

# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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## Chevening School Service

As a school we look forward to joining with Chevening (St Botolph's) Church this coming Sunday. Children should wear school uniform, sit with their parents and arrive for the start of the service at 10:30am. During the service we will be singing a song at the front of the church and some of our children will also be reading.

### Minibus news

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Vine Evangelical Church, Sevenoaks who have generously donated their current minibus to our school. Our children have already benefitted from using it this week for a class event.

### Great Chevening Bake-off – RESULTS!!

Congratulations to all of our fabulous bakers – you are all superstars and made the judging very difficult as the entries were all so amazing. However, the final results are as follows:-

Overall champion – Tim S (Class 4)

Special mention for the following categories:-

Creativity – James W (Class 4)

Taste – Layla M (Class 4)

Design – Ros H (Class 6)

### PTA Curry Night at Banana Leaf

It was lovely to hear so many parents and nursery parents and staff enjoyed the PTA Curry Night, which took place last Thursday. The event raised a fantastic £1,051 for the school. Thank you to everyone who could make it.

### Hair and Headlice!

I would like to remind you that all children with long hair should have it tied back (pony tail, plaits etc) for school. We have recently been advised of an outbreak of headlice which spread far more easily if hair is loose, as transference through hair contact is much more likely if it is loose. Children arriving at school with loose hair will be given an elastic band to tie it back.

### Children arriving late at school

If your child arrives to school after the bell has gone and the classes have left the playground, please bring your child to the office to ensure that they are marked as being in school. Registers are now taken electronically and once the teacher has saved it, they cannot access it to make amendments; this can only be done by the office. If the child appears as absent the office will ring to enquire about this.

### PTA Meeting

Our PTA Meeting is in our last week of term 5 on Monday evening 27<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm at the Bricklayers Arms. All parents and carers are welcome!

### PTA Chair vacancy

As a member of the Chevening School community, you will be aware of the importance of the PTA in supporting the school and our children. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have coordinated PTA events so far this year. These events would not have been as successful without the involvement of so many of the parents and families in the school and your support has been fantastic.

To continue the great work of the PTA we are looking to appoint a Chair Person. This leadership position is essential to ensure the PTA remains effective and has events planned for the future. As we approach the summer term, we would strongly encourage you to consider this role.

This is a role that could be done by two people sharing the role as a Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair Person is supported by the officers (the Secretary and Treasurer), and an active committee. The main functions of the Chair Person are:

- To chair 6-8 meetings of the PTA per year;
- Coordinate event planning to raise funds for the PTA;
- Meet with the Headteacher and Chair of Governors to understand the needs of the school; and
- Lead the discussions and approval process for determining how the PTA will spend the funds it has raised.

If you would like to be considered for the role or would like any further information, then please speak to Mrs Taylor, Fran Sanderson, (PTA Treasurer and class 1 Mum), Deirdre Diamond (PTA Secretary and Class 3 Mum) or Prue Burrlock (Chair of Governors and Class 3 & 6 Mum).

## Diary Dates

26<sup>th</sup> March

Chevening School Service

27<sup>th</sup> March

PTA Easter Fun Day

28<sup>th</sup> March

Love to Dance Show  
At the Stag Theatre

28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March

Class 6 Residential

31<sup>st</sup> March

End of term Easter Service  
St. Botolph's at 2pm

18<sup>th</sup> April

Term 5 starts

27<sup>th</sup> April

PTA Charity Fashion Event &  
Clothes Swap

11/12<sup>th</sup> May

Class 4 Residential

13<sup>th</sup> May

PTA Football Event

14<sup>th</sup> May

Family Service and BBQ at  
St. Botolph's Church

17<sup>th</sup> May

Class Photographs

18/19<sup>th</sup> May

Class 5 Residential

19<sup>th</sup> May

PTA Cake Sale

### EasyFundraising

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Chevening (St Botolph) CEP School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cheveningcep/> and join for free.
  2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
  3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to our school for no extra cost whatsoever!
- There are no catches or hidden charges and Chevening (St Botolph) CEP School will be really grateful for your donations. We currently have 40 people signed up as supporters. This is wonderful but it would be great to increase this. We can all shop online and earn funds for school, just by remembering to use the easyfundraising website prior to purchasing goods.

### Injuries at School

Please note that we have reviewed our First Aid protocols and wish to advise that if children sustain a minor injury requiring any treatment (e.g. plasters etc.), this will be recorded in school and the class teacher will endeavour to let parents know where possible at the end of the day. For any bangs to the head, an email will be sent by the school office to advise you, so that you are aware and can call if you require further information. If the school is at all concerned for any reason after an injury, parents will be phoned immediately.

### School Clubs

Please note that term 3 & 4 school clubs finish today. The only clubs next weeks will be 'catch up' sessions by outside providers who will have made arrangements directly with parents.

Sign up for clubs in term 5 and 6 is still open. Please book via [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) using the event code **uc9wy**. If the club your child would like to attend is full, please contact the office and request for their name to be put on the relevant club waiting list. If any spaces become available and your child is next on the list, you will be contacted by the office.

### Easter end of term service

Next Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, we will be going to St Botolph's Church for our East end of term service which starts at 2:00pm. Classes 1 to 5 will walk to church, so if you are able to walk with a class (arrive at school for 1:15pm) please let Mrs Grobbelaar know in the school office ([reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk)). Class R will travel on the school minibus.

### Easter Fun – Monday 27th March

*Mad Hair, Easter Hats, Easter Egg Treasure Hunt and Egg Rolling Competition!*

Your child can get creative and come to school with mad hair or an Easter Hat on Monday. There will be class treasure hunts and egg rolling during the day and we hope that they will all take part. This is a final reminder for forms and contributions which should be brought to the school office. If you have volunteered to help please join the class you are supporting at the nominated time. Please sign in at the office on arrival at school.

Treasure hunting and egg rolling are at the following times:

Class R 9.10-9.40	Class 1 9.45-10.15	Class 2 11-11.30	
Class 3 11.35-12.05	Class 4 1.30-2.00	Class 5 2.05-2.35	Class 6 2.40-3.10

### Rabbit Volunteers needed

Support for the Chevening school rabbits seems to have dwindled and we are now relying heavily on a small number of families to look after them. The Easter holidays are nearly here and the sign up sheet for their care during that time is now up in the school reception area. Please have a think about whether you could sign up for a day to look after them.

### Events and activities for Easter

If you are looking for events and activities during the Easter holidays, the following organisations have contacted us to let us know they have events you can attend. Please visit their websites for more information.

Bore Place - [www.boreplace.org](http://www.boreplace.org)

Holiday play scheme run by play4ages - 07855 999606 / [childcare@play4ages.co.uk](mailto:childcare@play4ages.co.uk)

Kent Wildlife Trust - <http://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/>

Junior Easter Netball Camps at Kent College – [www.net-it.org](http://www.net-it.org)

Kind regards,

Kathy Taylor  
**Headteacher**

## Diary Dates cont.