

# BCS NEWS

30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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

## Head's News

Being part of Tonbridge School's Giving Day brought a wealth of excitement, personal growth and school environment development this week.

Our year 5 children were lucky enough to spend the day at Tonbridge School along with year 5 children from many local schools. After a short coach trip, our children participated in a wide range of activities from rock climbing and swimming to cookery, Physics and Chemistry - all chosen by our pupils themselves. The children were accompanied, encouraged and supported by year 9 pupils from Tonbridge School all day and came back to Bishop Chavasse tired, full of joy and eager to go to more events there.

Those children who remained at school didn't miss out on Tonbridge School's Giving Day – year 4 helped 20 boys from year 10 and 11 build our new prayer gardens and children in years 1-3 were given extra Sports Day practise. At the end of the day, we held a grand opening of our prayer gardens and were treated to ice lollies by the boys.

Developing our links with the community is a key priority for us as a school team – we have seen first-hand this week how much our children have learned from the boys, and also heard how much the boys learned from us. The mutually positive experience of working together, learning how to communicate with children of different ages and being part of a wider community is such an important skill for children to develop, and fosters a true curiosity about the world around us which can often lead to great adventures in life.



## Key Dates

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

3.15pm FOBCSA

**Icepole** Friday

7-9.30pm **Quiz night**

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Teddy Tuesday** – bring a soft toy donation for the teddy stall at the Fair

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July

**Transition afternoon** – children visit their new classes

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

1.30pm **Bishop**

**Chavasse's Got Talent**

3.15pm FOBCSA

**Icepole** Friday

### Friday 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

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July

11am-2pm FOBCSA

**Summer Fair**

### 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

### Mrs Cochrane

We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Cochrane has safely welcomed a baby girl into the world this week - baby Phoebe. I am sure you will join the staff team in wishing Mrs Cochrane all the very best on her journey as a new mum enjoying the special time with her family.

### Miss Pring

We were delighted to welcome Miss Pring at school today with gorgeous George, aged 4 ½ months.



### 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, we ask that children are dropped off at the church at 8.45am where staff will meet them and show them to their seats. Further information about parent helpers will be sent out closer to the time.

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.

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

Mrs Hood and Mrs Abdullah would like to invite parents and carers to a SEND information evening which will cover the following topics:

- Our graduated approach to SEND provision including how we ensure we are meeting provision outlined in EHCPs;
- The EHCP process and changes at County level;
- High Needs Funding and how the funding is used to support pupils; and
- Where parents can find further support.



### End of term

To clarify, the last day of term is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. This is a normal school day with normal wraparound care provision. Children should come to school in uniform following a week of exciting sports events.

### Attendance figures

This week's attendance winners are 1R with an impressive 99.1%. In second place are 4A with 96.7% and in third place are 2H with 95.9%. Congratulations 1R!

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

Rory P – Badgers  
Archie B-H – Squirrels  
Samuel DC – 1R  
Finley H – 1C  
Evelyn W – 2S  
Arina L – 2H



Rosie R – 3P  
Jacob DF – 3T  
Michelle M – 4A  
Amelia P – 4N  
Olivia S – 5WF  
Felippe P – 5C

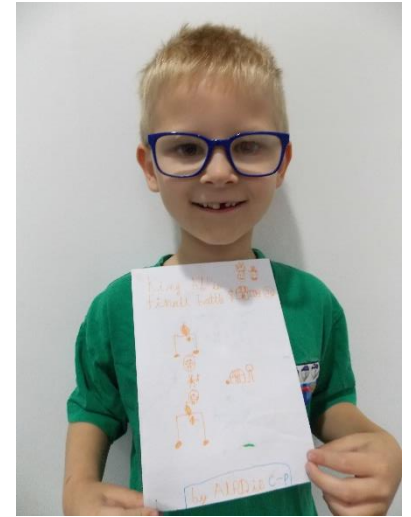


**Golden Book** – children with an entry in the Headteacher's much coveted Golden Book are: Adana J – 4A, Caleb C – 1R, Olive and Kia – Badgers, and Erna S – 5WF



### Artists of the month

Congratulations to Jessica Corps-Pullen (4A) and Alfie Corps-Pullen (2H) who have been jointly awarded June's Artist of the Month award for their fantastically creative comic book artwork. If you'd like to submit an entry for next month's Artist of the Month competition please send in your child's work to the office or hand it in to Mrs Armstrong.



### Celebrating student success



In the end of season awards ceremony at Tonbridge Juniors, three members of class 3P all won the Player's Player of the year for their respective teams. This award was voted on by all team members and is a very special award.

Well done to Zander, Raven and Owen!

