

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

Newsletter 30 - 9th June 2017

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Election Week!

All week Class 6 have been preparing for the Chevening General Election 2017. On Monday the children were put into groups to form their own political parties and then spent the rest of the week writing manifestos, canvassing classes, campaigning in the playground and taking part in a Leader's Debate. On Thursday the whole school went to the polls with the children in Class 6 running the polling station and collating the votes. The enthusiasm of the children has been incredible and we have definitely found some politicians of the future!

Author visit

Next Wednesday we are pleased to welcome author Steve Clifford to the school. We will be kicking off our morning with a Q+A session to give all children in Years 1-6 an opportunity to find out what it is like to be an author. Key Stage Two will also work with Steve a class at a time to develop their own writing skills. Steve does not charge for his work with the children but does ask for an opportunity to sell his books and as such, after school in the library, he will be selling and signing copies of his books should you wish to purchase one.

C. S. Clifford Book Signing at

Chevening Primary School

On the 14th of June 2017 in the Library

Sports Day – 30th June

Children will all be taking part in sporting events throughout the day on 30th June. Parents are welcome to come along for a picnic with their child on the school field from 11:45am. We envisage that all children will be having packed lunches on that day, if providing this causes you any difficulty please contact the School Office. The afternoon events start at 12:50pm and we aim to finish at 3:15pm. Exact details will be confirmed nearer the day.

Afternoon tea charity fundraiser

A big big thank you to everyone involved in the afternoon tea on Friday 26th May. To all who kindly donated wonderfully delicious cakes, bottles of prosecco and your time, helping out and being there on the day – you are amazing. Thanks also to the many people who came and supported the afternoon; you raised an amazing £700! Not bad for an afternoon of eating cakes, enjoying the sun and talking to friends.

Miss Oriel is delighted her charities receive £400.

£150 will be donated to dec.org (in aid of the South Sudan crisis)

£150 will be donated to save the children (of Syria)

Many thanks again.

(Cake boxes, cake stands and bags left in the pavilion are in the school reception for collection.)

Message from Miss Oriel

I wanted to say an absolutely HUGE thank you to all of you who came along to listen to me speak and who gave so generously to support the work we are doing with refugees in Kent. The charities I volunteer with are Tunbridge Wells Welcomes Refugees, for which I will be a trustee, and Kent Kindness Maidstone. I also work closely with Kent Kindness and Meeting Need, but these two groups are currently well-funded so we are going to split the money between Tunbridge Wells Welcomes Refugees and Kent Kindness Maidstone, where it can be used directly for the unaccompanied boys we help.

At Kent Kindness Maidstone, we can put the money towards a group camping trip. Group trips are so important and the boys love these, but they can be difficult to fund for such large numbers! At Tunbridge Wells Welcomes Refugees, we will use the money to provide the extra support needed for one of our most vulnerable boys. Already we have been able to take him out on two day-trips which were an absolute joy to experience. We will be able to take him to the cinema, which he loves, and pay for him to visit his church in London, which means more to him than I can put into words. We will also be able to buy some individual teaching books and organise a couple of day trips further afield. This support is massive to these small charities and any future funding will be warmly welcome.

Diary Dates

15th June

SRE meeting for parents

15th June

Reflective Garden

Work party

15th June

Welcome Meeting for

prospective Reception

parents

17th June

PTA Football Event

21st June

District Sports

(Provisional)

23rd June

PTA Cake Sale (Class 3)

23rd June

Class 3 Sleepover

30th June

Sports Day

1st July

PTA Mini Fest

4th July

Swimathon

6th July

Monthly School Prayer

Meeting

7th July

Reserve Sports Day

Rain coats in school every day

The weather this week has been very changeable and we have had several occasions when it has rained and some children have not had a coat in school. Please ensure that all children have a rain coat with them **every** day regardless of the weather.

Fine Wine Charity Auction

All are invited to the Fine Wine Charity Auction which includes wine tasting with cheese and canapés. 6pm to 9.30pm Saturday 24 June 2017 at Chipstead Parish Hall TN13 2RU. Doors open and tasting of the wines at 6pm. Wine Auction starts 6.45pm. Tickets are £10 (for admission and food). Tickets are available from the Bricklayer's Arms or by email. For tickets, further information, including wine list, email wineauction@yahoo.com. All funds raised will go to the Anna Lewis Brighter Future Fund (www.justgiving.com/remember/26325/Anna-Lewis) and Chevening Church.

PTA Meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be on Friday 23rd June at 9:15am.

Early Morning Club and Active8

We have recently updated and reviewed the Registration and Terms and conditions forms for Early Morning Club and Active8. Please note that there is a small increase in cost from September. No increase was applied last year. If you would like to retain your child/ren's session at Early Morning Club from September 2017 please ensure you complete and sign these forms by Monday the 12 June 2017. Hard copies can be collected from the school office. Failure to return these will result in losing the place, which will be offered to those on the waiting list. If you would like to change days or add extra days, please e-mail the office at reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk. Please note that these changes or extra days cannot be guaranteed at this time.

Swimming contributions

Swimming contributions are now due; they should be placed in the box in the school reception. It is unfortunate that the boiler has not been working properly this week, but this reminds us of how old all of the equipment is and that we have been so fortunate that it has worked for so many years. Mrs Turner is hoping to slot in extra lessons so that your children all have the correct number of lessons, as noted in the letter you received.

Reflective Garden Work party

There will be a work party to tidy the Reflective Garden on Thursday 15th June at 9:00am. If you are able to come along and help, your support would be very much appreciated. Please bring garden tools if you have them.

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor
Headteacher

Diary Dates cont.

7th July

End of year reports
(Not Class 6)

18th July

Class 6 visit Chevening House

13th July

Swimming Gala 1:00pm

14th July

Class 6 Leavers' BBQ

18th July

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

20th July

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