

BCS NEWS

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Head's News

As a school we have collectively thought about the theme of courage this week and spent time learning about the meaning and symbolism of the poppy. During worship we have considered how this symbol reminds us of the selfless courage of those who have fought and, in some cases, still are fighting for freedom, and the hope it provides us with for our future. As a school we observed a silence together today marking the importance of remembering as a community all those who have given so much.

On Sunday our school will be represented by a group of children at the Tonbridge Remembrance Parade. If you will be attending with your family, please look out for our children as they lay a wreath and remember those who have and continue to serve our country.



Across the school, the children have also been remembering those who fought for our country in different ways.



Key Dates

Thursday 17th November – Individual and sibling photographs

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

Saturday 10th December – Christmas Fair

Monday 12th December –

KS2 Carol Concert - 6pm

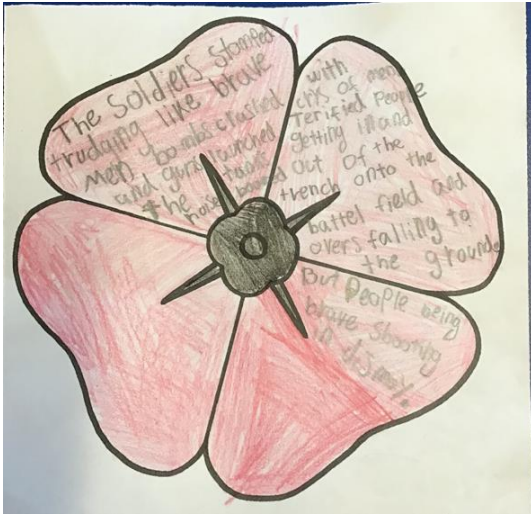
Thursday 15th December – Whole school Christmas service at St. Stephens Church

Friday 16th December – Inset day

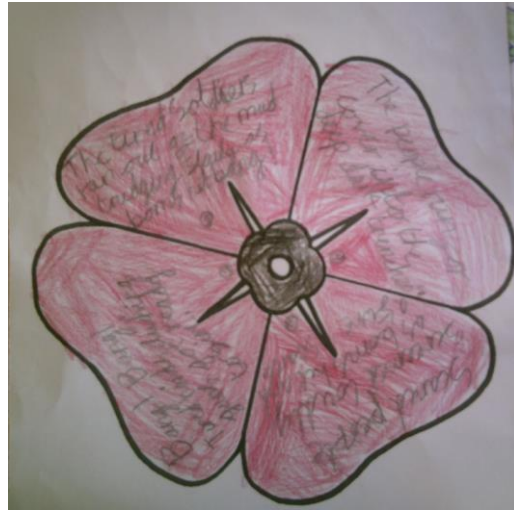
Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January 2023 – Christmas holidays

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

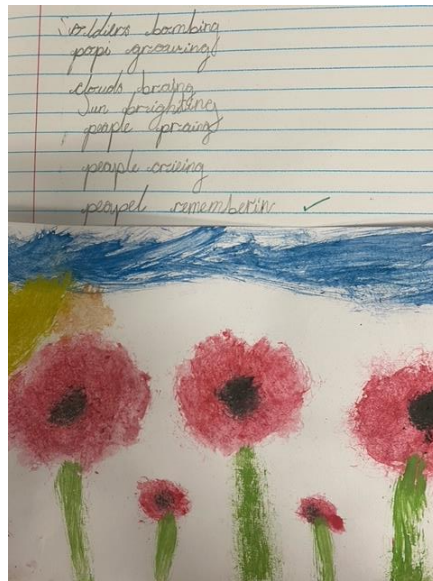
Year 1 Only – Welly Wednesday's (every Wednesday)



by Jacob 3T



by Olivia 3T



by Nikita 2S

In school, the children display courage in many ways: through perseverance when work is hard and challenging, trying new foods at lunchtime, approaching different children to play with on the playground or inviting new children to play, revisiting a skill that you haven't been successful in before... The list goes on. It is such a privilege for us to see all our children naturally displaying such a strong quality, watching them feel and demonstrate more confidence as a result, and developing such positive attributes as they move up through the school.

