

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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MUNGA event

The children had their own version of MUNGA - Model United Nations General Assembly. They debated three different topics: nuclear proliferation, humanitarian aid and the water crisis. The children made relevant contributions to the heated debates on the three topics, chaired by Year 6 members of debating club. We were delighted to welcome Dr. Prakash Puchooa from the Foreign Office, Councillor Richard Parry and our very own Mrs Jones. It has been a fantastic learning opportunity and all the children have enjoyed the event!

Mini Fest

The music pumped, the children raced and bounced and the sun shone bright! Thank you to all of those who helped to organise, co-ordinate, set up, clear down, man the stalls and brought family and friends along. Also, a big thank you to the musicians, drummers, country dancers, Chevening Rockers and the incredible Harp Beat who's debut performance brought a tear to the eyes of many of the crowd. Once again it was another great Mini-Fest and we'll hopefully know the full amount of money raised early next week.

Swimming Gala

Next Thursday 13th July at 1:00pm Key Stage 2 parents are invited to come and support their children in the KS2 Swimming Gala. Please enter via main school reception (not the drive gates), where you will be required to wait until the pool area has been made ready.

Children should bring 2 towels (one to dry on and one to sit wrapped in when not swimming) as well as a 'hoody' or a fleece.

One thing to note is that we have had to update our policy this year relating to photographs taken in school. This has been necessary to meet safeguarding requirements. As such, we are no longer able to allow parents to bring cameras into the swimming pool area. I appreciate that as cameras are part of most people's phones this is not entirely practical, but ask that parents do not use these in the swimming pool area. I understand that this will be a disappointment for some, and that it may seem unreasonable when you would like a photo of your own child. However, as children are in swimwear within the pool area, legislation has come in for the protection of all children. Parents of older children who attend the partnership gala in May will already be aware of this policy being implemented there.

Outstanding EMC & Activ8 payments

Please could you pass any outstanding payments to Mrs Thewlis in the School Office by Wednesday of next week, so that she can finalise the academic year end for both of these clubs.

Lost property

Every day next week at the end of the school day, Mr Garrett will place a table by the bus shelter with lost property which has accumulated outside his work room. Please come and see if anything belongs to your child, as at the end of the week, anything left will be recycled or taken to a local charity shop.

Second-hand uniform sale

There will be a sale of second-hand uniform after school on Tuesday 11th July. If you have any uniform you wish to donate, please bring it to the school office. If you are able to help Mrs Barnes run the sale, please either speak to her directly or let the office know.

Summer Activities

Please note that we are being sent information about activities of children and families which are taking place during the summer holidays. The windows of the Music Room are the designated place for this information to be displayed, so if you are looking for activities, please check out what is happening nearby. Where we have been sent forms for registering for these activities, they will be found in the leaflet stand in the School Reception area.

Kind regards,
Kathy Taylor
Headteacher

Diary Dates

10th July
End of year reports

11th July
New reception class visit
2 - 3 pm

11th July
Second-hand uniform sale

13th July
Swimming Gala 1:00pm

14th July
Class 6 Leavers' BBQ

18th July
Class 6 visit Chevening House

18th July
Performing Arts Afternoon
followed by Open Classrooms
3:30 - 6:30pm

20th July
Leavers' Service at St.
Botolph's 9:30am

Diary Dates cont.