Children in Need

This week the children took part in Chevening's Got Talent and Own Clothes Day to raise money for Children in Need. We are delighted to announce that we raised **£204** for Children in Need. Special congratulations to the following winners of our Chevening's Got Talent competition.

**Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Place** – Cy performed a guitar recital (Yr 5) and Daniel comedy impressions (Yr 6)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** – Eloise with amazing Irish Dancing (Yr 2)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** – Ava, Florence and Lilla who performed a wonderfully choreographed dance (Yr 4)

All of today's participants are winners of their class competitions, so well done to all. A big thank you also, to our School Council for organising the event.

## Anti-bullying week

This week was Anti-bullying week. The theme was "All different, All Equal" and all children took part in special PSHE lessons. The Year 5 children who attended an E-Safety Workshop a few weeks ago, also reported back to the school in a special Act of Worship.

## Diary Dates

2017/2018

**Every Tuesday**

Parent Prayer Meeting  
in the Library  
after school drop off

**19<sup>th</sup> November**

Chevening School Service  
10:30am at  
St. Botolph's Church

**23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Flu vaccinations for  
Year R, 1, 2, 3 & 4

**24<sup>th</sup> November**

Wear a festive accessory in  
return for bringing a bottle  
for the Christmas Fair

**27<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 6 Height & Weight  
Screening

**1<sup>st</sup> December**

Return Raffle Ticket stubs  
and money

**1<sup>st</sup> December**

Colouring Competition  
entries to be returned

**2<sup>nd</sup> December**

PTA School Christmas Fair

**8<sup>th</sup> December**

Whole School Pantomime trip  
to The Stag Theatre

**12<sup>th</sup> December**

KS1 Christmas Nativity

## Concerns and Complaints

From time to time parents can hear something relating to their child or school life which they feel concerned about. We encourage you to share your concern with your child's class teacher so that they are able to either reassure you, or resolve the situation if this is needed. This informal approach generally works very well and means that we can address most concerns quickly and effectively. If, for whatever reason, you feel there is still an issue after this, please do make an appointment to see me so that we can make sure your concern is dealt with. Very occasionally, when all else has failed, a parent might wish to make a formal complaint using the complaints policy on the school website. We sincerely hope this won't be necessary but should the need arise, marking your letter with the words 'formal complaint' will ensure that it is dealt with as such.

## Early Morning Club

We currently have a few spaces at **Early Morning Club** over a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Please contact Nicola in the school office at [reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk) if you are interested in a space for your child.

## 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

*The PTA will still be collecting sweets and mince pies next week.*

## Raffle tickets

*Please sell as many raffle tickets as possible to family and friends, there are extra raffle tickets in the office should you require more. When you have sold your tickets please return the stubs and money to the box in reception by 1st December. Unsold tickets also need to be returned to the box by the 1st for sale at the Christmas Fair. Remember all money raised from the Christmas Fair goes directly to the school for equipment, site improvement and fun activities for the children.*

## Colouring Competition

*Classes 3, 5 and 6 are at the top of the leader board for the highest number of baubles entered, with only one bauble separating them. Remember you only have two weeks left to enter. There is a prize for one child in each class and a prize for the class who enter the most baubles. All prizes have kindly been donated by Tesco.*

## Dress Festive Day - 24th November

*Next Friday you can wear a Christmas accessory, such as a Christmas jumper, decorative hair piece, festive socks, with your school uniform. In return please bring a bottle for the tombola which will be collected on the school gates. Thank you.*

## Christmas Pudding Making Evening

The Christmas Pudding Making Evening last night was a big success for a small event! With a full house of eager bakers, we have managed to raise approximately £280 (final amount to be confirmed) for the PTA pot.

## PTA Spring Ball

### 90% SOLD OUT!!!

Incredibly, by 9.15am this morning almost all tables were booked! (Almost as quick as Glastonbury tickets!)

There is the possibility of spaces on a couple of the tables so if you are keen to attend the Spring Ball on Saturday 24th February please email Heidi Brooks on [heidibrooks78@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:heidibrooks78@yahoo.co.uk) and she will try her best to fit you in.

## Attendance this week

	Class R	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> November	96.31	97.14	93.00	95.00	100.00	100.00	97.33

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor

## Diary Dates cont.

**13<sup>th</sup> December**

School Christmas Dinner

**14<sup>th</sup> December**

KS2 Christmas by Candlelight

**20<sup>th</sup> December**

School Christmas Service

2:00pm @ St Botolph's  
Church

**Term 3**

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

First day back for children