

BCS NEWS

26th May 2023

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

Head's News

As the week draws to a close, so does another term. In some ways it is hard to believe we only have one more term of the school year, yet when I have walked round the school this week, it is so clear how much learning has taken place, how many friendships have developed and how embedded our Christian values of honesty, wisdom and compassion are amongst our school community.

On Wednesday we opened our doors to Headteachers and teachers from other Tenax Schools. They spent the day with us as a whole school - walking through classrooms, talking to the children and staff about their learning and roles within the school, observing interactions and also the provision we have to meet children's needs. Just as I mentioned last week, each of the visitors came back with the most positive impression of our school - how polite and well behaved our children are, how clear the expectations are of the children and how closely the staff work with each other to ensure teaching and learning is of a high quality and is engaging for all. At the same time, they were able to offer small nuggets of advice on how we can adapt or alter some things to continue to embed the incredible work we are doing further. Such insight from other experienced Headteachers and teachers is so valuable and the staff here value the termly shared experiences we have with other schools in the Trust to act as fresh eyes. In turn, we have visited other Trust schools and offered the same. The whole experience this week, and speaking to staff, has highlighted how blessed we are to be part of such a supportive and progressive Trust who work closely together to ensure that every school offers the best for every child.

As the sun shines for our final day before the half term break, the staff team here wish you all a very restful half term holiday.



Running Club enjoying the sunshine –
and running 3.5km on Thursday before school!

Key Dates

29th May – 2nd June
Half term

Monday 5th June
Start of Term 6

Friday 9th June
2.30pm – 3.15pm KS2
shared learning

Friday 9th June
3.15pm Ightham House
cake sale

Friday 23rd June
3.15pm Chartwell House
cake sale

Friday 30th June
FOBCSA Icepole Friday

Friday 30th June
Quiz night

Friday 7th July
1.30pm Bishop
Chavasse's Got Talent

Saturday 8th July
FOBCSA Summer Fair

Mon 17th – Fri 21st July
Sports week (PE kit
every day)

Weds 19th July
Sports Day
EY and KS1: morning
12 noon: picnic
KS2: afternoon

Friday 21st July
Last day of term

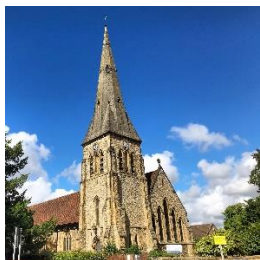
ALL [TERM DATES](#) FOR
2022-24 ARE ON THE
WEBSITE



In other news

Wider Community and Church link updates

As a faith school, we are proud of our Christian vision and ethos and we are very grateful for our church links which help us to provide a dimension to our Christian distinctiveness, which we can only achieve through good relationships with our local churches.



St Stephen's Church has been a significant part of the Bishop Chavasse School journey from the conception of the new school vision, with John Constanti, Director of Education for Rochester Diocese instrumental in the early days. As you know, since January 2022 we have reignited the links with St Stephen's Church post Covid restrictions and are pleased that our services are happening once again.



Our school, however, sits on the parish boundaries of St Stephen's and St Peter and St Paul and many of our families at Bishop Chavasse worship regularly at both of our Tonbridge Parish churches so we are very excited that St Peter and St Paul are enthusiastic to be able to work with us to extend even further, our community and church links, in addition to our valued commitment with St Stephen's.



To this end, we are very pleased to announce our first whole school church service at St Peter and St Paul on Thursday 22nd June 2023. The new vicar, Rev Ben Thorndike and his team are very enthusiastic to be welcoming us for this first 'Year group Lead Service', which on this occasion will be led by year 5. Details for breakfast club, drop off timings and our return to school plans will follow after half term.



Uniform

If you are unsure of our Summer uniform policy, please refer to it on our school [website](#). Many children are coming to school wearing the incorrect uniform or partial uniforms. The same applies to PE. It is important every child has the correct PE kit in school and gets changed for their PE lesson.

Parking

Last week, I mentioned driving and parking in the newsletter. Once again, I have received complaints about inconsiderate parking and driving by parents from local residents. It is imperative our relationship with our neighbours remains positive and I therefore request those families driving to school support this by respecting the rules of the road and the parking restriction notices in the local area and on site. As a staff team, we are going to start patrolling the local area at drop off and pick up.

Key Stage 2 – shared learning experience

Following on from the success of our shared learning experience for KS1 last term, we would like to invite KS2 parents to share their children's learning in the classrooms. KS2 parents are invited to attend on Friday 9th June at 2.30pm. Please wait at the KS2 gate and we will invite to your children's classrooms.



Attendance figures

This week's attendance winners are 2H with 95.9%! In a very close second place are 3T with 95.8%, and in third place are 2S with 94.9%. Well done 2H!

