



BCS NEWS

20th September 2024

*Fulfilling our potential, achieving excellence together
We are a Good school with Outstanding Early Years Provision*

Head's News

Mental health and wellbeing are topics we read about in the news and talk about with increasing frequency. As parents and carers, we are given a wide variety of resources to help us look after our children's mental health and wellbeing. This is an area we are passionate about supporting at school. We acknowledge that without strong mental health and wellbeing, accessing learning is very difficult. So I wanted to take the opportunity to share with you many of the things we have in place at Bishop Chavasse School to promote positive mental health and wellbeing.

Overseeing mental health and wellbeing at school are Mrs Abdullah and Miss Pring who ensure that our provision is evidence-based and far reaching across our community. Our offering at school includes:

Daily provision for all: our behaviour and learning mentor, Mrs Ley, has ensured all staff are trained in *Zones of Regulation* to support children with their emotional literacy, and a rigorous RHSE curriculum. We promote a growth mindset in all learning as part of our commitment to helping children feel resilient and confident about their work, and we conduct pupil surveys to see what they feel would improve their wellbeing at school.

Provision for some children: we are part of the [Nurture UK](#) programme which Mrs Abdullah presented to all parents at the Meet the Teacher meeting, talking and drawing therapy, and Cool Connections CBT. Staff have completed the Autism Education Trust training to empower them to support pupils with Autism and ADHD training. Kent adult education courses are offered to all parents to support their own children at home and we have a part time play therapist at school.

External agency partnerships: We work closely with external agencies including:



[Life and Soul](#) is a resilience and confidence program for our older children; and we have been allocated a specialist NHS mental health and wellbeing worker for ½ day per week. We are always looking out for new services to support our families and will update you all as more and more join our support offering. Hopefully this gives you confidence in us, as a school, and an awareness that your children, and you, really do matter to us. We care deeply and we are here for all of you.



Year 1 and 2 children enjoying their 'Fast Pass' – extra playtime in recognition of smart uniform and good behaviour during the week!

Key Dates

Monday 30th September
Year 4 trip to Tonbridge

Tuesday 1st October
9.30am: Supporting Your Child's Anxiety – Kent Adult Education course

Weds 2nd October
Year 6 trip to Tonbridge School

Friday 4th October
9am: FOBCSA AGM

Monday 7th October
9am Harvest Service – St Stephen's church

Weds 9th October
Save the date: 5.15pm – first PTA meeting

Friday 25th October
Flu immunisations
END OF TERM 1

Mon 28th Oct – 1st Nov
HALF TERM

Monday 4th November
START OF TERM 2



Years 4-6 are enjoying cricket coaching this term with Kent Cricket

In other news



Walking Bus

We had 26 children join our [Hendy Walking Bus](#) this morning – that means around 20 cars did not need to come into our car park this morning to drop off. Please, if you are using the Hendy Walking Bus, do not arrive before 8.20am so that Hendy staff can arrive and park their cars.



Responsible Driving

Thank you to those parents and carers who continue to drive safely and follow our 5mph speed limit. Modelling responsible driving on site is an invaluable part of our safeguarding culture here at Bishop Chavasse. There are still some drivers who are not following English driving law- please can I remind you that children must be driven to school using [car seats appropriate for their age and height](#), and no adult should be using a mobile phone (unless it is on handsfree) while driving a car. We often observe children out of car seats as you drive into the car park, or parents using their phone while driving on site. A reminder that the law applies even on school premises.

Responsible Parking

I have been overwhelmed by a number of complaints from local residents about disrespectful parking. Please remember to park sensibly, respectfully and mindfully. The residents are entitled to access their property and drives at any time of the day without confrontation from members of our school community. I have advised residents to contact the local Traffic enforcement officers, or police, if they feel their rights as residents are compromised.

