

# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School

## Newsletter 17 - 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

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### Staffing

Over the course of the year we are always delighted to welcome new staff to Chevening. Mrs Outram and Miss Bunyan have both joined us over the course of the year and have quickly settled in and become valuable members of the team. We are now delighted to welcome Mrs Grobbelaar who is working in our school office, taking on the role of receptionist and know that she will be a real asset to the school.

### Absence from school

Please advise the office if your child is going to be absent from school due to sickness, medical appointments or for any other reason. Please telephone 01732 452895 or email [reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reception@chevening.kent.sch.uk) as soon as possible on the day, but definitely before 9:20am, advising the name of the child, their class and the specific reason for absence.

### Parents accompanying London trips

We have recently reviewed our risk assessments for school visits. In view of current affairs we have reviewed levels and composition of staffing for trips into central London. For these trips, we will be seeking, in the first instance, to have parent helpers who do not have their own child on the trip. It is felt that children often respond better and more quickly to adults with whom they are less familiar and in the event of any emergency, the adults on the trip are then able to focus fully on the children and group they have been allocated, without having to worry about where their own child may be. We are extremely grateful for all the help and support offered by our parent body; without this we would not be able to offer such a diverse and exciting range of visits to enhance our curriculum. Parents will still be warmly welcomed to help with non-London trips for their own child's class. Please let Mary in the school office know if you would be prepared to be approached to help on London trips when these arise.

### Payments due

Many thanks to those of you who have sent in payments/contributions for EMC, Active8, Music Lessons and trips/events that are taking place. Please can anyone still owing money, send it in as soon as possible as some of them are now well overdue.

### 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.

### Diary Dates

6<sup>th</sup> Feb

Class 1 trip to V & A Museum of Childhood

7<sup>th</sup> Feb

Class 6 trip to Gravesend Gurdwara

7<sup>th</sup> February

Safer Internet Day

10<sup>th</sup> February

PTA Cake Sale  
Class 4 at 3:15pm

10<sup>th</sup> February

Last day of Term 3

20<sup>th</sup> February

Term 4 starts

22<sup>nd</sup> February

Class 2 trip to the Museum of London

22<sup>nd</sup> February

PTA Meeting 9:15am

25<sup>th</sup> February

Prayer & Praise Meeting  
6:00 - 7:00pm

2<sup>nd</sup> March

World Book Day

3<sup>rd</sup> March

Monthly School Prayer Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> March

PTA Cake Sale  
Class 1 at 3:15pm

### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

The Sainsbury's Active Kids promotion started on January 25<sup>th</sup> and runs until April 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Term dates for the academic year 2017 – 2018

Term	From	To
Term 1	05/09/17	19/10/17
Term 2	30/10/17	20/12/17
Term 3	04/01/18	09/02/18
Term 4	20/02/18	29/03/18
Term 5	16/04/18	25/05/18
Term 6	05/06/18	24/07/18

INSET Days - 4<sup>th</sup> Sept, 20<sup>th</sup> Oct, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July

### Rabbit care

The sign up sheet of half term slots for caring for the rabbits is up in the School Reception, please consider if you are able to pop in and care for them for a day or two during the two weekends and one week holiday in February.

### Hever Castle Triathlon

Fancy doing something new this year? Castle Triathlons is an organisation that runs several events around the county at some amazing venues. As the new season begins, they are offering a 20% discount to all entrants by 31st January. There are many different events and distances to enter. To do so, Google 'Castle Triathlon early bird' and follow the instructions. There are also training days in preparation for events; it is a really great community.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come and speak to Mr Bowen, Class 3.

Best wishes,  
Kathy Taylor  
**Headteacher**

### Diary Dates cont.

**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

**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