

BCS NEWS

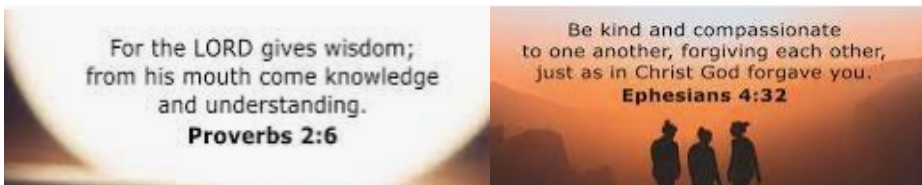
Fulfilling our potential, achieving excellence together

We are a Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision

Head's News

18.11.22

During such a grey, wet week, the children have continued to smile and be the brightest of lights that shine around our school. Their positivity, enthusiasm for learning and joy never cease to amaze everyone who works here. I have had the pleasure of showing many visitors around our school this week. Some have not heard anything about our school, others have been recommended it by current families. Without fail, every single one has commented on the warm, friendly feel to the school, how engaged the children are in their learning, how polite they are when we meet them on our tour, and how happy the children seem. It is testament to each and every one of the children that visitors leave the school with this opinion of Bishop Chavasse Primary School after spending some time visiting the classrooms. Our Christian values of Honesty, Wisdom and Compassion are becoming more and more embedded as the weeks go on and children are able to more confidently talk about how they have used them in their learning, on the playground during their school day or even out of school. It is our intention to focus children's thoughts on these values and what they mean more deliberately over the course of the year to ensure they remain at the forefront of everyone's minds when they are at school to support all the children in their growth as confident, curious individuals and learners.



Perhaps compassion was the value most demonstrated today as we came to school in our own clothes, revelled in a visit from Pudsey Bear and gave our donations to Children in Need. Recognising and giving thought to the many children in the world who are struggling with illness or grief, acting as young carers or forging a successful, happy and secure path in life against a whole host of adversities is such an important way of teaching the children in our community about compassion, helping them to understand about the lives of others both local to our community and from further away. All children were given time today to reflect on the lives of the children we have helped to support today after a very special visit from Pudsey himself! Rapturous cheers of delight filled the hall as our VIP entered the room, children couldn't believe their eyes, leaving beaming smiles remained on many faces throughout the day.

Key Dates

Friday 18th November
– Children in Need
Own Clothes Day

Friday 25th November
– FOBCSA own
clothes day

**Monday 5th
December-**

KS1 Nativity -2pm

**Tuesday 6th
December**

KS1 Nativity -9.30am

EYFS Nativity – 2pm

**Tuesday 6th
December-FOBCSA**
Teddy Tuesday

**Wednesday 7th
December- 1.30-3.00**

-Open afternoon for
prospective Early
Years families.

**Saturday 10th
December –**
Christmas Fair

**Monday 12th
December –**

KS2 Carol Concert -
6pm

**Thursday 15th
December –** Whole
school Christmas
service at St.
Stephens Church

Friday 16th December
– Inset day

**Monday 19th
December to Monday
2nd January 2023 –**
Christmas holidays

**Wednesday 11th
January 1.30-3.00**

-Open afternoon for
prospective Early
Years families.

**Monday 13th
February to Friday
17th February –** Half
term



In other news

Remembrance Day Parade



On Sunday 13th November a group of five, Year 5 children, took part in the Tonbridge Remembrance Day Parade. They smartly walked down the Highstreet, sang the national anthem and laid a wreath in the Memorial Garden. We were so proud of all the children who took part, they represented the school brilliantly. A special thank you goes to The Friends of Bishop Chavasse for accompanying the children in the parade.- Miss Heilbron



Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day marked the start of Anti-Bullying Week 2022 on **Monday 14th November**. The school was filled with brightly coloured socks worn by children and adults alike to highlight the importance of celebrating what makes us all unique and acting as a visual reminder to spread kindness! Children have spent time in class all week celebrating their uniqueness. While anti-bullying week is there to highlight the importance of kindness across the world, as a school we work hard to promote and celebrate individuality, to bring out the bests in every pupil in their own way and celebrate this within classes and in our Friday Celebration Assemblies, where children have the opportunity to share their individual hobbies, passions and activities with the rest of the school throughout the year and we strive to ensure all children feel safe in friendships and not worried about bullying in our school.



Picnic Benches

We are delighted to share with you all that our long-awaited picnic benches have arrived and been installed. The sun came out to shine just in time and the children have spent their playtime and lunchtime using them. We are incredibly grateful to FOBCSA for supporting the school and helping to raise the funds for these much longed for additions to our school outside environment.



Maths Workshop with Parents

Do you find it hard to support your child at home with Maths?

The way we teach Maths at school might be different to the way you learnt and therefore we want to support you with helping your child at home.

I am excited to invite you to a Maths Workshop. We will look into number and the four operations of Mathematics. We will also have the opportunity to have a look at the resources we use in school and discuss what you could use at home to support your children.

The workshops will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 29th November at 2:30pm for Key Stage One parents/carers (Year 1-2)

Thursday 1st December at 2:30pm for Key Stage Two parents/carers (Year 3-5)

If you have any questions, please find Mrs Cochrane in Year 5. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!



