

BCS NEWS

3rd March 2023

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We are a Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision*

Head's News

What an **incredible** week we have had here at school this week - filled with surprises, visitors, dancing, dressing-up, partner work, team work and themed work amongst a plethora of other engaging, inspirational and hugely fun activities. I feel hugely blessed to have a team of staff here who share my passion for reading and books. The staff all worked together as one big team to create our week of immersive events and lessons centred around books. In my mind, this is by far the most memorable way of sharing just how wonderful reading can be... how books of all genres can add so much to our knowledge, skill and wisdom in an enjoyable, meaningful way. The children have delighted in every challenge, game, puzzle, workshop and experience and, we hope, have shared the highlights of each day with you at home every evening.

We have shared the story of our week on our social media pages and our [website](#). If you haven't seen them yet, and have [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts, then do log in and follow us. We have had some fantastic feedback from the wider community, with one lady commenting on how seeing an Oompa Loompa at the local petrol station on Monday made her day!



As a team, we have kept a diary of our book week bonanza...so sit back, relax and enjoy the highlights....

On **Monday**, the staff gave the children a huge surprise! We launched the theme 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' with the staff taking dressing up very seriously. The staff lined up as the children entered 'the chocolate factory' through the main gates receiving a golden ticket from our amazing 'Willy Wonka' (Mrs Hood). We had a special collective worship launching our theme, giving the children an insight into our jam packed week. The theme of the week was our hook for our English lessons throughout the week.



Key Dates

Friday 10th March
British Science Day

Tuesday 21st March
3.30-6.30pm parent consultations

Thursday 23rd March
4.30pm-7.30pm parent consultations

Weds 29th March
School concert 5.30pm

Easter Holidays
Mon 3rd April – Fri 14th April

Monday 17th April
Start of Term 5

Monday 1st May
May Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May
Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III

29th May – 2nd June
Half term

Monday 5th June
Start of Term 6

Friday 21st July
Last day of term

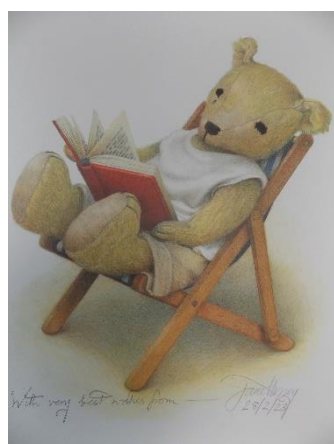
ALL [TERM DATES](#) FOR 2022-24 CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE





On **Tuesday**, we were honoured that **Jane Hissey, the author of Old Bear** and many other stories, accepted our invitation to deliver a fantastic workshop to both EYFS and KS1 and later on to KS2 children. The children were captivated by her stories and it was a true joy to watch them engage and listen to her. It was wonderful for the children to experience the real life process of writing and illustrating a book. Staff also felt incredibly sentimental when listening to her tales of drawing the characters, baking cakes for her daughter, meeting the characters and seeing the proof copy of her book – bringing back a plethora of happy childhood memories.

The children participated in an artwork competition using Jane Hissey's illustration techniques to sketch their own childhood teddy bear. She generously gave two signed books for the winners in KS1 and KS2 and an original piece of artwork that we will frame and place in our school library.



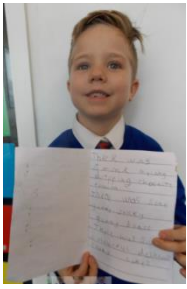
Jane Hissey emailed the school to thank us for inviting her in and making her feel welcome. She said *"the children were outstandingly well-behaved and I was greatly impressed by their listening skills and the maturity of their questions. I felt the school had a really well-disciplined and happy atmosphere; the children knew what was expected of them at all times and were relaxed and comfortable. It really showed during my talks when even the little ones listened so well and sat so still. So thank you for a lovely morning at your wonderful school."*



On **Wednesday**, we had a fantastic day in our pyjamas! We began the day with maths through stories. All of the children were read different books based on Maths. The children were able to see how Maths can be incorporated into stories with entertaining and engaging storylines: Maths really can be everywhere. Throughout the school, the children completed creative and artistic activities based on their books. In Year 5, the children had to find out what fraction, decimal and percentage was missing from the ingredients list to be able to make a cake! Year 4, had the book 'The Lion's share' which focussed on the topic of fractions. In Year 3, the children linked their learning of fractions to their book 'Pezzettino'. In Year 2, the children read 'How Big is a Foot?' which is a story about a King who wanted to make a Queen a bed. Year 2 measured themselves and worked out the height of themselves and how big their bed would need to be. The children all had a fantastic morning developing their maths skills in different ways! Year 1 read '1 is a Snail, 10 is a Crab' to support their learning about number and in Early Years, the children read 'Titch', using it to inspire a morning of measuring objects in the classroom.



Throughout the day, the children were treated to bedtime stories read by Mrs Hood and Mrs Strand in the library and the hall. The children listened intently and were enthralled by the adventures the stories took them on.



