

Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

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Valentines Ball

We are delighted to announce that the Valentines Ball raised in excess of £4,800 for the school. The PTA would like to thank everyone who supported the night so very generously. A massive thanks to everyone who helped organise the event, attended on the night, purchased a raffle ticket and also to those who bid so generously on the auction prizes.

We are also very pleased to say that the game of 'heads and tails' raised an additional £261.80 for charity. We asked pupils on the School Council to vote and they chose to support Water Aid and Cancer Research which the money will be divided equally between.

Many thanks to everyone for such fantastic support.

Team Valentine !

Nativity Show Collections

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to send £374.97 to Porchlight, a charity that helps vulnerable and homeless people in Kent. We have received a lovely thank you certificate from them today.

PTA Meeting

The PTA is meeting in our first week back after half term on Wednesday 22 February at 9:15am in the new Kitchen. All parents and carers are welcome!

Daily Mile

Over the last fortnight, class 3 have been busy trialling the 'Daily Mile'. This initiative started in Scotland and has gradually gathered pace, with schools across the country now participating. The benefits to both fitness and learning have been well reported, so we are experimenting with this here at Chevening. Each day the children have run a mile around the grounds and have gradually increased their pace. They have proved they are able to refocus quickly on returning to the classroom and seem to be benefiting from the increased exercise and fresh air. Our trial continues after half term so we will keep you posted!

New Website

We have been busy working on a new website for the school, which will hopefully be easily navigable and make finding all that you need a simple job. In addition it will have class pages where you will be able to see what your children's classes have been up to and find suggestions for reading, homework help etc. We are very excited that this is nearly ready to launch and look forward to revealing it next term.

Class 3 visit to Lesnes, Abbey Woods

Last Thursday, Class 3 went fossil digging in Bexleyheath. They found shark teeth and lots of other interesting things. In the afternoon they became scientists to identify different types of soils, by adding water and observing carefully how the soil settled and mixed. The children learnt a lot and were able to put their theoretical knowledge from the classroom to good practice. They also impressed Mr Devine on Wednesday this week when he came in to teach the children about rock formations, as well as other geographical topics. Thank you to Mr Smith and Mr Taylor for driving the minibuses and Mr Williams and Mrs Harwood for accompanying the trip.

Class 6 visit to the Gurdwara

Class 6 visited the Gurdwara this week as part of their RE work. They were shown around by Deepinder and had the chance to try Chapattis and Daal in the Langar. They showed great respect and learnt a lot from their visit. Thank you to Mr Mair and Mrs Salter for accompanying us.

Diary Dates

20th February
Term 4 starts

22nd February
Class 2 trip to the Museum of
London

22nd February
PTA Meeting 9:15am

25th February
Prayer & Praise Meeting
6:00 - 7:00pm

2nd March
World Book Day

3rd March
Monthly School Prayer
Meeting

3rd March
PTA Cake Sale
Class 1 at 3:15pm

10th March
PTA Movie Night

13th March
Class R Hearing Screening

17th March
Mid-year report to Parents

20th March
Parent Consultations
5:00 - 8:00 pm

22nd March
Parent Consultations
3:30 - 6:30 pm

Class 1 visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum of Childhood.

Class 1 visited the Toy Museum this week and had the opportunity to look at toys from the past hundred years. They had a talk about different kinds of puppets, followed by a workshop where they made their own. The day finished with a singsong and a nap in the coach on the way home. It was a great day and our thanks go to Mrs Dod, Mr Smith, Mrs Matthewson and Mrs Williams for accompanying the children.

School Council Photo Competition

Our school has been invited (via the School Council) to take part in a Photo Competition. The aim of the competition is to make a calendar that can be sold for charity (exact charity yet to be decided). The overall calendar theme is to celebrate going to school/living in Kent.

The sub themes are: **Animals** or **Sport** or **People** or **Kent** or **Nature**

Entries should be submitted as a print-out but finalists MUST be able to provide an electronic copy of their photo or their photos will not be able to be used.

Closing date for in-school entries will be 24th February 2017.

Please pass entries for the competition to the school office with the following details clearly written on the back:-

Name of child, Class, Photo Category.

Four photos will be chosen from our school and taken to the Joint School Councils' meeting in March during Term 4. At this meeting, all pupils attending will view all finalists' photos and they will pick the winning photos to be included in the calendar.

The winning photographers will receive a prize and will have their photo included in the calendar.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The Sainsbury's Active Kids promotion started on January 25th and runs until April 25th. You can collect 1 voucher for every £10 you spend in a Sainsbury's store or online and 1 voucher for every £5 spent in a Sainsbury's Local. Donating the vouchers to Chevening will enable the school to order active and cooking equipment to benefit the children. The collection box for the vouchers is in the school reception area.

Best wishes,

Kathy Taylor

Headteacher

Diary Dates cont.

27th March

PTA Easter Fun Day

28th March

Love to Dance Show
At the Stag Theatre

28th - 31st March

Class 6 Residential

31st March

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

18th April

Term 5 starts