

# BCS NEWS

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

*Fulfilling our potential, achieving excellence together*

*We are a Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision*

## Head's News

And so we come to the final Newsletter of 2022.

What a fabulous term it has been. Your children have shone like the brightest of lights and blossomed in so many ways in the weeks since we opened our doors for the first day of the school year back in September. If I read back over the newsletters I have written, every week has had a highlight; every week we have had something to be proud of; every week we have had something to celebrate in our incredible school community. This is testament to how hard your children work, to how dedicated you are as families to supporting your children's journey through school, and how committed the staff team are to ensuring their learning journeys are exciting, progressive, supportive and thorough. There is no doubt those strong foundations we are striving for are embedding beautifully and your children are growing into the 'wise men and women' we are passionate about developing at Bishop Chavasse.

Following the exceptional Nativity performances last week, this week brought its own highlights. There is no better way of sharing them all than through photographs.

Before you peruse the gallery showcasing our amazingly busy week, the whole staff team and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. We hope you have a wonderful break with your friends and families, wherever you may be spending the holiday period.



## Key Dates

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**INSET DAY** – no children at school

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**  
**2023** Christmas holidays

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**  
First day of Term 3:  
8.45am start

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**January**  
Open afternoon for prospective Early Years' families - 1.30- 3pm

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
**to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
Half term

# The week in photos

Snow! For some children this was the first time they had seen snow.





### Christmas Extravaganza

The children were welcomed to school on Wednesday by our FOBCSA elves, met Father Christmas in his grotto and each received a present, and were entertained at the panto. It was amazing to see the different responses when meeting the man himself – the Early Years children in quiet awe, the Year 1s full of questions, the Year 3s chatty and cheeky, and the Year 5s quite knowing!





The **KS2 Carol Concert** on Monday was a magical evening: the children sang their hearts out, the recorders tooted Jingle Bells and we even had a rendition of We Wish You A Merry Christmas on the ukelele.



Our final Christmas collective worship was held at school due to the icy conditions. It



was time to say a very sad and fond goodbye to **Mrs Nicholls**, who has been with Bishop Chavasse since its inception.



## In other news

**Attendance** – A very exciting final, but despite the adverse weather many of you managed to battle the elements and get in to school, well done: it wasn't easy! This week, we are pleased to announce that **1P** were the winners with an attendance percentage of 96.5%, lots of harsh weather heroes! In second place this week was 2C with 93.8%, maybe they will take the top spot when we return in 2023. In third place this week was 4N with a very close 93.4%.

### Term 2 Overall Attendance:

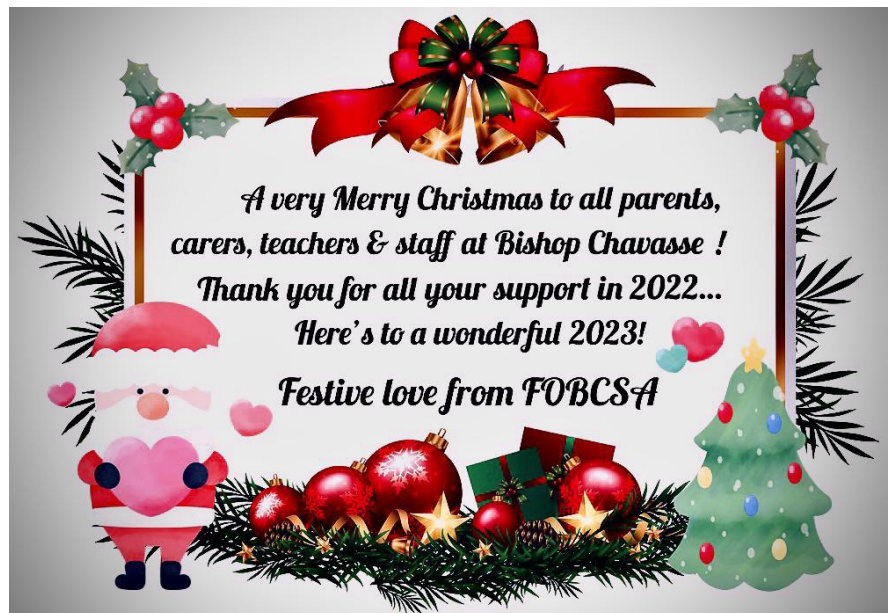
In first place- 1P  
In second place- 2S  
In third place – 4N

### January 2023

We look forward to welcoming all our children back to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 for the start of Term 3 and a normal school day. All the children will be starting new topics in much of the curriculum and I know teachers have exciting 'Stunning Starts' planned for the first week back to ensure the children are engaged and enthused by their new learning.

## FOBCSA update

We're ending the year on a high – our Christmas Fair raised an amazing £3,952! Thank you so much to everyone who contributed in any way – particularly the tireless teachers and TAs who helped out on the day. We are just two terms into the new academic year and have hit £5,000 in fundraising, contributing towards a brand new trim trail obstacle course for the KS2 play area. Here's to more fundraising success in 2023!



### Message of thanks from Mrs Strand and the team

A huge thanks to the Friends of Bishop Chavasse team, who are by far the most committed parent association I have ever worked with: not just raising money for the children but also providing fantastic events such as the pantomime, enjoyed by all the children. They were even prepared to be out in subfreezing temperatures helping Santa meet the children and deliver presents for Christmas.



If you would like to be a part of this amazing team supporting our children and going that extra mile to provide them an outstanding education experience, please email [friendsofbcsa@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbcsa@gmail.com). And who knows, next year you too could be wearing an elf outfit!