

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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Family Service and BBQ at St Botolph's Church – this Sunday

Thank you to all of those who attended our school church service Sunday past. It was a lovely service and the children sang a beautiful modern rendition of 'Be Thou My Vision'. The weather held for the BBQ afterwards and a great time of friendship and fun was had, helped along by great food from the BBQ and a range of delicious cakes!

Car parking

I am afraid that once again I need to write about car parking at drop off and pick up. Drivers are continuing to ignore our request NOT to use the school drive and car park. As we feared, last Thursday there was a vehicle only accident on the drive; a car which should not have been on school property reversed into a parked car which did have permission to be on the drive. We are only grateful that no children were involved in this incident.

ALSO it has been brought to our attention that drivers are using local resident's drives to not only turn round in, but to stop and drop their children, before reversing out. This is not appropriate and we will be making every effort to identify and contact drivers who are doing this.

We have a small number of parents who, for one reason or another, have special dispensation to park on the school property. We are currently reviewing this list, as we need to reduce congestion in the parking area. If you feel that your reason is still valid, please come to the school office as we are now issuing permits – please be willing to explain your circumstances so a fair decision can be made. We are no longer able to routinely provide parking for all childminders; they will only have access to the car park on days when they have four or more children. If parking is permitted because of parental mobility issues, please only use this when the person concerned is walking from the vehicle to collect children themselves. Requests will be considered on a case by case basis.

From Thursday 25th May, governors have agreed to be on duty on the school gates, due to the high level of their concern for children's safety. Only those with a parking permit will be permitted to park on school premises. I appreciate that parking is difficult. Please arrive earlier, parking with care and walking to school, to ensure the safety of all our children.

Come and see the new mural...

At the end of the last academic year, the whole school took part in a literacy project. Each class chose a book character which they then incorporated in to a mural under the direction of Mrs Sue Salter. The original mural is hung in Class R, but a copy has been transferred onto an acrylic weather proof material and is now in situ on the Library wall by the Library ramp. Please go and have a look at the children's amazing work and see if you can name the different characters.

Performing Arts Newsletter

There is so much news in respect of Performing Arts that space does not allow in this newsletter to tell you about everything. Please see a separate attachment which is a dedicated Performing Arts Newsletter.

Pro-kick

On Friday 26th May, all children will have the opportunity to take 3 shots into a massive inflatable goal. The aim is to hit the ball as hard as possible as the shots are measured in mph. Everyone will receive a certificate and the fastest boy and girl from each class will receive a medal.

Children have been asked to collect sponsorship to hit the ball as hard and as fast as they can. Every little helps; there are no prizes for raising the most money. However, as an incentive, anyone who raises over £25 will receive a football as a 'thank you' from Sports Connections. Forms have been given to the children and these should be returned to the school office the day before the event on Thursday 24th May. For hosting the event, a percentage of the total raised will be given to the school which will be used to refresh our own PE stock; another reminder of how fortunate we are.

Swimming in term 6

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Turner back to teach swimming in term 6. A letter will be sent out shortly advising the details and necessary contributions for each child. The PTA are committed to funding much of the swimming costs and I am sure you agree that being able to offer swimming lessons at this level of intensity is a great opportunity here at Chevening for your children.

Diary Dates

20th May

Maintenance afternoon

21st May

Family Service & BBQ at
St Botolph's

23rd May – 6:00pm &

24th May – 2:15pm:

Secondary Transfer

Information Meeting

(For parents of Class 4 & 5)

25th May

Sevenoaks & District
Swimming Gala

26th May

Last day of term 5

5th June

First day of term 6

8th June

Monthly School Prayer
Meeting

8th June

PESE Meetings (during the
day) for Class 5 parents

15th June

SRE meeting for parents

15th June

Welcome Meeting for
prospective Reception
parents

17th June

PTA Football Event

Violin lesson reminder

Violins lessons will be on Tuesday this week instead of Monday and the times of the lessons will be different as Mrs Knell will be starting at 8:00am. An email has been sent out to parents of violin students, but if you did not receive this or are unsure about your child's lesson, please contact Mr s Weller in the school office.

Year 5 Bushcraft overnight stay at Peshurst

Our year 5 class have been away camping overnight, taking part in Bushcraft activities, at Peshurst Place. They had lots of fun despite the weather, with games, songs, camouflage, shelter building and making things with wood. Thanks to the team who accompanied the children; Mr Qureshi, Mr Garrett and Mrs Rees.

Rabbit holiday care

The half term break is nearly here and the sign up sheet for their care during the holiday is now up in the school reception area. Please consider signing up for a day to look after them.

Charity Afternoon Tea

Some of our parents are holding a Charity Afternoon Tea to raise funds for children of South Sudan, East Africa and Syria. All are welcome at Chevening Parish Hall on Friday 26th May from 1-3pm. Donations on entry. Sandwiches, cakes, biscuits, tea and coffee will be served.

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor
Headteacher

Diary Dates cont.**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

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