

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Gift Appeal

Once again we will be collecting filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

If you are new to this charity, they take filled shoe boxes of small gifts to children around the world. The box represents an unconditional gift of love, based on need, regardless of background or religion.

I know some of you are ready to fill your shoeboxes and we are looking forward to building our 'wall of love' in the school hall once again.

Earlier this week you should have received a separate email and a leaflet about this via your child (copies also available from the school office). If you would like to take part, please bring your wrapped box and donation (suggested £5) towards shipping and project costs, to the school hall and help build our very special 'wall'. We will be collecting boxes until 20th November 2017.

Chevening 'Bookworms' and very generous parents!

I have been advised that the Scholastic Book Fair raised a staggering £531 for the school at the book fair in October. Huge thanks to Angela Kerr for organising the event and to the team who helped facilitate the fair.

It is very exciting to know that our children have such a love for books and I am sure that not only they, but we as a staff are grateful to the parents and friends who have been so generous in encouraging the children to buy books.

Mrs Edwards is delighted that members of the Library Club will be able to purchase some new books for the Library.

Chevening School Service

As a school we are looking forward to joining with the St. Botolph's Church congregation on **Sunday 19th 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.

Children in Need

This year the School Council has organised a Talent Show and Own Clothes Day for Children in Need on Friday 17th November.

If your child would like to participate in the Talent Show they will need to perform their act to their class next week (the day will be confirmed by the class teacher). This can be a solo or group act but the whole group must be in the same class. Each class will choose one finalist to perform in front of the whole school for Chevening's Got Talent, on Friday 17th November.

On Friday 17th November children will also be able to wear their own clothes for a £1 donation to Children in Need. Please could they bring their £1 in on the day and hand it to their teacher.

Flu Vaccinations

Thanks to all parents in year 1, 2, 3 & 4 for returning flu vaccination forms. All forms should be returned, marked with your consent either **to** receive the vaccination or **not to** receive the vaccination. Please could any outstanding forms be given in to the office as soon as possible.

School Photograph Orders

All of the individual and sibling photographs have been handed out to children. We have been advised that orders being returned to school, need to be with the office by Friday 17th November at the latest. Orders after this date will need to be made directly with the photographic company.

Please support Chevening Nursery

Voting is now open at Tesco in Riverhead for the Bags of Help scheme, where Chevening Nursery is one of the selected charities vying for your support. Please can you vote with the blue tokens for

Diary Dates

2017/2018

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

14th November
Governor Election Ballot
Papers to be in by 15:30

16th November
PTA Christmas Pudding
Evening

17th November
Children in Need
Own clothes day for £1
donation

17th November
School Photo Orders to be
returned to school

19th November
Chevening School Service
10:30am at
St. Botolph's Church

24th November
Wear a festive accessory in
return for bringing a bottle
for the Christmas Fair

27th November
Year 6 Height & Weight
Screening

1st December
Return Raffle Ticket stubs
and money

Chevening Nursery 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. Please do ask for a blue token from staff if you are not automatically given one at the tills and slot into the relevant box. Thank you x

‘Happy Child – Happy Parent’ - Free information evening for parents

Parents are invited to attend an evening of practical guidance on digital interaction, dealing with bullying, family breakdown, quality time and setting boundaries. The event will take place at St Nicholas’ Church, Rectory Lane, Sevenoaks, TN13 1JA from 7:30pm – 9:00pm on Tuesday 14th November 2017. To book a place, please call 01892 538288.

PTA Christmas Notices

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is on Thursday 16th November at 9:15am in the School Library where we will be finalising arrangements for the Christmas Fair. All parents and carers are welcome.

Christmas Fair Collections

Just a reminder that next week we will still be collecting toys, games, books, soft toys, sweets, mince pies and presents for the secrets room.

Raffle tickets

Each family should have received 2 books of raffle tickets in your child’s book bag. 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. If you have any unsold tickets these also need to be returned to the Christmas 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

We have received many beautiful baubles for the colouring competition and currently class 3 are in the lead with the most entries. Please don’t forget to decorate these and return them to the box in the office reception. Please remember to attach the name tag and 20p to the reverse of the bauble.

Ladies Bible Study - New

Chevening Church is pleased to announce a new ladies morning bible study, to be held every Tuesday from 9.15 - 11.15am at Homedean (next to the Parish Hall). Breakfast will be served and toddlers are welcome. Please contact Ruth Pyrke on rtpyrke@gmail.com for more details. You are very welcome to join to learn more about Christian life as we start with The Jesus Lifestyle Series with Nicky Gumbel on Tuesday 14th November. There is time to join the parent prayer meeting (every Tuesday at 9am in the school library) prior to arriving at the bible study. Ruth will have the coffee hot for your arrival!!

Holiday Rabbit Care Required

Please consider signing up to care for the Chevening School rabbits over the term time weekends in November and December as well as over the Christmas holidays. The sign-up sheet is up in the school reception area.

‘Bountiful’ – Womens’ Christian Conference

The Bountiful Women’s Christian conference will be held on Saturday 3rd February 2018 from 10am to 3pm at Trinity School, Sevenoaks. Please see the information which is up in the school reception area along with a signup sheet for this event. Please contact Carolyn Murphy for further details at carolynpilates@googlemail.com.

Attendance this week

	Class R	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
6 th – 10 th November	98.32%	98.21%	96.33%	100.00%	97.14%	100.00%	99.33%

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor

Diary Dates cont.

2nd December

PTA School Christmas Fair

8th December

Whole School Pantomime trip to The Stag Theatre

12th December

KS1 Christmas Nativity

13th December

School Christmas Dinner

14th December

KS2 Christmas by Candlelight

20th December

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

Term 3

4th January 2018

First day back for children