In other news

Bishop Chavasse Day



The 9th November was Bishop Chavasse's birthday. We have chosen this day to be an annual event in our school calendar where we will remember our school's namesake. This year the children spent the afternoon on Wednesday learning about Bishop Chavasse's family tree and some of the most memorable times in his life. Many children were surprised to find out he was in the 1908 Olympics! We also focussed on the Christian values that Bishop Chavasse carried with him through his life and how important his faith was to him.

Volunteers

We have had a good response to our request for volunteers to come in and support the children's learning. Thank you. We will go through our list and invite those who have already volunteered in for training in the coming 2 weeks. If you would still like to sign up, please come to the office and fill in a slip indicating when you are available

Miss Pring

It is my pleasure to announce that Miss Pring will be having a baby early in 2023. Miss Pring is an extremely valued member of staff and has been a fantastic teacher in 3P this year. Miss Pring will start her maternity leave in the middle of January. We are delighted to announce that we have recruited Mr Tom Barker to cover Miss Pring while she is on maternity leave. Mr Barker is very much looking forward to joining our team and teaching in year 3. We are fortunate that Mr Barker is able to join us full time as of next week. He will be spending time in the classroom getting to know the children, learning about our school and supporting children's learning with Miss Pring. This will ensure a smooth handover in January when Mr Barker takes over the class. You will have the opportunity to meet Mr Barker informally this term at the school gate.



Mr Bayley

Mr Bayley has been a wonderful addition to our school team over the last few months. He has worked hard to bring many projects that benefit staff and children to fruition. Sadly, however, Mr Bayley will be leaving our staff team today to move on to ventures new. We will miss his cheery demeanour and meticulous attention to detail greatly but wish him all the very best in his new ventures

Staffing

We just want to thank you for your patience and support while we actively try to recruit new staff across the school.

Christmas Events

It seems very early to be thinking about Christmas but I wanted to draw your attention to some important dates for your diaries for events coming up at school.

Parents will be invited to join us in the school hall for

Early Years Nativity- **Tuesday 6th December at 2:00pm**

Ks1 Nativity- **Monday 5th December at 2:00pm**. We welcome younger siblings to this performance.

-Tuesday 6th December at 9:30am. This performance is regrettably not for younger siblings to attend.

Ks2 parents are invited to join us for our **Ks2 carol concert at 6pm on Monday 12th December** at St. Stephen's Church. Details about meeting arrangements will be sent out nearer the time.

We will be holding a whole school Christmas service at St Stephen's Church on the morning of **Thursday 15th December**. The arrangements for this will follow the same pattern as those we had in place for our successful Harvest Festival. We ask that children are dropped off at the church at 8.45am for the service and we will walk the children back to school at the end. Nearer the time, we will ask if you would like to volunteer to help us with walking the children back to school. As with the Harvest Festival, breakfast club will be held at the church.



Rosewell Housing Association

Ensuring all children get to school safely and on time is a priority of all staff and parents. Thank you for your support as we make adaptations to our morning arrangements. In last week's newsletter, I drew your attention to the successful walking bus that we run. It has been fantastic to see increased uptake on the walking bus this week. As the bus has grown, we are looking to increase the staffing capacity on the bus to ensure the children are kept safe as we walk to school. With the increase in numbers of parents dropping off, I have been notified by Rosewell House on Tudeley Lane that parents are using their carpark for drop off and pickups, and also parking on the side of the entranceway to their car park. This is now becoming a hindrance for their residents, deliveries and potentially emergency services. While we are delighted more children are joining the walking bus, please be mindful of where you park to drop your children with us.

School Gate timings

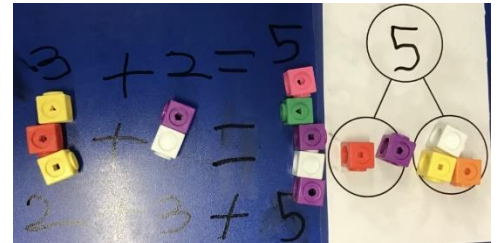
Thank you to everyone who has supported our endeavours to ensure children are in school on time. In response to enquiries and suggestions, we will be opening the school gate a few minutes earlier to try and enable a smoother and faster turnaround of all the cars needing to get in and out of the school grounds safely.

