



BCS NEWS

6th January 2023

Fulfilling our potential, achieving excellence together

We are a Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision

Head's News

Welcome Back and a very Happy New Year!

We have had an incredibly positive start to the term. Children have launched themselves straight into learning at full pace and been extremely animated about their new topics as I have chatted to them around the school. Term 3 is often the term where children make huge amounts of progress, despite it being a relatively short term. All your support at home with reading and homework helps this progress and we are incredibly grateful to you all for continuing with this.



New Year fun in the playground! Play leaders leading play with KS1 children.

Key Dates

Monday 9th January
Year 4 meet Mr Neville –
9-9.30am

Tuesday 10th January
Year 3 meet Mr Barker –
9-9.30am

Wednesday 11th January
Open afternoon for
prospective Early Years'
families - 1.30- 3pm

**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

Tenax Schools Trust – Sir Ian Bauckham

We are delighted to announce that the CEO of Tenax Schools Trust, Ian Bauckham CBE, has been awarded a knighthood by His Majesty the King in recognition of his services to education at a national level. Alongside his leadership of the Tenax Schools Trust, including our own teacher training and Teaching School Hub, Sir Ian has played a leading role as chair of the Oak National Academy, which was initiated to provide good quality remote education during the pandemic. He also serves as chair of Ofqual, which has overseen the successful reintroduction of examinations after the disruption of the pandemic and has led important national reform programmes in initial teacher training, relationships and sex education (RSHE) and the teaching of modern foreign languages.



Everyone at Bishop Chavasse CE Primary School expresses their congratulations!

Meet the teacher sessions next week

This term we have welcomed two new class teachers and would like to invite parents and carers to meet them.

Class 4N – Monday 9th Jan 9.00 - 9.30am in the classroom. Please drop your children off at the normal time, and once the class has been registered, we will invite you in to meet Mr Neville.

Class 3P – Tuesday 10th Jan 9.00 - 9.30am in the classroom. Please drop your children off at the normal time, and once the class has been registered, we will invite you in to meet Mr Barker.

Uniform

New Year New Start! Please refer to our uniform policy on the [school website](#) to ensure your children are coming to school in the correct attire. With the weather still being unpredictable, a named coat is essential for every child to have in school as well as sturdy school shoes.

Parking and driving inside and outside the school

While the children have had a fantastic start to term, we have been disappointed to receive emails from local residents reporting continued disrespectful parking and driving by our parents. Good relations with our neighbours are essential, road and driving rules are clear, as are road markings (including double yellow lines). Please ensure you drive and park sensibly and in a law-abiding manner when dropping children off or collecting them. We have been made aware that traffic enforcement officers will be doing spot checks of the area at drop-off and pick-up times. As a school, we are in constant communication with Kent Highways, KCC and our local MP to support in making safe changes to minimise any disruption to our neighbours and ensure children arrive and leave school safely.

In the school car park please keep to the 5mph limit and park considerately. We have reduced the number of disabled parking bays from three to one to ensure more parking spaces are readily available for parents and carers. We do, however, need to keep the one disabled parking bay available only for those with a valid Blue Badge. If you are a Blue Badge holder, please identify yourself at the office so we can keep a record.

Goodbye to Wendy

It is with sadness that we bid farewell today to Wendy Gray, our office receptionist, who is moving on to pastures new. Miss Pring is kindly helping in the office before she heads off on maternity leave.



Outdoor learning - donations please!

Outdoor Learning Leader Mrs Kyte has been busy setting up a term of outdoor learning activities each week for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2S. Parents in those classes should have received letters explaining what outdoor clothing will be needed and on which day. If any parents have spare outdoor clothing – wellies, waterproof coats, puddlesuits or waterproof trousers that they could donate for us to keep at school as spares for children we would be very grateful.



As part of the development of our outdoor learning provision, we are looking for items to use in our playground zones. We would be grateful for donations of any of the following: children's magazines/newspapers, easy (not many pieces) puzzles, lego, knex, cars, car mat, magna tiles etc.

If you have any of the following items please can you hand them in to the office for the attention of Mrs Kyte.

Attendance this Week

This week, we are pleased to announce that **2H** have the highest attendance of 98.6%, fantastic work 2H! In very close second place was 1P with 97.6%, even more closely followed in third place by Badgers with 97.4%. Well done 2H, you will have the honour of the Attendance Trophy in your class next week.

EYFS news

It has been wonderful to welcome back the Reception children this week. The children enjoyed sharing their holiday news with their friends.

This week we have started our new topic, 'People Who Help Us'. We have been learning about the different people who help us in our school environment. We welcomed Mr Prakash, our premises manager, into Reception this week. The children enjoyed asking him lots of questions about his job and were surprised at the range of jobs he does to help everyone in our school.



The children were very excited to find out this week that Mrs Kyte, our Outdoor Learning Leader, will be working with the children every Thursday morning this term. The children will all take part in a whole class activity and then throughout the term will explore outdoor learning in small groups in our outdoor learning area. Please look out for wonderful photos of their learning on our EYFS page on the school website over the coming weeks.

FOBCSA update



We're looking forward to lots of fundraising fun, holding second hand uniform sales and to purchasing fantastic equipment for all the children. Watch this space!