



BCS NEWS

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Head's News

Without a doubt the highlight of this week were the House Group visits. Your children are a real credit to you all! Every single member of staff commented on how well behaved, polite, helpful and compassionate each and every child was. Numerous staff from the National Trust caught our staff to tell them how impeccably behaved the Bishop Chavasse children were. Watching the children proudly wear their house colour tops as they climbed on board the coaches, clutching their packed lunches with beaming smiles across their faces, I was reminded of how important school trips are for the children. It is these adventures that the children will look back on in years to come, these adventures that become memories etched in our minds forever.

Trips are not just for creating memories, but also to broaden the children's development- their academic learning and also their social and emotional growth. Being out in the wider community enables children to see and interact with others in ways they do not have to when we are at school. For some, the coach journey will have been a first, for others' visiting a National Trust property a first. Whatever the first, or the highlight, the trips have broadened and enriched every part of the journey we are endeavouring to take your children on to become confident, curious, motivated young people interested in the world around them. The trips take a huge amount of organisation to make happen, and so, I would like to thank the parents who volunteered to join us- yes, it was exhausting, but the smiles on the children's faces said it all. There were multiple cries of **'BEST DAY EVER!' 'WE LOVE SCHOOL TRIPS!' 'WHEN CAN WE GO AGAIN?'** We really couldn't run trips on such a large scale without the help of you all. I must thank my incredible staff who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the children were all in groups, we had activities for them and each child would have an amazing busy day. Finally, I must thank FOBCSA. Travel has become increasingly expensive over the last few years and without the donation from FOBCSA to pay for the coaches, we would not have been able to organise any of the house visits.

On the day when the children were not on their school trip, we used the opportunity to support the children in developing a strong relationship with the rest of their house community. It was heart-warming to watch the children interact with each other regardless of their age and class. During the day, the children created House chants, House prayers and banners to strengthen their affiliation to their School House. Each House also chose a charity to support. More information about fundraising ideas and events will be shared as we go through the school year. As on the trips, new friendships were made, children showed compassion and kindness when working on activities together and were able to develop their teamwork and communication skills through these vertical learning opportunities.



Key Dates

Thursday 6th October- Year 1 toy workshop

Monday 10th October
– Harvest Festival at St Stephens Church

Monday 10th October
– World Mental Health Day

W/C 10th October – Culture and Language week

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

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)

Parent information meeting

As a staff we are passionate about your children's learning and would like all our parents to feel involved and have a good understanding about how we teach, what the expectations for each year group are, and how the children are supported to meet those expectations. Over the coming weeks, we will be inviting you in to experience model lessons in different core subjects, to have a chance to try out some of the teaching methods we use and to support you in supporting your children at home.

We have arranged our first meeting for **Wednesday 12th October at 5pm**. Class teachers will hold a 20-minute information session, sharing with your expectations for reading, writing and maths for each year group. We will ask parents to gather in the hall at 5pm where you will be sent to the classroom of your eldest child. Once this presentation is finished, you will have a chance to go to the classroom of your youngest child, where the teacher will repeat the presentation. For those families with more than 2 children, the teacher of your youngest child will arrange to meet with you at a time that is convenient for you both to share the information. All parents will be given handouts to read through after the meeting and questions can be raised at Parent consultations the following week. The handouts will also be uploaded to your class pages for easy access and reference. We hope to see as many of you there as possible. There will not be a presentation for EYFS parents. You have the opportunity to attend phonics workshops this term and we will invite you to an expectations meeting in Term 2, following our baseline assessments.

Website Photographs

We are really excited to announce that we are going to update the photographs on our website. One of our parents has kindly offered to take new photographs and will be in school on **Monday 3rd October in the morning**. Please ensure your children come to school in correct smart uniform with their biggest smiles, ready to be the faces of our amazing school.

Culture and Language Week

Always wanting to widen the children's learning experiences here at school, we have planned a Culture and Language week for the week beginning **Monday 10th October**. During this week, every year group's learning will focus on one country. Lessons will be creative and artistic with the aim of developing a deeper knowledge of and curiosity about the world we live in. The week will end with a World Expo created by the children. All pupils will travel around the world with their passport, collecting information and looking at the work other classes have done. To mark our incredible World Expo on **Friday 14th October**, children will be allowed to come to school in clothes the colour of the flag of their country. Class teachers will inform you of your child's country next week. Please do not go out and buy any special clothing for this. A token item or accessory is perfectly fine.

