

BCS NEWS

3rd February 2023

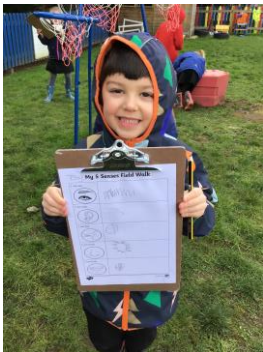
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We are a Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision*

Head's News

With the arrival of February, we have been blessed by some sunshine and blue skies this week. Instantly, the days seem brighter, playtimes have a new energy to them and smiles are wider. The brighter drier weather brings even more joy to those participating in outdoor learning too. This is something we are so proud to be able to offer our children and week on week the provision we are offering is developing and growing. Wet and windy weather will never stop outdoor learning taking place and while we may adapt activities, it will always go ahead as the benefits of children engaging in learning outside are proven.

Outdoor learning develops self-esteem, enables children to take personal responsibility, co-operate with and respect the needs of others, extend their personal horizons through greater appreciation and understanding of the world and its peoples around them, understand the need for sustainable relationships between people and their environment, enhance practical problem solving and team work skills, promote a positive and knowledgeable response towards personal health and well-being.

It is always such a joy to speak to our outdoor learning lead, Mrs Kyte, who is brilliant at adapting lessons to take place outside and always so complimentary about the learning the children do and the work they produce in her lessons. Mrs Kyte says "Outdoor Learning has been a huge hit in KS1 and the EYFS all children are enjoying taking their learning outside. Children are enjoying the freedom of working in nature and developing what they know, learning the importance of dressing correctly and what changes in nature we see as the seasons change. This term they have enjoyed playing the games and looking around the school site at what is growing in nature, we even spotted some lovely birds. Going forward we are going to start rolling it out into KS2 and then we will start introducing some Forest School elements such as knot work, fire safety and knife work."



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Key Dates

Weds 8th February
5pm

Safer Internet Day parent workshop

Thurs 9th February

FOBCSA Own Clothes Day

Friday 10th February

INSET DAY – no children

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February

Half term

Monday 20th February

Start of Term 4

Tuesday 21st March

3.30-6.30pm parent consultations

Thursday 23rd March

4.30pm-7.30pm parent consultations

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

In other news

Parking

I cannot stress enough how important it is that we are respectful when parking around the school boundaries when dropping off and picking up the children from school. We are, as previously mentioned, in constant communication with local residents, Kent Highways and our local MP to find mutually agreeable solutions to enable parents and carers to safely drop off and collect their children, and residents to be able to access their homes easily and safely. A meeting held in December showed that we are all on the same page. Every party wants the same outcome and we hope changes will be made to support this. In the meantime, please adhere to parking restrictions, speed limits and driving rules to ensure good relations are maintained which will support our cause even further.

Turning circle: This is for dropping off children who can get out of the car independently. Please do not park and leave your car unattended in this area.

Fruits of the Spirit

This term we are revisiting our year group values taken from the 'Fruit of the Holy Spirit' bible verse found in Paul's letter to Galatians.

Both Year 2 classes have chosen the same Bible verse for their value 'peace'.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you." John 14:27



Parent consultations

Parent consultations in Term 4 will be on the following dates:

Tuesday 21st March 3.30-6.30pm

Thursday 23rd March 4.30-7.30pm

We will email after half term when bookings open.

Scavenger hunt

Your children will be coming home with a Maths Scavenger hunt project to be completed over half term. This is a really exciting opportunity for families to produce presentations such as a poster or book that support the children in making links between the maths they learn about at school (which can sometimes feel very abstract) to the real world they live in. We are very much looking forward to seeing your children's work after half term and showcasing them. Don't forget prizes will be given!



Attendance this Week



This week's winners are Badgers with an amazing attendance of 99%, with 4A in second place at 97.5% and 1C in third place with 96.2%.

Well done Badgers, a very well deserved trophy!

KS1 news

Year 1

We have had a busy week in Year 1 with lots of learning.

