

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

Newsletter 2 - 15th September 2017

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School Harvest Celebration

Please note the date for the School Harvest Service which will be held at St. Botolph's Church on **Thursday 28th September at 9:15am**. Children should be taken by parents straight to the church at 9:00am and we hope you will stay for the service. After which parents are requested to collect their children and take them from the church to the school playground, where a member of staff will be ready to supervise them.

Parking

Whilst we appreciate that parking is never easy around Chevening, please could I remind parents that nonetheless we expect everyone to park considerately and be polite to other drivers. Please do not block other cars in so that it is difficult for them to get out. Perhaps parents could join in with the central theme of our new Behaviour Policy which is 'Do unto others as you would have done unto you...'

Behaviour Policy

We have revamped the school Behaviour Policy and are in the process of introducing this to the children one step at a time. It will become available on the school's website next week, so do look out for it and have a read if you are interested to know how the new system works.

'Shine Day' at Chevening

On Friday 22nd September we are inviting everyone in school to take part in 'Shine Day'. This is in support of Mrs Edwards who will be taking part in the 'Shine Marathon' on Saturday 23rd September, when she and her sister will walk a marathon during the night.

Children and adults in school are invited to wear a neon/glow in the dark accessory with their uniform for the day on Friday 22nd for a suggested donation of £1 per person which will be put towards Mrs Edwards' fundraising goal.

Please follow the link below to read more about her fundraising efforts and to make a donation if you would like to.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/cat-and-caz>

Something about registering for FSM

Is there any chance that your child might be eligible for free school meals?

Confusingly, there are now two separate systems which both sound very similar, but the distinction is important. All Reception and KS1 children are eligible for a free meal at school. This is a relatively new scheme and has nothing to do with income.

The other older type of free school meals (FSM) is vitally important for school funding and this is the one to which I would like to draw your attention. It is for all age children, from reception to year 6, who meet certain criteria to do with family income. Children, who are eligible for these free school meals **and claim them**, also attract significant additional funding for the school. This enables us to plan and fund better provision for our children. Having claimed them, the children can still choose daily whether or not they wish to order a school meal, and so can still have a packed lunch if they wish. Making a free school meals claim is confidential, so your child will never be identified to other children or parents. As school budgets tighten and a greater proportion of funding is released through the FSM formula, **it is vital for the school that anyone eligible does claim their entitlement**, even if they are Key Stage One and so get a meal anyway, and even if they don't actually want to have a school lunch. I have pasted the link below, so if you think there is any chance you might be eligible, please have a look.

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals

PTA AGM

The PTA Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 21st September in the school hall at 7:30pm. All parents, carers and staff are warmly invited to come along.

Thursday 28th September – PTA Welcome back/social get together at The Bricklayers from 8pm.

To mark the start of a new school year we are heading to The Bricklayers Arms on Thursday 28th September for a social drink or two! All parents, carers and staff are welcome and to top it off it is 'Prosecco Night' - £15/bottle! We hope to see as many new and not so new faces there....

Diary Dates

2017/2018

Term 1

16th September

End of the Summer Reading
Challenge
(Sevenoaks Library)

w/b 18th September

'Good to be different' week

w/b 18th September

Clubs and activities start

21st September

PTA AGM 7:30pm

28th September

School Harvest Service
9:00 for 9:15 start

28th September

PTA Welcome back social
at The Bricklayers Arms

2nd October

Harvest deliveries (Yr 6)

Parent Prayer Meetings

All parents or carers are warmly invited to join the weekly Parent Prayer Meeting which takes place every Tuesday morning straight after drop off until around 9:30am in the school Library.

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.

G2BD – Good to be Different Week

Next week we have an exciting week planned for the children, as we explore how we are all different and unique. This time we are focusing on finding out about what it is like to live with a disability or a special educational need. As part of the week, we are delighted to be welcoming Toby Hewson from 'Just Different', who will be talking to each class about his experiences of growing up and living with Cerebral Palsy. There will be other activities during the week which we hope will be both interesting and thought-provoking.

Flower Rota

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who have kindly donated flowers to the school reception area this year! It really does brighten up the space and is much appreciated. If you would like to donate a small bunch of flowers in the new academic year please add your name to the sign up sheet in the school reception area.

Attendance

Well done Class 2 for a second week at 100% attendance!

	Class R	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Whole School
11 th – 15 th Sept	-	99.23%	100.00%	99.33%	95.67%	99.35%	99.00%	98.76%

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor
Headteacher

Diary Dates cont.