



BCS NEWS

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Fulfilling our potential, achieving excellence together

We are a Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision

Head's News

And just like that, we have made it to half term with smiles on our faces and a wealth of new skills and knowledge absorbed and processed. It seems like only yesterday the children arrived at the gate in shiny school shoes and crisp uniforms ready to meet their new class teachers and settle into their new classrooms, full of anticipation for the year ahead. 7 weeks later, shoes may be a little scuffed and uniform lived in, but energy and concentration levels have remained high amongst the children right to the very end. There are a few signs of tired children that we often see at the end of term; instead, I have seen and heard excited, energetic and engaging conversations taking place today around learning in every classroom and with the same gusto I saw back in September. This is testament to your children's desire to learn and soak up as much new knowledge as possible. Running through every classroom are our 3 school values: compassion, honesty and wisdom are evidently embedded in all learning opportunities. Children are able to identify when they or others are showing the values and how each of the values supports their own development and learning. We really are bringing the values of our school parable of the Wise and Foolish Builder to life. This is something that was very important to us as we started the school year. On solid foundations, only the most stable of structures can be built. The progress we have seen in your children over the last few weeks demonstrates this in its entirety and we are very proud of each and every one of our pupils.



In other news

Parent Consultations

It has been fantastic too see so many of you at Parent Consultations this week. Having the opportunity to discuss each individual child in detail is so beneficial for everyone. Teachers find it enables them to share individual progress and achievement at a more personal level. Hopefully those of you who came found it a positive opportunity to ask questions and find out more about how your children are doing academically and socially at school. If you were unable to make either of our Parent Consultation dates, please do not hesitate to email the office and they will put you in touch with your class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient 10-minute meeting after half term.

Key Dates

Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October – Half Term

Monday 31st October – Inset day

Thursday 10th November – Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 17th November – Individual and sibling photographs

Friday 18th November – Children in Need Own Clothes Day.

Saturday 10th December – Christmas Fair

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)

Early Years Phonics Sessions

The corridor has been a busy one every morning this week as we have welcomed lots of our Early Years parents to observe the phonics sessions the children in Badgers and Squirrels Classes take part in every day. As education changes so rapidly, the teaching of phonics may not be something many parents have experienced as children. Seeing how your children are being taught and are learning will hugely benefit your ability to support your children with their learning over the coming year. Feedback from those I have seen has been exceptionally positive and I am hugely grateful to Miss Decker, Miss Adams and their team for opening up their doors and sharing their outstanding teaching this week.



Informing the School of a child's absence



Now that the school is growing it would be helpful if you would kindly let us know **via email** (rather than phoning in the morning) if your child is not able to attend school. Please ensure you tell us the child's name, class and what is wrong. We have a new dedicated email address for monitoring absences: absence@bishopchavassesschool.org.uk. Please also let the school know **each morning** your child is off rather than just the first day of an illness. Thank you very much for your help as we continue to expand and grow.

The Redrow Estate

As the half term draws to a close, please may I remind all our families that the Redrow Estate is a private residential area. Recently I have had a number of complaints of more children climbing on the entrance walls, kicking bins and kicking balls at the sides of houses in the mornings and after school and cars parking over drives. I would like to ask you all to be supportive of the school and the residents in parking considerately and ensuring your children are not disturbing the residents on their way to or from school on a daily basis.

Key Stage 2

Year 3

In Year 3, the children have been looking at writing instructions to wash a woolly mammoth. The children have been able to discuss their ideas and then write these instructions. The children have been using their imperative verbs to support them.

In Maths, the children have been looking at addition and subtraction. The children have looked at bridging ten and how this might affect their equation.

In Art, the children have had a very exciting time. They have been using natural materials, such as cocoa, strawberries and other exciting materials to paint their picture. Can you think of other materials you might have used?

Year 4

In English this week, the children have continued to read 'Tom's Sausage Lion'. The children have found out that there is a Lion and have been writing and planning a newspaper report about the lion and who might have seen it. What would you do if you saw a lion?

In Maths, the children have been consolidating their learning on addition and subtraction. The children have been looking at different ways of working out their equations.

Science this week has been very exciting. The children have been looking at sound. They have been able to plan their own experiment to have a think about how distance might affect sound. How do you think it might affect it?

Year 5

This week in English, we have looked at different types of poetry. We focused on the vocabulary used in the children's writing as well as different types of poetry. The children were encouraged to use personification, metaphors, similes and vocabulary which helped to create an image in the readers mind.

In Maths this week, we have finished our addition and subtraction topic. The children looked at missing numbers and discussed how to make fractions equivalent to one another. The children then started our multiplication and division topic, looking at multiples and common multiples.

In Geography, the children have finished their topic of Brazil by looking at Favelas. The children have discussed what a favela is and what it would be like to live in one in Brazil.

We have started our new way of doing guided reading, Reading Strands. The children have all enjoyed looking at our extract from a book and discussing the vocabulary and character.

Friends of Bishop Chavasse Association (FOBCSA) update

We've made it to half term! Thank you to everyone for getting involved in FOBCSA activities over the last seven weeks and for all your support. We've achieved a lot this term, including the fantastic Dragon-boat race, pre-loved uniform sale, hugely popular Krispy Kreme sale (enjoy them today!), setting up class reps (who are doing a great job) and contributing towards House trips, benches and playground equipment.

Everyone should have received a sponsorship form and tea light candle in their child's bag for this half term's **Daily Mile Sponsored Walk**. Walk a mile a day (or whatever you can manage), and light your candle to celebrate your efforts. Every bit of sponsorship money helps - please return to the school office after half term or by BACS (details on the form).



Lots coming up next term. We have arranged for Bishop Chavasse to take part in the Remembrance Day service to lay a wreath, and will be selling poppies and stationery at school for the British Legion Poppy fundraiser. Also coming up: SPOTacular Children in Need own clothes day on 18th November, fundraising calendars, Santa's grotto and of course the Christmas Fair! If you'd like to volunteer to help in any way, please email friendsofbcsa@gmail.com. Happy half term!

Uniform

A reminder that we come back to school in Winter uniform. Please see the website if you are unsure what your child should be wearing. All children in years 1-5 must wear a tie. These can be purchased from the office for £5 each.

Good byes

It is with much sadness we say goodbye to 2 key members of our Office Team today. Mrs Pearce and Miss Weller are leaving their positions at Bishop Chavasse and are off to pastures new. They have both contributed a huge amount to the school community while they have worked here and we wish them all the very best in their new chapters.



Happy Half Term

And finally, I have a few thank yous: firstly to all the parents and carers who make it possible for the children to arrive at school on time, ready to learn and for supporting all our endeavours across the school, to the children for lighting up the school every day with their positive attitude to learning, their wisdom and compassion shown around the school and shared with everyone in abundance, and of course to my incredibly hard working and dedicated team who have enabled this half term to run smoothly and be as rich in learning opportunities as it has. They really do go above and beyond. I know many will be coming in to school to ensure planning and lessons for next half term are full of high expectations and creative learning opportunities, but I also know, they will allow themselves a little time to rest and recuperate so their energy levels are at full capacity when we welcome the children back on **Tuesday 1st November**.

On behalf of the whole team here at Bishop Chavasse, we wish you all a very peaceful and happy Half Term break.

