

# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

## Newsletter 36 - 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017

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### Performing Arts Evening

On Tuesday afternoon, we enjoyed a superb array of different performances across the full spectrum of the creative arts, from different styles of dance to singing to drumming to orchestral music (and much more!). The children performing did a superb job, especially given the heat, and I was very proud of all them all. My huge thanks go to all the staff who have worked with the children across the year, teaching, encouraging and rehearsing with them. It really was a lovely celebration of all the wonderful creative things that happen at Chevening throughout the year. A special thank you to Mrs Robinson for masterminding the whole event,, as well as rehearsing the children on the day to ensure that everything ran smoothly.

### Lord's Prayer Day

On Monday, we started the final week of term with our Lord's Prayer Day. The day was filled with activities to help the children learn and understand The Lord's Prayer. Amongst other things, they painted prayer pebbles to represent a phrase from the prayer and later used these in our Act of Worship in the afternoon. Each child built a beautiful bracelet where each bead stood for a part of the prayer. The beads were especially chosen to represent their line and I hope the children enjoyed making these, as well as them being an ongoing memory aide.

### Swimming

Thank you for your support with swimming lessons at Chevening this year. We are grateful to Mrs Tuner for her flexibility in rearranging lessons so that all of our children swam as many times as possible; more than 90% of planned lessons took place.

### Meet the teacher dates in September

We would like to welcome parents of next year's Class 1 to Class 6 to the school on 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm to meet your child's new class teacher. This will be 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 Dinners

If you would like to make any changes to the days your child has school lunches from September 2017, please advise the school office in writing by the end of this term using email: [reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk).

Parents of children going into year 3 have received a letter from Principals Catering, explaining that they will no longer be entitled to the Government Universal Free School meal lunches. The cost of a meal is currently £2.20 per day (weekly charge £11.00 for 5 days).

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](http://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

### Chevening School Rabbits

Unfortunately, support for the school rabbits has significantly decreased and we have had to make alternative arrangements for their care during the summer holidays. We are hoping that there will be enough support in September to continue having them in school. If you are able to care for the rabbits on any of the weekends below please let Mrs Grobbelaar know at [reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk).

Date:

### Diary Dates

2017/2018

Term 1

4<sup>th</sup> September

INSET DAY

(No children in school)

5<sup>th</sup> September

Children start back at school

5<sup>th</sup> September

11+ practice tests  
(Year 6)

6<sup>th</sup> September

Meet the teacher 2:30pm

7<sup>th</sup> September

11+ tests

8<sup>th</sup> September

Meet the teacher 2:30pm

21<sup>st</sup> September

PTA AGM 7:30pm

9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> September	
16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> September	
23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> September	
30 <sup>th</sup> September and 1 October	Slot filled
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> October	
14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Slot filled

**Thy Kingdom Come**

The children in year 5 have made a digital and physical version of the book based on the St Botolph's Church installations. If you would like to view a copy there will be one in school in September or you can buy your own copy from the Lulu website (at cost price)

**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.

**Summer Holidays**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have made me feel so welcome this year. It has been lovely to get to know so many families over the past months. I wish you all a lovely, restful and relaxing summer break, and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor  
**Headteacher**

**Diary Dates cont.**