

# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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### Swimming Gala results – Reports from Mandy Turner, our school swimming coach

#### South East Regional Finals

Congratulations are in order!

Just to qualify for this event was fantastic and a real achievement. It is the first time Chevening swimmers have made it through to the Regional finals.

Our swimmers entered the round, having qualified 8th in the 4 x 25 freestyle relay and 16th in the 4 x 25 medley relay, out of all the competing Primary schools from across The South East of England, including, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Hampshire!

The final results have not been released yet but our belief is that they were placed 8th and 9th overall - truly brilliant, and only just missing out on the final 8s.

Our swimmers should also be congratulated on their behaviour; they were a real credit to themselves, the school and their parents. All were very sensible and looked out for each other, working together as a team. We were very proud of them; they were a joy to watch.

#### District Gala results

Fantastic Results!

You were all fantastic tonight (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May). This is the first time that **Chevening have won the Shield** and achieved first place. You all demonstrated great sportsmanship and made me very proud. You should all be proud of yourselves too. You represented the School brilliantly and should be thrilled with your achievements.

Well done everyone!

### Rugby Tournament – Report from Mr Qureshi

Our Rugby team took part in a Rugby Tournament on Wednesday this week and I would just like to say how impressed I was with the Y5 and Y6 rugby teams. The team spirit was amazing and the children were a real credit. In fact 6 pupils were singled out by the referees as having had 'golden moments' (receiving golden tickets) due to their achievement and sporting play.

Everyone worked very hard; and despite some initial struggles coming up against strong opposition in the preliminary stages; both teams persevered, held their composure; ending up winning their groups outright. Y6 won the 'Bowl Trophy' and Y5 the 'Salver Trophy'. Even better, Y5 also were joint winners with Otford of the 'Fair Play Trophy' for the whole event. Amazing that with such a large number of teams present, Chevening came away with 3 of the 9 trophies available. This was particularly impressive when you consider the lack of experience of some of our players and the fact that the girls in the Y6 team had to play every match since they didn't have any subs!

What a great way to end the rugby season! Thank you to the supporters.

A special thank you to Mr Butler for his coaching, encouragement and enthusiasm.

### New PTA Chair and Vice Chair

We are absolutely delighted that after several months of not having a Chair of the PTA Heidi Brooks has agreed to stand for this position and Katie Williams as Vice Chair. This is great news. The PTA is an absolutely invaluable resource to the school, especially as school budgets are squeezed ever tighter. Thank you so much to both Heidi and Katie and we look forward to working closely with the PTA over the next year.

### Pentecost Day

We had a lovely time on Wednesday learning all about Pentecost. There was a good mixture of more serious and reflective activities, creative themes and fun and games too. During the day, all children contributed to the creation of a piece of art on the field, depicting a dove, and our day finished with an Act of Worship outside around this.

### Secondary Transition Meetings

We held two meetings this week to inform parents about secondary transition and these were well attended. Thank you to all of you who came. I will be uploading the PowerPoint presentation onto the school website on both the Y4 and Y5 class pages, for anyone else to look at or as a reminder.

### Diary Dates

26<sup>th</sup> May

Last day of term 5

5<sup>th</sup> June

First day of term 6  
Swimming in school begins

8<sup>th</sup> June

Monthly School Prayer  
Meeting

8<sup>th</sup> June

PESE Meetings (during the  
day) for Class 5 parents

15<sup>th</sup> June

SRE meeting for parents

15<sup>th</sup> June

Welcome Meeting for  
prospective Reception  
parents

17<sup>th</sup> June

PTA Football Event

21<sup>st</sup> June

District Sports  
(Provisional)

23<sup>rd</sup> June

PTA Cake Sale (Class 3)

23<sup>rd</sup> June

Class 3 Sleepover

30<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day

1<sup>st</sup> July

PTA Mini Fest

### **Thy Kingdom Come**

Yesterday, year's 2, 3, 4 and 5 took part in the Archbishop of Canterbury's 'Thy Kingdom Come' initiative which St Botolph's Church was supporting. The children worked their way around 7 interactive prayer stations where there were things to look at consider and do. We are very grateful to the church for opening this opportunity up to the school; the church looked beautiful and it was a lovely way to end our term.

### **Reform, Restore, Respect**

On Tuesday Class 6 were visited by the Reform, Restore, Respect charity. Francis spoke to the children about the importance of the choices that they make, drawing on his own experience of prison and now education helped him to turn his life around. The children found it incredibly interesting - sitting, listening and asking questions for 2 hours!

### **Class photographs**

Class photographs have been distributed this week. The deadline to return your proof and order to the school is 6<sup>th</sup> June. Photographs can be ordered on line too; please see the proof for details about this.

### **Chevening Young writers Essay Competition success**

Earlier in the year Class 6 took part in an essay writing competition organised by Soroptomist International. The children had to write an essay on the subject of whether men and women are equal in the world today. There were 55 entries from Sevenoaks schools in total and I am delighted to say that Agnes Wallis was the overall winner and Ros Hilson the runner up. Further to this, Agnes' entry has won the South East region overall prize. Mrs Sandie Higgs from the Soroptomists came in to Act of Worship this afternoon to award the girls their prizes and present the school with a prize cheque. Well done Agnes and Ros!

### **Prokick**

The Prokick event has been very successful today with children having fun scoring the fastest goals possible. Thank you to those who have already handed in sponsorship money. If you have not done so yet, please hand your envelope to the office no later than Friday 9th June 2017. For pupils who have raised over £25, 'thankyou' footballs will be given out in the weeks following June 9th. Many thanks again for your support.

### **School Lunch Arrangements**

Should you wish to make any changes to the days your child has school dinners in term 6, please notify the school office in writing at [reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk) by the 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Should you fail to inform us of any changes you will be charged, as meals would have been pre-ordered.

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor  
**Headteacher**

## **Diary Dates cont.**

**4<sup>th</sup> July**  
Swimathon

**6<sup>th</sup> July**  
Monthly School Prayer  
Meeting

**7<sup>th</sup> July**  
Reserve Sports Day

**7<sup>th</sup> July**  
End of year reports  
(Not Class 6)

**18<sup>th</sup> July**  
Class 6 visit Chevening House

**13<sup>th</sup> July**  
Swimming Gala 1:00pm

**14<sup>th</sup> July**  
Class 6 Leavers' BBQ

**18<sup>th</sup> July**  
Performing Arts Afternoon  
followed by Open Classrooms  
3:30 - 6:30pm

**20<sup>th</sup> July**  
Leavers' Service at St.  
Botolph's 9:30am