



# BCS NEWS

7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

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

## Head's News

Transition was one of the many highlights of this week. For the first time in the school's history, every classroom was filled with excited children eager to meet their new teachers and support staff. The afternoon marked a true milestone in the journey of the school, as we prepare to have our first cohort of Year 6 children. As I popped in to every classroom, I was met with squeals of delight from children and staff about the exciting activities they were doing, what they had already learned about each other and small snippets of what they might be learning about next year. Our new Early Years children also joined the afternoon, with many of them confidently waving their parents goodbye at the gate and running in to join in with activities as if they have been here for weeks and weeks already. The new staff who are joining the team commented on how well behaved, settled and eager the children all are. The school exuded such a fantastic atmosphere.



Our amazing finalists at the Bishop Chavasse's Got Talent show this afternoon



## Key Dates

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**  
3.15pm FOBCSA  
**Icepole** Friday

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**  
11am-2pm FOBCSA  
**Summer Fair**

**Weds 12<sup>th</sup> July**  
5pm: SEND Information  
Evening

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**  
3.15pm FOBCSA  
**Icepole** Friday

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
8.45am whole school  
church service – St  
Stephen's

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>  
July**  
**Sports week** (PE kit  
every day)

**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Sports Day**  
EY and KS1: morning  
12 noon: picnic  
KS2: afternoon

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
Last day of term: pick-up  
at 3.15pm; clubs as  
usual  
3.15pm FOBCSA  
**Icepole** Friday

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



## In other news



### Bishop Chavasse's Got Talent

What a fantastic afternoon we have had. The children rose to the occasion supporting the acts who performed at our very first Bishop Chavasse's Got Talent!



The finalists shared their incredible talents with confidence and were met with rapturous applause from their audience.

The judges were unanimous in their placements for the winning acts: in third place was **Lia** with her magic show; in second place **Ishani and Ann-Riya** with their dance; and in first place **Adana** singing 'Tightrope'.

We were delighted to be joined by **Emma Armour**, principal of [Footsteps Academy of Dance](#) in Tunbridge Wells as our special guest judge. Emma trained at the Italia Conti Academy of Performing Arts, has performed in musicals and theatre productions in the UK and was a backing dancer for Will Young and Gareth Gates.

### End of Year church service: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July

We will be starting our final week of the school year with an end of year church service at St Stephen's church on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. As with previous church services at St Stephen's church (Waterloo Road TN9 2SW). Please drop children off at the church at 8.45am where staff will meet them and show them to their seats. Breakfast club will be available at the church from 7.30am. If you are available to help walk the children back up to school, please let the office know. As this date will also be the start of Sports week, children will attend church wearing their school PE kit so that we can start our sporting activities promptly when we get back to school.

### Miss Fielder

We are delighted to announce that following almost two years supporting Miss Decker in Early Years, Miss Fielder has decided to train to be a teacher. The silver lining is that Miss Fielder will be based at Bishop Chavasse for most of her training and so we are not having to say goodbye to her. We are welcoming her back in September in a different, exciting new role and very much looking forward to watching her blossom into an outstanding classroom teacher over the year. As a school, we have close links with the local teaching school: Teach Kent and Sussex, with whom Miss Fielder will be training. This centre of excellence is partnered with the Kent Teaching School Hub, and offers exceptional teacher training for students in our local area.

### Parking

Unfortunately parking continues to cause a lot of unsettledness in our relations with our neighbours. We continue to hear from our neighbours that parents are using residential parking bays to park at the beginning and end of the school day. Please be aware that there is a permit system in place which allows residents to take photos of unauthorised parking and a fine will then be issued. Some residents have had inconsiderate drivers from other local companies fined. On behalf of the school, please adhere to the correct parking arrangements. We are working tirelessly behind the scenes to improve our parking capacity but this is not a process which will change immediately.

### Attendance figures

This week's attendance winners with 97.9% are 2S! In second place are 1R with 96.8% and in third place are 3T with 96.4%.



**Headteacher Heroes** - this week's Headteacher's Heroes who have shown particular **unity** are:

Elliott H – Badgers  
Zephyr C – Squirrels  
Evie G – 1R  
Lia M – 1C  
Jonah C – 2S  
Whole class – 2H



Archie F – 3P  
Zachary M – 3T  
Rhys K – 4N  
Teresa O – 4A  
Vivianne P – 5WF  
Reuben S – 5C



**Golden Book** – children with an entry in the Headteacher's much coveted Golden Book are: Evelyn W (2S) and Gustas T (2H).

**Year 4 trip on the London Eye this week**



**Year 3 trip to Penshurst Place**



**Celebrating student success**

Jude in 1C recently achieved his Stage 2 certificate at swimming and is rightly proud of his achievement. Well done Jude!



## FOBCSA update



It's tomorrow! Our hardy committee has been working round the clock making preparations and all visitors will be in for a treat tomorrow.

Not only will our hugely popular top quality BBQ be in action, but you will be able to enjoy Pimms, beer and cold soft drinks.

Our sponsors Ellis&Co will be running a 'guess the number of balloons' competition to win a £100 shopping voucher.

For anyone feeling sporty, Tonbridge Angels will be running 'Beat the Goalie', and we will have a hula hoop competition, archery, basketball and not forgetting splat the rat! Plus all your summer fair faves: hook a duck, coconut shy, tombolas...

It promises to be a fab afternoon, we really look forward to seeing you there.

**Recre8 Tonbridge** is running a fantastic programme of activities this summer.

With plenty of sports, educational and art activities to choose from, there's bound to be plenty to interest your child. Please click here for our timetable: <https://www.recre8courses.co.uk/timetables>

As part of Tonbridge School, we're able to use first class artificial pitches and athletics track, and the incredible facilities available at the Tonbridge School Centre & EM Forster Theatre as well as the kitchens, art rooms and much, much more.

Providing a fun and inclusive atmosphere is at the centre of everything we do and we look forward to welcoming your child to a Recre8 course this summer holiday.