New website



Our new, mobile phone friendly [website](#) is now live. Littered with photos taken by Miss Fielder's father, of Time Photography, our new website showcases the very best of our amazing school, offers a window into our extensive provision and our broad curriculum that are all in place to ensure that your children, supported by faith, establish firm foundations while they are with us, to become resilient, curious, community-minded, courageous advocates who flourish and thrive before moving on to Secondary School.

Meet the Teacher: Miss Hume – 5H



"I am really excited about being a Year 5 teacher at Bishop Chavasse!"

"I went to university at Canterbury Christchurch and I am from Essex, where I used to be a teacher in Year 4. When I have free time, I love to paint and visit new places. I also enjoy going on dog walks with our two dogs, Henry and Teddy."



Reading for Pleasure

We actively promote reading for pleasure across the school during lessons, worship and playtimes. Enjoying reading is not just a joyful pastime that can transport us to a plethora of different worlds and experiences without going anywhere, but research shows that where children read for pleasure, they are more likely to engage in the curriculum at school and absorb the learning more confidently. Our new library is almost up and running; we offer children the opportunity to read for pleasure every day, either on their own, or by being read to. We actively encourage you, as families, to read together, to enjoy books and take time out of busy schedules to read a few pages each day. Ruby in Year 2 (right), loves to read! She sent me a photo of all the reading she has been doing lately. Such a wonderful sight.





Talking about online safety

Many of us see our online lives and offline lives as different. But for children growing up with technology and the internet, there isn't a difference – online life and offline life is just life!

It can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing potential risks and issues. Talking regularly with your child can help keep them safe online. Making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.

But it's easy to become overwhelmed with the different technology, the language that children use, the huge number of games and apps which are available and the potential risks. Follow this link for advice on ways to start conversations with your children talking about online safety: [Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#).

As more and more children have access to electronic devices with messaging apps and social media platforms, please act responsibly and monitor what your children are looking at, watching or communicating for theirs and others' safety and wellbeing. Next week we will be talking about safety settings in chat apps.

Headteacher Heroes – winners this week for showing GROWTH MINDSET:

Teddy – 1PU Millie – 1A Seb – 2F Janelle – 2CS Finlay M – 3A Mylla – 3LT		Darcie – 4R Noah – 4C Xander – 5N Lucia - 5H Caitlin – 6S Lulu – 6C
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Times Tables Rock Stars

Congratulations to Key Stage 2 children who have scored the highest when practising their Times Tables this week:

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| 3A – Olivia | 5N - Ljay |
| 3LT – Mylla | 6C - Elizabeth |
| 4R – Elon | 6S – Oscar |
| 4C – Manette | |
| 5H – Livvy | |

Golden book

Bella and Lily-Rose (6C) for their descriptive writing about an adventure.

Bishop Chavasse shield winner

Well done to Braydn for good listening on the carpet and making such good choices - he wins a £7 book token, courtesy of FOBCSA.

Attendance

In third place this week with 96.6% are 2F, in second place with 96.9% are 3LT, and in first place are 6C with 98.4%!

Three photos of the week: meeting the new Tenax CEO; Year 4 Forest School den; enacting the Wise and Foolish Builder parable in Collective Worship (guess which one is which?!)



UNDERSTANDING AUTISM

AN INTRODUCTORY SESSION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

This seminar-style event is aimed at parents/carers who have a child on the autism pathway or a recent autism diagnosis.

EVENT AGENDA

- What is Autism?
- Diagnostic Criteria
- Autistic Spectrum
- Female Underdiagnosis
- Masking
- Co-occurring conditions
- Dual diagnosis with ADHD
- What is PDA?
- How can you support your child?

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL VIA OUR WEBSITE

TICKETS £10 EACH

FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER

11:00 - 14:00



PADDOCK WOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE,
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LIGHT PARTY

HOT DOGS

Thursday 31st October

SHORT TALK

Year 1 - Year 6

GAMES

Craft

WHY NOT BRING A FRIEND?

5-7pm St Peter & St Paul

Sign up via *EVENTS* tab on website (£2 per child, £5 for 3 or more children)

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