

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

Newsletter 4 - 6th October 2017

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Harvest deliveries and Cheshire Homes visit

On Monday, Class 6 delivered Harvest Goods to elderly residents of the local area. They really enjoyed the experience and I have received many thank you cards this week recognising the joy that they brought through their visits. Many residents commented on how smart, cheerful, kind and thoughtful the children were and on how much they had enjoyed the visit. Well done Class 6 and thank you to the parents who kindly gave their time to take the children to make their deliveries.

Student Teacher

Since September, Class 3 has been fortunate enough to be benefitting from having an additional student teacher working alongside Mrs McLean. Miss Porter is completing her initial teacher training with Kaizen, with whom the school has a long standing and very positive association. Miss Porter is a great addition to our staff team and is enjoying getting to know Class 3 children and parents.

Hardelot Trip for Year 6

We are aware that the only week which we were able to book for Hardelot this year is the same week in which many secondary schools hold their transition days and that this is not ideal. We would like to invite Year 6 parents to join us after school on Thursday 12th October in Year 6's classroom to find out a little more about the trip. After this, we will be sending out an expression of interest to establish how many parents would still be interested in their children going on the trip, despite its timing. This will allow us to make an informed decision about whether we go ahead or not.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Our governing body currently has a vacancy for a parent governor. Having reviewed the skills audit of current governors, we have established that the areas where we feel the governing body would particularly benefit from additional expertise are knowledge and experience in the education sector. We would therefore ask you to consider whether you would like to serve on the governing body, especially if you feel this is your area of expertise. Please see the attached letter and further information from Mrs Burrlock, Chair of Governors.

A visit from Perform

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Tuesday 26th September. The children had a wonderfully energetic time exploring the theme of *Under the Sea* and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Under the Sea*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click here to download it free or here to find out more about the *Under the Sea* theme.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Chevening C of E Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Tuesday 17th October. To check the nearest location and claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting CHEV171017 or visit perform.org.uk to find out more.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is on Thursday 12th October, 9:15am in the School Library when the Christmas Fair stalls will be allocated - please can at least 1 Rep from each class attend.

Second hand uniform sale

Please note that there will be a sale of second hand uniform on **Wednesday 18th October** after school on the playground. Please stop by to see if there are any items that may be of use to your children. If you have any items of good quality logo'd uniform you would like to donate, please bring them to the school office who will pass them on.

'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.

Diary Dates

2017/2018

12th October

PTA Meeting 9:15am

13th October

PTA Cake Sale 3:15pm

18th October

Cross Country Competition at
Radnor House

18th October

Second hand uniform sale
3:15pm

19th October

Open Morning for Prospective
Parents

19th October

Last day of Term 1

20th October

INSET day
(No children in school)

31st October

Individual and Sibling
photographs

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

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

The annual Christmas Fair has been confirmed for Sat 2nd December from 12pm - 3pm; please mark this key date in your diaries - preparations have started and the PTA elves will be busy!

Rabbit care

During the week the rabbits will be cared for by each of the classes in turn. We would still welcome volunteers for caring for them over weekends and during holiday periods. If you are able to help with this, please sign up on the rotas which are up in the school reception area. Thank you.

Attendance

Congratulations to Class 5 for the highest attendance this week.

	Class R	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
2 nd – 6 th October	98.61%	99.23%	97.00%	99.67%	95.86%	99.68%	95.67%

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor
Headteacher

Diary Dates cont.

20th December

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