

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

Newsletter 1 - 8th September 2017

Chevening Road, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, KENT. TN13 2SA
01732 452895 office@chevening.kent.sch.uk
www.chevening.kent.sch.uk



Welcome back!

What a pleasure it is to be able to welcome you all back at the start of the new school year. I have caught up with lots of parents on the playground this week, but if I haven't spoken to you yet, I hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer. It is great to see all the children back as well; their excitement and enthusiasm has been a real joy to behold this week.

It has been lovely to see the new Reception children having their first session in school this week and I look forward to meeting the rest of the class this coming week.

New staff

We have some new teaching staff who have joined us this term. We welcome Miss Levy in reception, Mrs Wilde in year 2 and Mr Townsend in Year 6. We are also delighted to have Mrs McLean full-time in Year 3. As well, we welcome Mrs Wagstaff and Mrs Cross who will be supporting in reception.

Senior Leadership Team

The senior leadership team looks a little different this year too, so I thought it might be helpful for parents to know who's who.

Kathy Taylor – Headteacher; Richard Townshend – Deputy Headteacher; Nadeem Qureshi – KS2 Leader; Lyndsey Billing – KS1 Leader and Cat Edwards – Lead Teacher for Teaching and Learning. Natasha Caisley (SENCO) also joins the Leadership Team, offering advice and support.

INSET Day

On Monday, all staff were in school for In-Service training. We had a really helpful session on behaviour, covered some safeguarding topics and looked at our vision for the next year.

Staff News

Please remember Mrs Caisley in your prayers as she has been diagnosed with cancer and has had an operation today. She hopes to be in school as much as possible once she has recovered from the operation, but please be mindful that she may be attending the hospital for treatment and appointments so may not be as available in school as usual.

Meet the teacher dates in September

Hopefully some of you will have been welcomed to your child's new class this afternoon and had a chance to meet the class teacher. There is one more opportunity for this next Wednesday 13th September from 2:30pm. This is an informal meeting where parents can find out a little about the new year group and the plans for the year, as well as ask any questions they may have. The afternoons are repeated to enable parents of more than one child to visit at least two classrooms.

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.

KS1 Reading Books

The PTA has very kindly funded new reading books for Key Stage One. These are in line with the government's requirements to provide children with phonically decodable books. We now have a lot of old reading books that we no longer need. These are available for parents to come and take if you would find them of use. If you know of any organisations that would be able to use these please also feel free to take them.

The books will be available to take from the Key Stage One area after school every day next week. After this time they will be disposed of. Please ask Mrs Billing if you need any more information.

Children and Youth Programmes @ St Botolph's

Chevening Church is kicking off all children and youth Sunday club activities this week. Creche (Pre-school), Bertie Bus (5-9), Quest (10-13) will all meet at St B's at 10:30 while Kinect (14-18) will be meeting at 10:15 at the Chevening Parish Hall. Please join us this Sunday! For more details contact Claire Penny or Alex Robinson or see the church website.

Diary Dates

2017/2018

Term 1

13th September
Meet the Teacher 2:30pm

16th September
End of the Summer Reading
Challenge (Sevenoaks
Library)

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

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 teaching 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 teaching 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....

Summer Reading Challenge

Thank you for supporting your child/children in this year's summer reading challenge. Just to remind you, the challenge runs until 16th September so there is still plenty of time to sign up [if your child hasn't done so yet] and to read the six books, to collect stickers, book mark and fortune teller as they go and culminating in a medal and personalised certificate. There is a trophy to be awarded to the school with the most pupils who have completed this year's summer reading challenge and, if your child does so, they will increase the chance of the trophy coming to our school. The figure is calculated on the pupils who complete the challenge as a percentage of the total role of the school.

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 9:30 in the school Library.

School Meals

The new school meal menu is now available in school reception. Please pop in and collect a copy.

We kindly request that you endeavour to pay for the meals that your children require in advance. Payment can be made quickly and safely by logging on to www.principals-catering.com and following the instructions to pay online either through PayPal or by using direct payment with a debit or credit card (there are no charges for this service). Cash is also accepted and can be dropped off at the school office.

The cost of lunches for KS2 in Term 1 is as follows:-

Monday: 6 weeks @£2.20 per day = £13.20

Tuesday : 7 weeks @ £2.20 per day =£15.40

Wednesday: 7 weeks @ £2.20 per day = £15.40

Thursday: 7 weeks @ £2.20 per day = £15.40

Friday: 6 weeks @ £2.20 per day = £13.20

Total : 33 days @£2.20= £72.60

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.

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

In order for our children to have every opportunity to learn, we encourage full attendance at school if possible. In order to inspire you and your children, we will publish the attendance for each class every week and see over the year which class can attain the highest attendance. Who knows, there may even be a prize for the winner!

	Class R	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Whole School
4-8 Sept	-	99.4%	100.0%	100.0%	90.0%	95.97%	97.08%	97.0%

Congratulations to class 2 and 3 for a fantastic start with full attendance!

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor
Headteacher

Diary Dates cont.