### Colour Dash

A group of KS2 children from the school's Running club took part in the Tonbridge & West Kent School Sports Partnership's annual 'Colour Dash' fun run this afternoon at Dunorlan Park that sees over 300 children take part in a fun cross country run whilst being covered in paint!



### Ready Set, Read!



Children aged 4-11 are invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge in Kent Libraries this summer. The Summer Reading Challenge 2023 will start on Saturday 8 July and will continue to run throughout the summer, finishing on Saturday 9 September.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at keeping children reading throughout the summer while away from school, as well as providing a fun, free activity for families. The theme for 2023 is **Ready, Set, Read!** In partnership with the Youth Sport

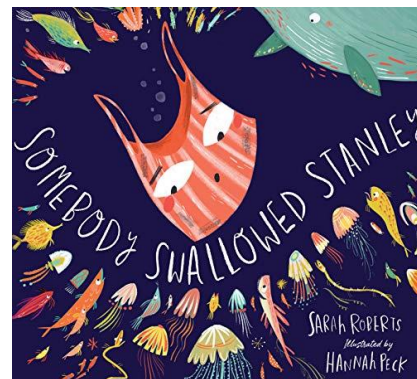
Trust, this Summer Reading Challenge will inspire children and their families to develop a passion for reading for pleasure, and unleash the power of play, sport and physical activity through reading. Children will be able to join a superstar team and their marvellous mascots as they navigate a fictional summer obstacle course brought to life with illustrations by children's illustrator Loretta Schauer. As children read library books, they will collect special rewards along the way and there's a certificate and medal for everyone who completes the Challenge.

We would love to see as many of our school children participate as possible. When you arrive back in September, please bring in your certificates and we will celebrate your reading achievement in our celebration worship.

## EYFS news

This week the children have enjoyed reading the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts. We discussed the different ways we can help look after our environment and created posters. The children have worked really hard to develop their independence when writing.

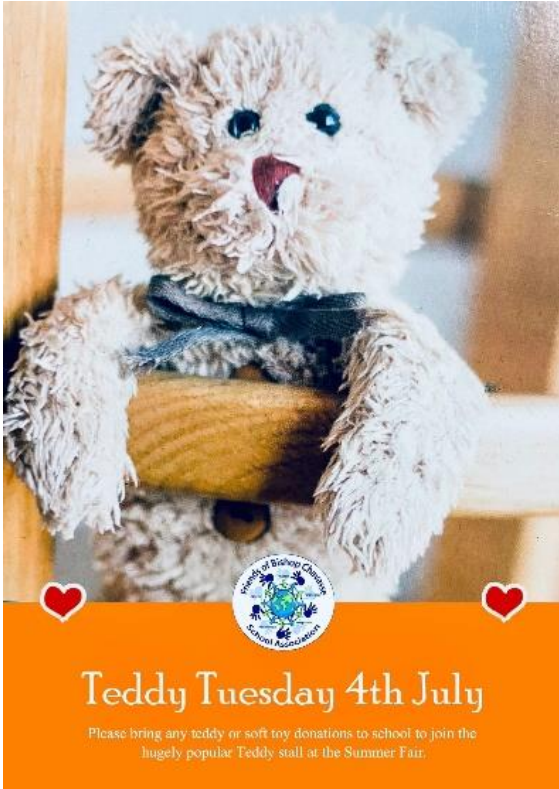
In Maths this week we have been solving mathematical problems, looking specifically at the composition of numbers. The children have challenged themselves to see if they could find as many different ways to make each number to 10 using a range of different manipulatives. It was wonderful to see the children then record their findings using the '+' and '=' symbols, supporting the consolidation of previous learning in Maths.



In Outdoor Learning this week the children had a butterfly filled morning! We learnt a lot of facts. Butterflies have six legs, no noses and they use their feet to taste. We then used loose parts to create our own butterflies.



## FOBCSA update



Just one week to go until our Summer Fair!

Thank you all for the brilliant donations for the colour Tombola stall. Just one more request for donations: **Teddy Tuesday** is next Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – any pre-loved teddy or soft toys would be really welcome.

**Last shout out for any volunteers** who'd like to help on the day: you could run the coconut shy or hook-a-duck stall – please email [friendsofbcsa@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbcsa@gmail.com) or message us via our Facebook page if you can help.

### AGM and FOBCSA constitution

FOBCSA is updating its constitution. We have copies of the constitution we aim to adopt at the September 2023 AGM in reception. The **AGM will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023, 9-10am** in the school hall and we invite you to come along for tea/coffee and cake, and to hear what we've been up to and what we have planned for the year ahead.