



BCS NEWS

13th September 2024

*Fulfilling our potential, achieving excellence together
We are a Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision*

Head's News

"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." (Matthew 7:25)

Bishop Chavasse Church of England School policies are all underpinned by our school parable 'The Wise and the Foolish Builder.' Jesus is at the heart of Christianity. As a church school we believe that, like the wise man, those who are guided by the word of God in the Bible and trust in him will become wise, compassionate and honest; be empowered to weather all storms, help one another flourish and make a difference in the world.

Our school vision has featured in collective worships throughout the week and in our staff training. The vision underpins everything we do here at school and we are working hard in classrooms to support the children with their understanding of it, how it links to our school values and how we recognise when pupils are demonstrating those values on a daily basis.

The parable of The Wise and Foolish Builder is about those who listen to and follow the words of God having strong foundations that help them to be **wise, honest and compassionate** and grow to have the resilience to **weather all storms**, like a house built on strong foundations. These are values recognised universally by those of Christian faith, different faiths and those of no faith. We are an inclusive school and therefore it is imperative we uphold values universally welcomed by all, as that will help ensure all our pupils grow to be wise compassionate and honest as every family subscribes to them.



Year 6s with their Year 1 buddies during House group day earlier this week

These values permeate the school each and every moment of the learning and wider school day with pupils who show them being recognised with House points; Chavasse Shields; Headteacher Heroes; our new 'Fast Pass' system; being given positions of responsibility throughout the school. It is vital we recognise when pupils are demonstrating the values as the recognition becomes contagious and others who may find it harder, learn and understand the merit of embracing those positive behaviours. Since returning to school last week the whole pupil community has displayed our values impeccably, the number of house points given has risen exponentially and the Chavasse Shield box was fuller than ever. Your children - our pupils - really are exceptional and we are so proud to be nurturing their ability to weather every storm on a daily basis, supported by all of you at home.

Key Dates

Tuesday 1st October
9.30am: Supporting Your Child's Anxiety – Kent Adult Education course

Monday 7th October
9am Harvest Service – St Stephen's church

Friday 25th October
Flu immunisations
END OF TERM 1

Mon 28th Oct – 1st Nov
HALF TERM

Monday 4th November
START OF TERM 2



Fun at Carrotty Wood this week for Years 3 and 5 at their team building day

In other news

Kent Test

A number of our Year 6 pupils sat the Kent Test this week with a view to continuing their education at a grammar school. We were so proud of how each pupil demonstrated maturity and perseverance throughout the day.

Headteacher visits

It was a pleasure to welcome the Headteachers from Leigh Academy Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar School to speak to year 6 and their parents this week. While coming from very different school settings the Headteachers shared how similar their approaches to teaching, learning and pastoral care are and stressed the importance of families visiting every school while your children are in year 5, and at the start of Year 6 in our local area to find the right secondary school for your child. A copy of the presentation and a booklet with the dates and timings for all local school open events can be found on our [website](#).

Uniform

We are in a transition period between the old black uniform and our new grey one. Please make sure the rest of your child's uniform adheres to the school uniform policy including appropriate school shoes - not trainers - and accessories - please refrain from wearing jewellery and large hair accessories as these pose a safety risk to children as they move around the school or participate in PE.



A sunny morning for our new [Hendy Walking Bus](#): departs every day at 8.30am.

Trip deadlines and payments

Giving children opportunities to experience the wider community and the world around them is something we feel passionate about here. The staff work hard to arrange exciting and engaging trips and workshops for all pupils. These come with costs for transport and entry fees and we do our best to keep costs down, in a society with ever escalating price increases. In order that trips can run smoothly, we must ask, that you, as parents and carers, adhere to the deadlines set for responding to trips and payment. This is to ensure our risk assessments can be completed accurately, we can arrange transport and fulfil our payment obligations to companies. Where this does not happen, we lose a substantial amount of time and money. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please make an appointment to see Mrs Hood who will be happy to find a way of assisting. In addition, we are currently working with Arbor to see if we can set up a 'top up pot' for parents to pay into to avoid paying out for larger trips in one go.

Contacting parents

We have had many incidents since the start of term where we have needed to contact parents regarding trips, collection arrangements or children feeling unwell and been unable to get hold of the contacts we have on Arbor. While we understand that parents/carers work and may not always be by their phones (many of us are in the same situation), please can we kindly ask that when the children are at school, you are able to check your phone for missed calls regularly throughout the day, or that the second contact knows to be available if you are not.



Meet the Teacher

Each week this term, we will be introducing you to a new member of our teaching team. This week, a familiar face to many: Miss Fielder. *"I am really excited to be starting in Year 2 at Bishop Chavasse! I have come from a nursing background and my time at Bishop Chavasse began as a TA in Early Years then on to my training here too, so you may have seen me around the school already. I love to read, travel and going on long hikes - sometimes accompanied by my two dogs, Molly and Mabel. My next trip is Sri Lanka and I am very much looking forward to it!"*



KCC consultation on Specialist Teaching and Learning Service

Kent County Council (KCC) is seeking views on how the Specialist Teaching and Learning Service (STLS) might fit within new ways of working that are being introduced as part of the ongoing transformation of Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) services in Kent. Please use [this link to the consultation](#) that went live today and will close on the 3rd November 2024.

Supporting your Child's Anxiety – free course on Tuesday 1st October 9.30am

The wonderful Kent Adult Education will be returning to school this term. They will be delivering a free course on Supporting your Child's Anxiety on Tuesday 1st October from 9.30-11.30am.

This will be a supportive workshop designed to increase understanding and provide practical strategies for parents and carers in helping children manage anxiety. In this two-hour session, learners will engage in open discussions facilitated by the tutor and fellow parents, sharing experiences and learning effective ways to support children experiencing anxiety.

This course will be for parents/carers only; we regret that no younger siblings may attend. Please email office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk if you would like to attend – spaces are limited.



Headteacher Heroes – winners this week for showing GROWTH MINDSET:

Willow – 1PU
Evie – 1A
Olly A – 2F
Toby – 2CS
Freya – 3A
Chloe – 3LT



Ruben – 4R
Evelyn – 4C
Zachary – 5N
Poppy - 5H
Teresa – 6S
Katie – 6C



Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to Key Stage 2 children who have scored the highest when practising their Times Tables this week:

3A – Lucy	5N - Xander
3LT – Bea	6C - Mariia
4R – Janessa	6S – Skylar
4C – Duru	
5H – Sebastian	

Bishop Chavasse shield winner

Well done to Rocco (1A) for amazing teamwork 'crossing the river' on House group day! He wins a £7 book token, courtesy of FOBCSA.



Attendance

In third place this week with 98.4% is 4R; in second place with 98.8% is 4C. The proud winners in first place with 100% attendance: 1A!

Out of school achievements

Well done Olivia W (2CS) for her gymnastics certificate at Tiger Gymnastics.

Congratulations Dylan A (6C) for achieving a merit in his Grade 1 recorder exam.

Lily P (5N) was awarded her tent pitching badge at Brownies – good work!





Having fun and exploring Early Years: well done on your first week at school, Squirrels and Badgers!

FOBCSA update

FOBCSA: Annual General Meeting

FOBCSA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Friday 4th of October at 9.00am** at school in the Strand room. This notice is also to inform all parents and carers that after seven years of Friends of Bishop Chavasse School Association, of which four years as a charity, it will be closed.

The school will now be managing all fundraising events.

We hope to see you all to say goodbye on 4th October. Immediately after the AGM, we will be going out to the Forest School area, weather permitting, to officially open the Forest School shelter, which was purchased with £4,270 of FOBCSA funds.