Key Stage 2

Year 3

This week in Maths we have started the topic of multiplication and division. The children have been learning about arrays and multiples of two. They have been introduced to the difference between rows and columns when creating multiplications with arrays and have worked really hard to understand this new concept.

We have continued to use the text of Tales Told in Tents in our English lessons and we have used one of the stories to imagine what it would be like to have live in a community who had to travel each day to collect water. We have used the writing to practice using conjunctions, our handwriting and basic punctuation. Additionally, we have also used the same story to write poems that rhyme.

In History, we have been finding out how Stone Age hunters gradually changed to farmers by looking at the new things that they started to do and the things they continued to do. In Geography, we have found out that there are 4 different sizes of settlements and that the word settlement refers to where people live.

In DT, we have been making Neolithic bread and butter to learn what Neolithic people ate- it was tasty!

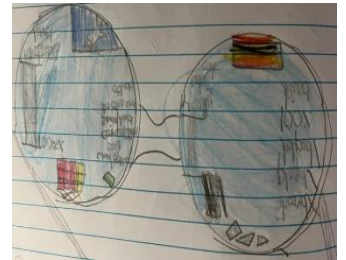
Year 4



This week we have been focussing on our timetables in Maths and looking at related information with fact families. In English we are finishing our reading of *Escape from Pompeii* and are writing an in-depth newspaper article recalling the events that led to that fateful day. We have been enjoying learning the Hakka in PE and are starting our work on different states of matter in Science. For History and Geography this week we have looked at the rise of the first Roman emperor Romulus and are exploring different settlements. As it is Kindness week and Road Safety awareness week we have also been looking at how to be kind to one another and how kindness can affect people. To do this we used apples. One was secretly bruised and we were mean to it and the other we lavished with praise. Once cut open we saw how the bruises inside the apple were more obvious but hard to see on the outside. The children made the connection between this and the fact that words can hurt us in a way that is not always visible. We have also looked at how to be safe on our local roads especially as it is getting darker outside.

Year 5

This week in English, the children have been able to plan their own story based on our class story, *Journey to the River Sea*. The children were able to plan how their story was different to our class story, however had to keep the main character and location the same. The children looked at parenthesis and word clauses to help extend their writing. In Maths this week, we have started a new topic of fractions. The children have been able to look at equivalent fractions and missing number problems. In PE, the children have been looking at the Mad Hatter's Dance, from *Alice in Wonderland*. The children all had the opportunity to change parts of the dance and their dynamics. We have also been focusing on Friendship week and discussing how we are all unique and special in our own way. The children were all able to design their own pair of odd socks to show this as well as friendship glasses so the children are able to see where we see friendship every day.



Key Stage 2 Play Equipment

We are currently changing our playground zones and are in search of equipment to support the children at play time.

If you have any of the following you would like to donation to the school we would be very grateful:

- Lego
- Mecanno
- Building blocks
- Cars
- Car play mat
- Skittles
- Skipping ropes
- And other appropriate toys



Christmas Jumpers

Thank you to everyone who donated unwanted Christmas jumpers this week. We hope that they will all find new homes after the school sale and look forward to National Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day when the children can wear them to school.

Parking and Car Park

We are in communication with Kent County Council Highways to help us with our constant parking issues. We would appreciate any support from parents who would like to contact them to support us in making changes to help alleviate the challenges we face every day. In the meantime, it is imperative we all help ensure we adhere to safe parking in the car park, considerate, slow driving within the car park and efficient use of the turning circle. It is pertinent now to inform you that if you are queueing to come in to school while you wait for the gates to open, and wait on the incorrect side of the road and get knocked by another car, your insurance may not cover you.

Friends of Bishop Chavasse Association (FOBCSA) update

Thank you everyone who took part in any way in our mega Friday today. We LOVED seeing all the spotty outfits this morning - and so did Pudsey! We estimate your donations will have raised over £300 for **Children In Need**. We received a good batch of preloved Christmas jumpers, which we will be selling on Fri 2 December for £1 a jumper ahead of **Christmas jumper day** on Thurs 8 December. And finally thanks for all the wall calendar pre-orders. Once they have been printed, the calendars will be delivered in early December.

We're getting busy now for our **Christmas Fair** on 10 December. Another **own clothes day** coming up next Friday 25 November: we will be collecting donations of chocolates/sweets from children in Reception and KS1, and bottles from children in KS2 for our Christmas Fair. Also next Friday raffle tickets will be going on sale for our grand prize draw - watch this space for news on the prizes on offer. If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out, please put aside any teddies that might like to move to a new home ready for **Teddy Tuesday** on 6 December. We will be selling the teddies at the Fair - always a very popular stall!

FOBCSA will be holding its **Annual General Meeting** by Zoom on Tuesday 29 November at 8pm. You don't have to be a member of FOBCSA, or even to have volunteered - the meeting will give short updates on what FOBCSA has done, what we're planning, and a financial update, with plenty of time for questions. The Zoom link for the meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86594455205?pwd=R3VUWWorNERPLytwSkErNHZqL3ZLdz09#success>.

If you've already got a question in mind for the meeting, please let us know: friendsofbc@gmail.com.

