

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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Dear All,

Flu Vaccinations

The Kent Health Team has booked to administer the flu spray on 23rd November for children in Year R, 1, 2, 3 and 4. The team have advised they will be contacting parents of Class R children with a letter via post, but letters of all other children will be sent via the school. The vaccination will not be administered without consent.

'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 Fegans, who are organising this event, on 01892 538288.

Save the Date: PTA School Christmas Fair Saturday 2nd December

The annual Christmas Fair has been confirmed for Sat 2nd December from 12pm - 3pm and is fast approaching. Donations fortnight will start on 6th November. We will be collecting:-

Soft toys – please wash and dry before donating as only clean toys can be used as prizes!

Toys, games and books – these must be complete, clean and in good condition.

Sweets – we will be making up sweet prizes again this year so all types of chocolate and sweets will be useful.

Mince pies – please check the sell-by date; they must still be in date on 2nd December.

Secrets room – these are gifts the children, in secret, can pick for their parents – so we require unwanted gifts or good quality items that you no longer have a use for but would make a lovely gift for someone else. No books or DVDs please.

So please use the half term to start seeking out the many items you are going to generously donate!

PTA Christmas Pudding Making Evening – Thursday 16th November 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Come and make your Christmas Pudding whilst sipping mulled wine, eating mince pies, chatting with friends and getting into the festive spirit!

Tickets are £15 per person and include: all your pudding ingredients, a 1.2L pudding bowl to steam your pudding in, mulled wine and mince pies.

You will need to bring a mixing bowl and wooden spoon, apron, weighing scales (if possible), a peeler and grater.

*Tickets need to be purchased in advance and will be available from Heidi Brooks – mum to Lily (Class 3) and Olly (Class 1) from Monday 30th October.

PTA Christmas Card Samples

The PTA Christmas Card samples and order forms have been handed to children today. Please return the order form to the school office by no later than Thursday 9 November 2017.

Holiday Rabbit Care Required

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

The above was written by our wonderful **Office Team**; thank you – I would not have known where to start!

Diary Dates

2017/2018

19th October

Last day of Term 1

20th October

INSET day

(No children in school)

31st October

Individual and Sibling
photographs

16 November

PTA Christmas Pudding
Evening

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

And now for a few words (or more) from our 'Sports Coach in Residence' Mr Bowen:

Football Fixture

On Monday, boys from Years' 5 and 6 played in their second round fixtures in the local league. The boys *play bed* brilliantly, showing a great team ethic and excellent skills. They came off as stunning 5 – 1 winners against Sevenoaks Primary School and were given a bye in their fixture against Kemsing. Well done!

Aqua Splash

On Monday girls and boys from Year 3 and 4 went to the Sennocke Centre in Sevenoaks School. Here they took part in the first swimming gala of the year. Returning as reigning champions, the pressure was on but everyone put in a sterling effort and the team eventually ended up in second position overall. An excellent effort. Well done all!

Cross-Country

On Wednesday girls and boys from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 competed in the annual local cross-country race. Years' 3 and 4 were set to their paces for 800m and Years' 5 and 6 had to complete 1600m. The course was tough but everyone put in a huge amount of effort and performed well...notably achieving a 2nd place, 5th place and handful of places between 10 and 20. The progress within the sport is encouraging to see and a real strength in depth is beginning to build. Unfortunately we didn't achieve a top 3 place but the future definitely seems bright! Well done to the whole team!"

Thank you to all the **silent heroes** who make these enriching experiences happen.

And finally...what a school. Thank you for playing your part in making me feel so welcome so quickly. As the last bell is rung and swung, the final interactive whiteboard pen put down, the exercise books collected up, and November reports polished off (well, at least begun!) I would like to thank the selfless staff for always giving and never taking. Have an enjoyable, safe and entertaining ten days with your wonderful children. We look forward to welcoming them back from 8.45 am on Monday 30th October.

God Bless,

Richard Townshend
Deputy Headteacher

Diary Dates cont.