On **Thursday**, we had a fantastic morning getting to grips with developing our writing skills and thinking about being captivating, memorable authors. We spent time writing our setting descriptions based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. In the afternoon, the children created artwork in the style of Quentin Blake's illustrations. Across the school, the children created some beautiful illustrations and they were extremely proud with their finished pieces.



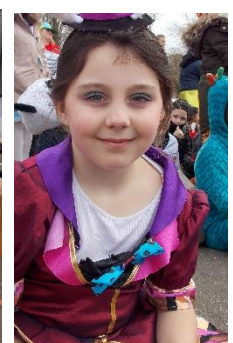
Friday: we have had a fantastic, busy, last day of Book Week. All the children looked fantastic and were extremely excited to show off their costumes to their peers. We had a whole school costume parade in the KS2 playground where all children were able to see each other's costumes from across the school. Throughout the day, the children participated in 'stop, drop and read'. Everywhere the children went, they had to make sure they had a book with them. A bell would be rung and the children would have to stop, drop to the floor and read. They stopped, dropped and read in the playground, in the middle of their maths lessons and even in the middle of the dining hall!

The fun did not stop there! The children participated in a 'reading safari' where they partnered up with another year group and read in different places in the school. The children read to their partner and shared a story with one another. After this, the children visited the book swap shop and were able to collect some pre-loved books to read at home.



Throughout this all, we have had lots of children engage in home learning and extra-curricular opportunities. A few children from Year 3 created an amazing chocolate factory in Lego club and a Year 2 child went home and created a book full of descriptive language related to the chocolate room.

As a staff team, we have been extremely impressed and proud of how the children have behaved and engaged with all the activities this week. We would like to say a big thank you for all your continued support with this week. We understand that it has required a lot of support from you all and we wouldn't be able run this week without you.



In other news

Fruits of the Spirit



This term the children will be learning more about our year group values taken from the 'Fruit of the Holy Spirit' bible verse found in Paul's letter to Galatians.

Year 4 have chosen this bible verse for their year group, their value is 'kindness'.

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, also so to them." Matthew 7:12

We are looking forward to celebrating **British Science Week next Friday 10th March** with a day of hands-on Science activities with the theme of 'Connections'.

British Science Week are holding a Poster Competition which we are encouraging all the children to take part in. Children are asked to create a poster with the theme of 'connections in science' and bring it in to school by Monday 13th March. Children could explore how our body parts are all connected and work together, the

connections between our actions and the impact on our environment, how internet connection has changed the world or any other connection with Science they can think of. The five best entries from EYFS, Yr1-3 and Yr4 & 5 will then be submitted to the National Competition in the hope of winning some fantastic prizes! Posters should be created on A4 or A3 paper and will be judged on their creativity, content and effective communication. More information can be found at britishscienceweek.org.



Maths Scavenger Hunt



Congratulations to the six winners – one from each year group – who won a WHSmith token for their wonderful maths scavenger hunts. We were so impressed by the effort that went into so many of the entries, finding 'real life' maths in the world around them.



Attendance this Week



Massive congratulations to **3T** this week for scoring **100% attendance!** Here are some of the class celebrating with the trophy. In second place were Badgers with 99.2%, and third place was 5FW with 97.3%.

Communications with the school

To ensure you have the best possible communication channels please refamiliarise yourselves with the various methods of communication available to parents and carers:

All up to date information relevant to the whole school can be found in our **weekly newsletter**, which is sent to all parents and carers and can also be found on our website [here](#). Specific information, relevant to individual year groups can be found on our website [here](#). Additionally, parent and carers may also receive emails or texts from the school office team via Arbor.

Your main contact for **all general enquiries** is either our school office number: **01732 676040** or our office email address: office@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk.

For **SEND** – if you have questions around your child’s Special Educational Needs or Disability: SENDCO@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk

For new pupil **admissions** enquiries: admissions@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk

For **safeguarding** concerns regarding any child or adult linked to our community: dsl@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk

To record your **child’s absence**: absence@bishopchavasseschool.org.uk

Emails are usually checked between 08:00 and 17:00 and we will respond as soon as we are able. If you do not receive a reply within 48 hours please do either email again or call us on the school number 01732 676040. Our office phone system gives a number of options to help you to be directed to the correct member of our team quickly.

FOBCSA update

FRIENDS OF BISHOP CHAVASSE PRESENTS

Sponsored Read

WITH BOOKMANIC AND THE FANTASTIC
USBOURNE BOOKS

Children can take part in the
"READY STEADY READ"
challenge.

27th February - 6th March

Please return the form to the class teacher
or school office box by 8th March.

Reading is dreaming with open eyes

The Usborne Book Fair on Thursday was a huge success – thanks to sales on the day, we have already raised £414 to spend on new books for the school.

But we are hoping for lots more!

Please keep going with your sponsored read, and return your forms and sponsorship money by 8th March.

There will be book token prizes for children photographed reading in unusual places and a prize for the child who raises the most in sponsorship money.

Please email your photos to friendsofbc@gmail.com or post on our Facebook page – [Friends of Bishop Chavasse Association](#).