



BCS NEWS

27th January 2023

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

Head's News

In a week where the sky has been grey and the cold has found its way into every nook and cranny, the trim trail has been a welcome delight to children in KS2. The playground has been buzzing with excited children sharing their successes as they manage to scale the trail or achieve one more monkey bar than they have previously been able to do on other monkey bars. It would be fair to say that the trim trail is fast establishing itself as a favourite piece of Bishop Chavasse furniture.

As we continue to develop our school environment, we are also working hard to develop our links with the community. Today we welcomed a group of parent volunteers in to school for some induction training. Volunteers often become the soul of a school, listening to children read, playing educational games and targeting areas of learning children benefit from. In addition, we are continuing to develop our links with Tonbridge Boys School. We have had a group of 11 boys join us on Wednesday afternoons and for after school club since September. The children delight in having older role models around the school and the boys have encouraged, motivated and inspired the children across the school. Having spoken to their teachers this week, the boys are going to engage in some more focussed training, similar to our volunteers, as they wanted to be able to support our children in a more direct way within the classroom. The boys have even suggested planning and running their own after school clubs under the supervision of one of our staff team.

Enabling the children to be supported and inspired by others play such a vital part in the development of children's curiosity about the world around them and we hope we can continue to find new ways to do this as the school establishes its roots in the local community.



L&C: The children enjoyed fresh blueberries today, donated to the school by a local farm. R: in Year 1, the children drew around each other and labelled body parts.

Please join our Facebook page – Bishop Chavasse Primary School – for more photos!

Key Dates

Friday 3rd February
9am
FOBCSA second hand uniform sale

Weds 8th February
5pm
Safer Internet Day parent workshop

Friday 10th February
INSET DAY – no children

Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February
Half term

Monday 20th February
Start of Term 4

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

In other news

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

Year 1 have chosen this bible verse for their year group, their value is 'joy'.

the joy
of
the LORD
is my
strength
Nehemiah 8:10

Safer Internet Day Parent Workshop - Wednesday 8th February



On Tuesday 7th February it is Safer Internet Day! The children are looking forward to sharing their learning about the use of technology and how to stay safe when online. This year the theme for safer internet day is 'Let's talk- Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. There will be a strong focus on creating a safe and open environment for children to talk about their experiences when using the internet or being online.

We are excited to invite all parents to a Safer Internet Parent workshop. This workshop will be run by Miss Adams as well as a parent who works within the gaming industry and has years of experience in understanding and promoting safety online. It is an opportunity for you to know further how you can support your child when online as well as ask any questions you may have.

This workshop will be taking place on Wednesday 8th February at 5-5:30pm.

Open to all parents whose child is in either KS1 or KS2.

We will also make the workshop available by zoom, and will let you know the details next week. Please let the office know if you would like to attend in person, or virtually.

If you have any questions about the workshop, please find Miss Adams in Reception. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

Walking Bus

A reminder that if your child is using the walking bus, please wait with your child until a member of staff has arrived at the meeting point. We are increasingly finding our staff are walking up to the meeting point to be greeted by children who have been left waiting alone. It is imperative, for the safety of the children, that the staff know who is walking with them and that a parent or carer makes contact with the adult in charge when dropping their child off. Once a child has been made known to the adult, they will be given a yellow vest to wear on the walk to school. At this point, our staff know who is in our care and the parent or carer can leave.



Uniform

Please can I draw parents and carers attention to the school uniform policy. We have made some adaptations for footwear by allowing plain, black ankle boots, but please ensure the rest of the children's uniform adheres to the school policy - correct type of shirt or polo shirt (depending on year group) and the correct tie. For those who have mislaid their ties, they can be easily replaced at the Office for a small charge of £4.50. Both types of ties are now in stock.

Driving on Site

A reminder to adhere to a 5 mile an hour speed limit when driving on school premises at all times. We are noticing a number of cars driving unsafely, particularly at breakfast club and after school drop off and pick up times. It is imperative that parents and carers are mindful of road safety at all times.



Shared Learning Experience

We are aware that our highly anticipated shared learning experiences which were scheduled for December were postponed due to snow. We are working to rearrange the dates for after half term.

Unsung hero of the week



Jared Prakash is our wonderful Site Manager who many of you may not have met. Jared works tirelessly – mostly behind the scenes – to keep the school running smoothly and fix all the different problems that crop up during the school day. We had a fire drill this week which (for unknown technical reasons) resulted in the temporary failure of our gas supply. Jared was on the case and did not stop until the problem was sorted out. Thank you Jared for all you do!



Teacher Strikes

We went an email out to all parents and carers this week to let everyone know about plans for the first planned NEU strike on Wednesday 1st February. The DfE guidance given to schools is: “In the event of a strike, the Department for Education expects the headteacher to take all reasonable steps to keep the school open for as many pupils as possible”. We will be fully open for all children next Wednesday. All children are expected to attend school as normal.

Attendance this Week



This week's winners are 4N with attendance of 97.1%, with 5C in second place at 95.7% and 2S in third place with 95.1%.

Well done 4N, enjoy your trophy!

EYFS news

We have had a wonderful week in EYFS. The children had a fantastic time during their outdoor learning session, exploring our school site. The children played two games: one called 1-2-3 Where are you? For the second game Mrs Kyte described something she could see and the children had to try and remember where it was and run to it.



In Maths we have just started our next unit of work called 'Growing 6, 7 and 8'. This week the children have been learning to match different amounts to the correct numeral and then explore how these numbers can be arranged in different ways. During exploring time learning the children enjoyed developing their learning further independently and in small groups.



During exploring time this week the children have explored a range of different phonics activities. It has been fantastic to see the children begin to read captions independently and match these to pictures.



FOBCSA update



Our next second hand uniform sale is on **Friday 3rd February at 8.45am** in the STEAM room (next to the Year 2 classrooms, opening on to the playground). We haven't tried a morning sale before but wanted to see if this worked out better for everyone! If you can't make it, drop us a message and we can put bits aside for you: friendsofbcsa@gmail.com

A few more dates for your diary:

Thursday 9th February – last date to order your Krispy Kreme doughnuts (order forms will be going out on Monday).

Friday 24th Feb – Krispy Kreme collection

27th Feb -5th March – World Book Day sponsored read

Friday 17th March – Mother's Day tea

