



BCS NEWS

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Fulfilling our potential, achieving excellence together

We are a good school with an Outstanding Early Years Provision

Head's News

Dear All,

I am sure you will all agree that there is every reason to celebrate our wonderful school following the publication of our most recent Ofsted Inspection report. Everyone working with, and for the school have worked so incredibly hard to achieve such a successful result and I would like to extend thanks to all members of staff and all our families for supporting us with such positivity and dedication over recent months.



As I sat watching the Queen's funeral on Monday with my children, I reflected not only on how she dedicated her life to serving our country with dignity and grace, but also on how the Nation came together to remember her. The many hours of preparation by all those taking part ensured the day ran seamlessly and with precision. In some ways it reminded me of our school and the journey the children have been on over the last 3 weeks: the time the teachers have spent preparing exciting, engaging and inclusive lessons to ensure the children's learning runs seamlessly through the day, the time and effort the children have put in to upholding the school expectations and participating in their learning and the time the office staff have spent supporting us all with our transition to new communication systems and how all 3 have supported and enabled the best start to a school year for all involved. I am confident this will continue over the coming weeks. It really does feel like the children are comfortably settled in their year groups now and soaking up their learning eagerly.



Key Dates

Wednesday 28th September – House trips to Ightham Mote & Chartwell

Thursday 29th September – House trips to Knole and Quebec

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

Saturday 10th December – Christmas Fair

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)

In other news

Early Bird Clubs

We are delighted that these will start again next week. Early bird clubs offer valuable learning time for children and will focus on different areas of the curriculum over the course of the school year. Should your child be invited to join one of our clubs, please ensure they arrive promptly at the school office where they will be taken to the correct classroom.

Reading

Not only does reading enable children to access so much about the world around them, it can also be a wonderfully magical way of immersing ourselves in a whole host of exciting adventures, facts, information and challenges without having to go anywhere. Here at school all class teachers are dedicated to teaching the skill of reading, starting with the segmenting and blending skills needed once children know all their letter sounds using the Read Write Inc. scheme, to developing higher order skills such as prediction and inferencing once they become more fluent independent readers. Please talk to your children about what they are reading at school, encourage them to read to you and share any reading that might interest you so they grow up understanding we all learn through and enjoy reading.



Look out for an exciting new whole school reading project we will be launching in the next few weeks.

House group visits



We are all eagerly awaiting our first school trips of the year next week. It is no mean feat to organise and coordinate trips for 300 children. We are sure everyone will have an amazing time, being out of school mixing with pupils from across the school. Finer details of the trip have been sent out in separate communication. We have asked that house coloured tops are worn, for purposes of identification. These will come home on Tuesday evening for all children to wear on both Wednesday and Thursday. We promise photos and tales of the trip in next week's newsletter.

Tonbridge School Volunteers

We are incredibly lucky that we have formed a partnership with Tonbridge School this year. As part of their PSHE program, boys are encouraged to volunteer in the local community and we are lucky enough to have welcomed 10 boys aged 15-17 this week to support teachers in outdoor learning and after school clubs. The boys will be with us for the foreseeable future on Wednesday afternoons. Teachers and children who had the opportunity to work with them this week reported that the boys were great fun, curious, polite and eager to get stuck in with the activities that had been planned for them to lead.



Parking

Once again, we are very grateful to everyone for adhering to the school parking guidelines. It makes drop offs and pick-ups run safely and smoothly for everyone. Please could we ensure the parking area in front of the Hall is not blocked at any time as some staff members have to leave promptly or get called away unexpectedly.

Christian Ethos



This week we have reflected on our value of wisdom, not only what wisdom is but how we apply it to our everyday lives.

The children have made some very thoughtful reflections on their learning and have shown wisdom through their actions in both the classroom and on the playground.

Year 1

In English, Year One have been learning to recognise and correctly form capital letters. They have been completing many activities to develop their letter formation including writing with chalk on the playground.



In Maths, the children have been working extremely hard to recognise and represent numbers in numeral and words. They have been using different manipulatives to develop a deeper number sense. They have learnt how to represent numbers using numicon, tens frames and pictorial representations.

In Geography, the children have developed their understanding of positional language and marched around the playground, like soldiers, deepening their understanding of 'left' and 'right'. They will be using their knowledge of 'left' and 'write' to describe their journey to school.



Year 2

In English, our focus Year 2 text is 'Paddington at the Palace'. We have been developing our language choice to write setting descriptions.

In Maths, the children have focussed on their place value knowledge. The children have partitioned numbers into tens and ones and started to flexibly partition the numbers into different ways. Some children even challenged themselves to see how many ways they could partition a number.



In Geography, we recapped the seven continents of the world which led to our learning this week on 'Australia'. We located where Australia was in the world and the oceans that surrounded it. The children were very engaged and had lots of super questions that we will answer throughout the topic.

In Art, the children learnt about the artist 'George Seurat' who is an artist that used the technique of pointillism. The children particularly enjoyed comparing his art work and saying what they liked and disliked about the paintings. Throughout our art, Year 2 will be focussing on the technique of pointillism and linking it to aboriginal art which links to our geography unit.

Friends of Bishop Chavasse (FOBCSA) update

Thanks to everyone who came to our coffee morning yesterday - it was great to meet lots of new parents and carers and some familiar faces. One of the things we talked about was reviving the system of **class reps** - where each class nominates a representative to act as a communication channel between parents and class teachers/FOBCSA. It might involve sending reminders ahead of class trips or own clothes days, or coordinating end of term teacher gifts. If you're interested in doing this for your class, please email us at friendsofbcsa@gmail.com.

At the start of the week we had an excellent meeting with Mrs Hood, setting out our spending and fundraising plans for the school year ahead - including later this term a sponsored walk, Krispy Kreme sale, Santa's grotto and of course the Christmas Fair on 10th December. Emily and Charlie had the fun task of sorting out the big store of second hand uniform - we plan to hold a uniform sale before half term to give parents the chance to purchase affordable but still good quality uniform. And we have contributed £1,300 towards the House trips coming up next week.

'Did you know?'

Over the next few weeks, we will be letting you know about ways you can support fundraising for the school. It's not just buying doughnuts and volunteering to run a stall at the Christmas fair (although please do those things too!).

This week: **Your School Lottery.**



Your School Lottery runs lotteries for schools across the UK. Every week, one lucky ticket holder of the Bishop Chavasse lottery wins a cash prize. To sign up, visit yourschoollottery.co.uk, search for Bishop Chavasse and select how many £1 tickets you'd like to buy each week. So far this year, the lottery has raised £374.40 for FOBCSA, and over £200 has been paid out in winnings.

Today we surprised all children and teachers in collective worship to say a massive thank you and congratulations to everyone for the marvellous Ofsted result, we also gave the children a little gift each, we are so proud of all the staff and the children for what's been achieved led by Mrs Strand thank you all!