Kent Test

A reminder to year 5 parents that registration for the Kent Test opens on 1st June. Please see the link on the year 5 class pages on the [website](#).

Sports skills for KS1 – free Friday morning club

Tonbridge Sports Partnership will be running a new multiskills sports club for children in Years 1 and 2 – this will be a free club on a Friday morning from 8am-8.40am. Children will need to be at school for 8am, ready in their PE kit with their uniform packed in their bag. There are 16 spaces available – booking will open on Arbor at 5pm this evening.



Outdoor Learning Term 5

What a fantastic amount of Outdoor Learning has taken place in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Reception have had great fun playing sense games, making leaf rubbing crowns, exploring trees blindfolded, creating hapa zoomes bunting and bird watching. Next term we will be exploring summer a bit more and hopefully toasting marshmallows. Year 1 have hunted wildflowers in the school, drawn and labelled the parts of the wildflowers, dissected flowers, used a striker, built castles, explored the trees through rubbings learnt about tree crowns. Next term we are hoping to toast marshmallows too and have fun with some team building activities. Finally 2S have had the best term of outdoor learning building castles, taking part in team building games, used a striker, toasted marshmallows, created tree creatures the list goes on. Next term 2H will be sitting around the log circle, singing songs and toasting marshmallows. Another great development next term is that both Year 3 classes will be taking part in outdoor learning where we will be using hammers and hacksaws to make some great creations.



Meet our Outdoor Learning teacher – Mrs Kyte!

I'm Mrs Kyte, mum of two and lover of nature and the outdoors. I love the magic of trees and the excitement of growing things from seeds. I also love toasting a marshmallow or two. I am really excited to be developing the outdoor learning at Bishop Chavasse and am looking forward to working with all of the children with new and exciting adventures in their outdoor learning journey.

Quiz night

We are very excited to announce the first ever Bishop Chavasse Quiz night on 30th June.

Staff will be making up some of the teams (battle of the teacher brains!), FOBCSA will be selling refreshments (although you can bring your own, including alcohol if you wish), and all proceeds will go to buying new equipment for the school through FOBCSA.

We hope lots of parents and carers will form teams and enjoy a great evening. Please put £5 per person into a team envelope and hand to the school office – each team will receive a ticket for the night.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BISHOP CHAVASSE SCHOOL'S

Quiz Night

QUIZ TEAMS OF UP TO 8 PEOPLE

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND SNACKS

30TH JUNE, 2023 | 7-9.30PM
BCS SCHOOL HALL
£5 A PERSON
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL OFFICE

KS2 news

Year 3

In English, we have been continuing to read *The Iron Man*, we have used some of the description in the story to create a class scrapyard poem and taken inspiration from this to write and perform our own poems.

In Maths, we have started our time unit. We have looked at Roman Numerals and are learning to read and write time to the nearest 5 minutes on analogue clocks. This has been quite tricky: please continue to practise at home as much as possible.



We have been researching Greek Gods and writing our own fact files, and we have started looking at the war between the Spartans and the Athenians! Thank you so much for all of your wonderful model volcanoes. We are very excited to erupt them all on Thursday afternoon to finish our volcanoes unit in Geography!

Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard this week creating their own trickster tales in English, understanding graphs and charts in Maths and have been exploring local wildlife in science. In Art we have been making Maquettes of ourselves using only cardboard. They have been very successful. In geography we are completing our Agriculture topic and in History we are exploring the pilgrimage of Muslims across Arabia. In P.E we have been exploring striking skills and in Music we have examined and discussed ballet music from Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet*. We have been working hard at our times tables and are looking forward to the well-deserved term break.



Year 5

In English this week, we have continued with our book '*Beowulf*'. This week the children were able to design their own characters for their own *Beowulf* story. The children had to think about the different characteristics their characters had, as well as what they looked like. The children had the opportunity to plan their writing and use this plan to write their stories. They also were able to use the expectation for Year 5, to see if they had included lots of the different grammar we have learnt in their writing.

In Maths, the children have been looking at volume. They started off the week by discussing cubic centimetres and then moved onto comparing and estimating volume.



In Art, the children were able to use water colours to paint landscape pictures linked to our artist of the term Robert William Wood. The children all worked very hard to ensure they were creating their pictures carefully as well as painting in proportion.



Celebrating student success



Neylah Smith, 3T, took part in her first gymnastics competition last week and came 1st out of 16 children.

She did amazingly in the floor and vault competition.

Well done Neylah!



FOBCSA update

On behalf of the FOBCSA team
A very big **THANK YOU** to everyone!

**THIS TERM WE HAVE RAISED
A STAGGERING TOTAL OF**

£949

See you next term for more fundraising fun!