

# BCS NEWS

24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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

## Head's News

We have had the most exciting, fantastic final week of school. Organised by Miss Heilbron, and supported by all the staff, Sports Week has been an exceptionally wonderful highlight of the school year and an energising note to finish on. The children have had the opportunity to try new sports, work as a team, work within their Houses and compete in year groups. The school has been alive with chants and rapturous applause as children have supported one another through the activities. Once again, our school values of *compassion*, *honesty* and *wisdom* have permeated every inch of our school community.

Sports Day was a resounding success with children, parents and teachers cheering each other on, displaying copious amounts of perseverance, courage and compassion as obstacle courses were navigated and flat races run. It was such a privilege to be a part of celebrating everyone's sporting successes. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made the day such a special event.

It has been truly fantastic to see the whole school come together with all the pupils' lights shining so brightly. Foundations have been firmly laid and the children are most definitely ready to continue building new layers onto their learning and development. What an incredible school to lead, what an incredible community to be a part of.



## Key Dates

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**  
**Dragon Boat race**  
From 10am, Tonbridge castle river front

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
8.45am  
**First day of term**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.10-9.40am **Meet the teacher** Years 2 and 6\*

**Weds 6<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.10-9.40am **Meet the teacher** Years 1 and 5\*

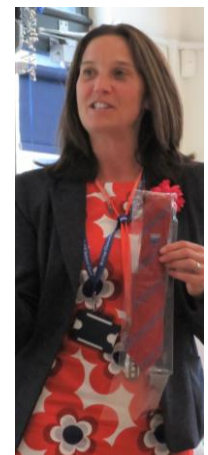
**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.10-9.40am **Meet the teacher** Year 3

**Kent Test**

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> September**  
9.10-9.40am **Meet the teacher** Year 4

*\*talks will be repeated to enable parents of children in different years to attend both*

ALL [TERM DATES](#) FOR 2022-24 ARE ON THE WEBSITE



Mrs Strand being presented with the new specially designed tie for our Year 6 in September.

## In other news

### Farewells

The end of the school year is always a little bittersweet. Pupils are looking forward to a rest, a time to be at home and enjoy a different pace of life, staff are ready to close the final page on the chapter of the year before opening the book on a new chapter and start preparing the learning for the next school year. It is also a time where we say goodbye to treasured, dedicated members of staff who have contributed so much to our school. The pupils sang their hearts out in worships held for those staff moving on in emotional but beautiful worships today. The school won't be the same without Miss Decker, Mrs Armstrong and Miss Golding or Mrs Strand,



but our journey will continue as we grow and the legacy each of these members of staff leave behind will help us shape the journey we travel on going forward. We cannot thank these members of staff enough for what they have done for our children and families at Bishop Chavasse. We will all miss



these staff members hugely and have made a deal with them all to come back and visit, to share stories of their new adventures as we have promised to keep their spirits alive across the school.

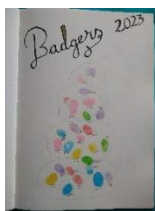
### Message from Mrs Strand

This week in my final whole school collective worship I unpacked curiosity and courage with the children, two of our monthly themes, as I believe the links between the two are closely connected. These are applicable not only for all children moving up to the next year group and of course for me personally in this time of significant change and transition for our family.



Since leading that worship early in the week, it has been an incredibly emotional week of farewells. Thank you to you and the children for the songs, warm wishes, generous, personal gifts and heartfelt messages. I feel very privileged to have led Bishop Chavasse over the past couple of years and will miss the teams, the staff, governors, Friends of Bishop Chavasse and all of our wonderful parents for supporting the children and our school so diligently and warmly. Your children are inspiring young people and to have been a part of their journey is an honour and a journey I will not forget, thank you.

I will be keeping up to date with all the Bishop Chavasse news and hope to build links between our schools so watch this space! *Mrs Strand.*





### Contact over the holiday period

Please note that the school office will be closed from 4.30pm Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July until 8am Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September. The Admissions email address will be monitored by staff for families seeking a place at Bishop Chavasse School. The office email address will not be monitored regularly over the school holiday. The DSL email will be monitored intermittently over the school holiday. If you are concerned about the wellbeing of a pupil or family at the school during this time, please contact the police or emergency services.

### Arbor payments

Further to my reminder last week, please ensure all outstanding Arbor payments for this term are made by Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July. This does not include payments to be made for clubs for next term.

### Uniform

Summer Holidays is a time I know many will be buying uniform, school shoes and bags ready for the new school year. Please ensure you refer to our [school uniform policy](#) when preparing to ensure your children come back to school in the correct uniform with the correct shoes. Where bags are being purchased, please ensure all KS1 children have a school bookbag. KS2 children may have a rucksack of their choice, but please ensure it is not too large.

### Meet the teacher meetings

There will be a chance to meet your child’s new teacher in the first week of term. The sessions will be from **9.10 – 9.40am**, with teachers repeating the talks to allow parents with children in more than one year group to attend.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Teacher: years 2 and 6

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Teacher: years 1 and 5

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Teacher: year 3

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Teacher: year 4

We have had a truly wonderful year here at Bishop Chavasse from learning to trips, concerts to church services, development of indoor and outdoor spaces and fundraising. None of this would have been possible without the most passionate, forward thinking, dedicated staff and family community. Thank you all, for all your support of the school this year. You have enabled us to grow and flourish and we look forward to continuing the journey with you all next year.

On behalf of all the staff at Bishop Chavasse School I wish you all a peaceful, restful Summer holiday, and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September when the gates will open at 8.45am.



### Attendance figures

The last week of term’s attendance winners with 98.2% were 2S, again! In second place were 5C with 97.2% and in third place were 3P with 98.2%

**Headteacher Heroes** - this week’s Headteacher’s Heroes who have shown particular **COURAGE** are:

Braydn – Badgers Whole class – Squirrels Whole class – 1R Freya – 1C Whole class – 2S Whole class – 2H		Whole class – 3P Whole class – 3T Lulu – 4N Whole class – 4A Saksham – 5WF Ben – 5C
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**Golden Book** – the child with an entry in the Headteacher’s much coveted Golden Book: Braydn, for inspiring others in the mini marathon.

**Thank YOU!**

With your help,  
we have **RAISED** an amazing  
**TOTAL** of **£14,075.04!!**

Event	Amount
SPONSORED WALK	£949
Money Supermarket	£800
Amazon	£150
Christmas Fair	£3952.31
SPONSORED READ	£960.81
Boat Race	£279.45
Krispy Kreme	£627.53
ICE POLES	£601
Bun Raiser	£80
SECURUS	£500
Uniform	£301
Own Clothes	£257
Calendar	£182
Grotto & Panto	£1000
Summer Fete	£3435.21

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