



BCS NEWS

14TH October 2022

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We are a Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision

Head's News

What a treat it was to start our week at St. Stephen's church, celebrating Harvest. Eager and excited children filled all the seats in the church and celebrated together. Two of our Year 5 pupils compered the service with poise and a calm, collected performance, as if they have been compering for years. Every child shared donations for those in need and the whole school raised the roof with our Harvest Songs: Autumn Days and Shine, Jesus, Shine. The sound of 260 children singing in church is always thought provoking and moving, no matter how upbeat the music. For the children, it is evident it gives them a real sense of community to be joining in and singing together in a place outside of school. As we walked back to school after the service, the children excelled themselves in putting their knowledge of road safety, and awareness of other pedestrians into practice and reignited friendships that had been made on our House Trips by walking with children from different year groups. I was stopped by numerous pedestrians who commended the positive behaviour and spirit of the children as we walked. It was a morning every child should feel exceptionally proud of themselves for. Thank you too, to all the parents who volunteered to walk back to school with us – we could not have made the journey without your positivity and care, and to our incredible staff who prepared the children's singing and contributions to the service, supported those children who found the change to routine a little overwhelming to start with, and ensured every child was smiling, despite some tired legs, once the service started, right through until home time on Monday.



In other news

World Mental Health Day

This support and care our staff are so good at, echoed around the school on Monday afternoon as we focussed on World Mental Health Day – activities in the classrooms saw children draw portraits of themselves and consider how they feel on the inside too, how they share their emotions, who they can talk to about their emotions and how they can support others who may need it. Our school approach to supporting emotional literacy is well embedded in every class and all the teachers found the children using the language of 'The Zones of Regulation' as part of their discussions on Monday as a way of supporting themselves and others.



Key Dates

Tuesday 18th October
– Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 20th October – Parent Consultation Evening

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

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)

Culture and Language Week



Following on from Harvest, where Mrs Hosier spoke about the 'international' origins to much of the food we eat, we have had a particularly vibrant week of learning across the school. Every classroom is full to the brim with art and design creations originating in their different countries, writing has had an international theme across the school with children being introduced to authors and texts from around the world, and afternoons have been spent learning words from different languages too. I have felt as if I have been working in a Michelin starred restaurant or the Bake Off tent all week as the smells and delicacies coming out of the S.T.E.A.M room have wafted down the corridor and through my door. If your child came home with an edible treat, be sure to ask the class teacher to share the recipe and you may gain an extra pair of hands in the kitchen one evening!

Today we have ended our week with a World Expo. The school has had the feel of a global fiesta: brightly coloured clothing, music and dancing, art galleries and information workshops as well as videos have been shared with children of all ages, and stamps on passports collected as children have 'travelled the world'. Inspiring curiosity about the wider world amongst children is something we feel passionately about, and so I hope they have all come home full of the delights of a variety of nations and languages. Perhaps they will even visit some of the countries in the future?

Parent Information Evening

It was wonderful to be able to share our expectations for each year group with so many parents at the meeting this week. As a parent, it is always useful to know what the children are learning and how they are learning as they move through the school. Expectations have changed so much over the years, we are aware, it can sometimes take us by surprise to see how much children are expected to do each year. We do hope you found the meeting beneficial. Presentations will be made available to those who could not make it, on the class pages on the website. If you have any questions about the meeting, please ask your class teacher at your individual parent consultation next week. On that note; don't forget to sign up via Arbor! If you are not able to make the dates next week for any reason, please email your class teacher via the office and arrange a mutually convenient time.

Uniform

As we go into the wetter, colder seasons, children are coming to school with coats, hats and gloves. Please ensure every item of clothing is labelled and all clothing and footwear is in line with the school uniform policy. Details of the accepted school uniform can be found on the website.



Volunteers

We could not run so much of what we do in school without a team of volunteers. This is just a note to get thoughts up and running. After half term, we will be putting out a request for volunteers to help listen to children read and help with some math- based games. If you think this might be something you would like to do, look out for the letter after half term asking you to choose a time when you would be free to help.

Key Stage 1



Culture Week

In Year 1 and 2, the children have had a fantastic culture and language week, learning about their country. We have looked at four different countries:

- 1C – France
- 1P – Spain
- 2S – Italy
- 2H – India

In 1C, the children have learnt about France. The children have tasted the local delicacies and wrote some fantastic menus using their sound mats. The children learnt about the different landmarks and even created the Eiffel Tower out of Spaghetti!

In 1P, the children have learnt about Spain and the culture and language. The children learnt some basic Spanish and are able to count to 10. The children learnt about the traditional dances in 1P and had a go at flamenco dancing.

In Year 2, the children have written a narrative based on our English text 'Katie in London'. In 2H, the children wrote

In 2S, the children have had a great time learning about Italy. The children have learnt about the different landmarks in Italy and have particularly enjoyed learning about Mount Vesuvius. The children used their knowledge of Mount Vesuvius to create the volcano using paper mache.

In 2H, the children have learnt about India. The children learnt about Diwali and have created some beautiful Diwali lamps. The children learnt about the national bird 'The Indian Peacock' and made some peacocks using different materials.

Friends of Bishop Chavasse Association (FOBCSA) update

Thank you to everyone who donated some preloved uniform as part of today's Own Clothes Day at the end of Culture and Language week. The children looked very global and colourful - and we now have lots of great uniform to restock ready for the next uniform sale. We were really pleased this week to announce the names of the Class Representatives who have very kindly stepped forward to act as a link between class teachers, parents within classes and FOBCSA. If you are part of your child/ren's WhatsApp group you will have seen them hard at work communicating all sorts of things. If anyone is not yet in their class's group and would like to be, please email friendsofbcsa@gmail.com. The class reps are:

Badgers - Katie Smith, Lorraine Mittelstein, Becky Ashdown

Squirrels - Sarah Holland

1P - Sophie Barrow

1C - Rachael Bemrose

2S - Michelle Beard

2H - Lauren Seal

3T - Denise Luus

3P - Linz Vanstone

4N - Kim Mills

4A - Kelly-Ann Smith

5WF - Kimmie-Jane Pearce

5C - Nikki Bailey

Culture and Language Week WEAR YOUR OWN CLOTHES DAY

FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER

*Please bring in a pre-loved piece of uniform, that you no longer need, if you are able!
Children can wear the colour of the flag for the country chosen for their class.*



RDG Wales 1P Spain 2S Italy 3T Australia 4N Japan 5C USA
RA Scotland 1C France 2H India 3P Mexico 4A Iceland 5WF Gambia



Thank you to everyone who has ordered their Krispy Kreme doughnuts for the end of term next Friday 21st October - they will be ready for collection from 3.15pm from the food tech room until the end of after school clubs.

And finally: the daily mile over half term. In celebration of the festival of Diwali coming up, help us light up wherever you walk in half term! We will be holding a sponsored walk over half term - each child will receive a sponsorship form and tea light candle in their bag next week. We are encouraging the children to light their candle for every mile walked.