Coats

As the weather has become colder and more unpredictable, please ensure your child comes to school with a named coat each day.

Uniform

Just as we want the children to take pride in their work we want children to take pride in themselves. By promoting our school uniform, children feel a greater sense of belonging and pride in their part of the Bishop Chavasse school community. Please ensure all children come to school in the correct uniform with the correct footwear and hair accessories every day.

Little Visitors

We have been made aware that there are cases of head lice across the school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly. Treatments can be purchased easily from most large supermarkets, Boots or local pharmacies. Daily wet combing with conditioner on hair is also recommended. For more information on how to manage this please click [here](#).



Key Stage 2

This week Key Stage 2 have had a very exciting week with our house trips.

While the children stayed in school they were able to work as a whole house to create banners, prayers, crests and pick a charity to support. The children were able to mix with every year group in their house, they had a fantastic day and made lots of new friends! All of Key Stage 2 had fantastic trips to their houses and we hoped they shared some interesting facts with you all when they got home!

Year 3



In Year 3, we have been continuing our work on Stone Age Boy in English, whilst learning how to include adventurous adjectives and verbs in our sentences. In Maths we are continuing our work on place value, using number lines, hundred, tens and ones mats and base 10 when working with numbers from 0 to 500. The children have enjoyed the geography work, looking in atlases for different mountain ranges and are starting to find facts related to the Alps and the Andes, regarding the physical features, wildlife and living conditions for humans. They will record their work as a power point in the coming weeks.

Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard over the last couple of weeks, writing persuasive letters and emotive diary entries. This week we have been moving onto speech and will be using drama to create conversations about how to catch a lion. We have explored sound and looked at how sound travels in waves through the ear. We are exploring the Life of Alexander the Great and looking at how the world works in regards to Climate and weather. This week, we have also been going to our Houses and have explored those too. Ightam and Chartwell were on Wednesday and Knole and Quebec were on Thursday. Everyone had a great time looking at the different historical aspects of the houses and we enjoyed our lunches outside whilst exploring the grounds.



Year 5

In Year 5, over the last few weeks the children have been discussing their class English book of Cosmic. The children have been able to have a debate about whether they think Liam should go to Space or confess that he has lied. The children are very excited to see what happens next and whether Liam returns from Space!

In Maths, the children have continued to look at place value of numbers up to one million. The children have used placed value charts, as well as number lines to help them secure their understanding of place value.

In Geography, the children have focused on North and South America and what countries are within each continent. The children have used atlases to support their learning.

In PE, the children have been able to develop both their gymnastics and fitness skills. The children have focused on symmetrical balances in gymnastics with a partner.

Christian Ethos

This week we have devoted time to exploring how as house groups we can work together to support chosen charities and work as team 'vertically' across the school. Time was spent writing prayers that will be put together into books that the children can use in class and during worship. We have also been busy practising songs ready for our Harvest worship.

Friends of Bishop Chavasse (FOBCSA) update



We hope all the children enjoyed their first House trips this week, to which FOBCSA contributed £1,300 - it was particularly amazing seeing the reception children getting to experience a school trip for the first time.

If you're reading this on Friday afternoon, there may still be time to get to the FOBCSA pre-loved uniform sale at 3.15pm in the food tech room - we have got loads of uniform for all ages.

We would like to say a huge thank you to **Securus Recruitment** for donating a £500 picnic bench to the school - adding to the others FOBCSA is donating to the school for Key Stage 2 children to enjoy their lunches in the summer months.

Did you know?

This week's top tip for easy fundraising for our school: **Amazon Smile**. By switching your Amazon purchases to smile.amazon.co.uk, Amazon will donate to FOBCSA at no cost to you. They guarantee same products, same prices, same service and 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases will come to us. Search for Amazon Smile either by google or on Amazon itself, and click on the Smile icon - then choose your charity: Friends of Bishop Chavasse School Association.