In Outdoor Learning this week, we have been developing our music skills, thinking about rhythm and beat, whilst creating a score of music to perform to the class.



In Maths, we have used different methods to help us understand subtraction. We have learnt to find the difference between two amounts using different manipulatives.

In English, the children have been using talk for writing to retell the story of 'Beegu'.

We have been very lucky to have had a member of Year 2 come to read some exciting stories to kick start our reading session every afternoon.

Year 2

In Year 2, we've had a great week with lots of fantastic learning.

In English, we have begun a new text 'The Storm Whale'. The children have been very engaged and have written some fantastic character descriptions and diary entries, focusing on using different sentence starters to make our writing have more flare.



In Maths, we have continued with multiplication, solving calculations using arrays and have begun to solve division using the grouping and sharing method. We will be moving on to doubling and halving and recalling our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

In Art, the children have been learning about the artist 'Andy Goldsworthy'. Our Year 2 children have amazed us with the brilliant art work they have made using natural materials. Take a look at some of the incredible art work.

In Key Stage 1, we were lucky to have a special visitor who spoke about **road safety**. He reminded us about how to keep safe when crossing the road, about what a safe and unsafe crossing looks like. He gave us a 5 step model to crossing the road which we all practiced. There is a picture below which displays this 5 step model:

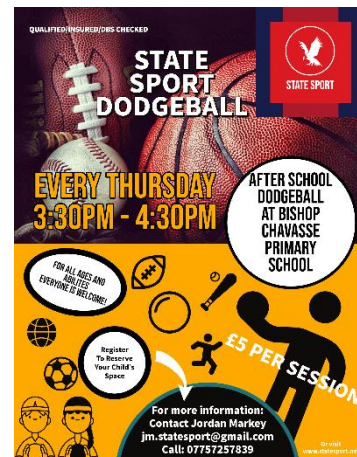
Stop, look, listen, think, hold hands.



Enrichment clubs – next term

Booking for enrichment clubs will open on Arbor on Monday 6th February at 7pm. The timetable has been emailed out, and can also be found on our [website](#).

We are excited that State Sport will be offering a brand new Dodgeball club on Thursdays.



Safer Internet Day



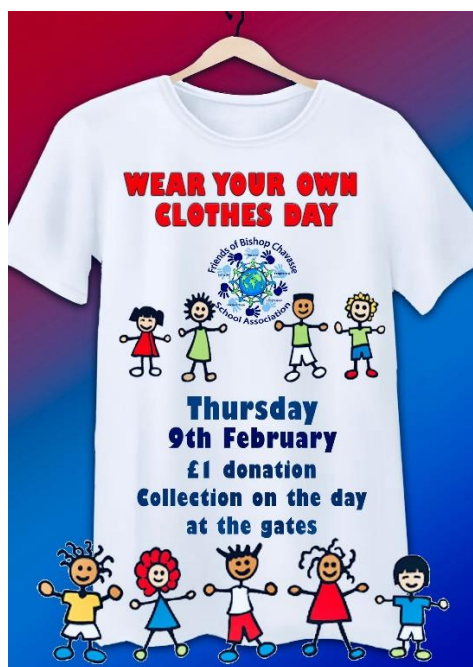
A quick reminder that Miss Adams will be holding a Safer Internet day Parent workshop next Wednesday. This is an opportunity to learn how you can support your child at home with being safe online.

Wednesday 8th February at 5:00pm (KS1 and KS2 parents)

The presentation used will be uploaded onto the website under the computing curriculum page. If you are unable to make the parent workshop in person, please ask the office for the zoom link.

FOBCSA update

Next Thursday 9th February, the last day of term, will be an **Own Clothes Day** – donation of £1 on the gates to go to FOBCSA for our fundraising. We are building up funds to help the school purchase new outdoor play equipment for Key Stage 1 children.



Don't forget to order your **Krispy Kreme doughnuts by next Thurs 9th Feb** (so we have time to order them in). Spare forms in the office if you've mislaid yours. Collection will be on Friday 24th Feb.