Key Stage One

We have had a great week of learning in Year 1. In Maths, we have continued using the Part-whole model, learning all about addition and how to create fact family number sentences. We have used lots of different resources to help us build our understanding. We know that fact families use all of the same numbers and can create 4 number sentences from one part-whole model.

In English, we have continued reading our lovely book "Lost and Found". We have learning to write sentences by saying them out loud. We now know that there are 3 steps to this:

1. Think of a sentence
2. Say the sentence out loud
3. Write the sentence

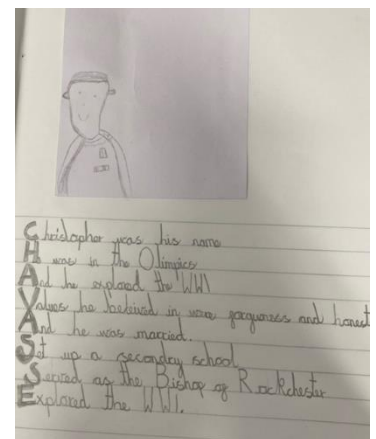


We received a letter from Mrs Strand in Science, asking us to design her an umbrella that would keep her hair dry in the wet weather. We experimented how suitable different materials would be, by checking their materials. We looked to see whether they were waterproof, how strong they were, if they were heavy and how flexible they were. In outdoor learning, we learnt how to tie knots and made our own leaf kites with Mrs Kyte.

In Year 2, the children have had a fantastic week. We have started our new Geography learning on Africa. The children enjoyed showing their homework to their class friends and we were all very impressed with their knowledge of Africa which has supported their Geography learning the last couple of weeks. We learnt the difference between climate and weather and compared Australia and Africa's climates and weather patterns.

We have started to write fact files about African animals. The children learnt about the features of a fact file and were able to identify the language and structural features. We began to research the different animals and have started to write our fact files using some of the language features.

In Key Stage One, the children celebrated Bishop Chavasse Day on the 9th November. The children learnt about why he was important to the school and his personal life. In Year 2, the children wrote acrostic poems. Here is an example of one of the poems written by a Year 2 pupil in 2S.



Odd Socks Day

It is Kindness Week at Bishop Chavasse next week, we would like you to come to school on Monday 14th November wearing odd socks! They can be worn over school tights and can be long or short, as bright as you wish, patterned or fluffy as long as they are odd. Odd Socks day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage children (and adults) to express ourselves and celebrate our individuality and what makes us all unique. For more information, you can visit the [Anti Bullying Alliance](#) and the [NSPCC website](#). We look forward in sharing and seeing all the wonderful odd socks and what makes us unique.

In line with Kindness Week, the children will be learning about road safety, Children in Need and anti-bullying strategies. Kindness is a value that is taken from The Fruits of The Spirit bible verse, Galatians 5:22-23.



FOBCSA

FOBCSA has arranged for Bishop Chavasse children to take part in the **Remembrance Day parade** this Sunday 13 November in Tonbridge - we are really pleased that the school will be represented at this important event.



You may have spotted posters around the school and on Facebook publicising our **2023 Calendars** designed by all classes at school - the children are preparing fantastic class pictures for each month of the year, and we will be turning these into wall calendars to purchase for £7 each, with proceeds going to FOBCSA. Pre-order forms will be issued in bags this Friday - due to print deadlines we will need parents to please pre-order calendars by next Friday 18 November.

Also on Fri 18 November: **Children In Need SPOTacular** - for a donation of £1 children are invited to come in their own clothes, and/or with Pudsey accessories - anything spotty will be great! All proceeds will go to Children In Need. Watch out for Pudsey...

Fri 18th will be an extra busy day as we would also love any outgrown or preloved *Christmas jumpers*! From child to adult size. A collection box will be in school reception; all donations will then go on sale at low prices to prepare for the school's Christmas jumper day in December. This will enable every family to be able to participate in the day without the added cost (and environmental impact) of buying new.



FOBCSA will be holding its **Annual General Meeting** by zoom on Tuesday 29 November at 8pm. Anyone wishing to take part, please email us at friendsofbcsa@gmail.com, or ping us a message on the volunteers WhatsApp group. 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 and ideas.