



BCS NEWS

5th May 2023



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

Head's News

During this Spring-like short week, the children have spent a great deal of time thinking and learning about the monarchy and monarchs through history: their lives, families, and their reign. The children have come together in worship to reflect on historic kings' and queens' lives and their service to their country in order to help them place this weekend's historic event in a timeline of momentous occasions in their lives. For many monarchs, their faith gave them their strength and integrity to dedicate their lives to serving their country; in the same way our school Christian faith grounds us and helps guide and support us through our learning and play.

I'm sure the Coronation of King Charles III will be a memorable event in everyone's lifetime. Learning has been both factual and practical, traditional and more creative; testament to just how varied our teaching is to ensure every child accesses the curriculum and enjoys what they are learning.

Of course, the highlight has been our Coronation family event - an afternoon for our whole school to share time together, watch the children perform and celebrate the welcoming and warm community we have established, while also marking this historic event. This afternoon is a story best told in pictures: enjoy the gallery below.



Key Dates

Monday 8th May

Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III

Friday 12th May

3.15pm Quebec House cake sale

Friday 19th May

FOBCSA Own Clothes Day

29th May – 2nd June

Half term

Monday 5th June

Start of Term 6

Friday 9th June

3.15pm Ightham House cake sale

Friday 23rd June

3.15pm Chartwell House cake sale

Saturday 8th July

FOBCSA Summer Fair

Friday 21st July

Last day of term

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However you may be marking this weekend, all the staff at Bishop Chavasse wish you all a restful time and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday for a normal school day.

In other news

Uniform

Many children are still not wearing the correct uniform. Please ensure all children are wearing the correct Key Stage appropriate polo shirt (EY only) or shirt and tie each day, and that plain black footwear is worn by all. We had hoped to acquire a stock of gingham shirts for boys, but these will be too costly through our official supplier. Parents are welcome to source their own gingham shirts (as per the example). Hair that is below the shoulder in length should be tied up at all times and only small stud earrings worn, if at all.



Driving and Parking

As the school continues to flourish and grow, it is even more imperative we all work together to adhere to safe driving and parking when on the school site. While we are continually working behind the scenes to improve parking and accessibility to the school for pick up and drop off, please ensure you observe the 5mph speed limit at all times, do not double park the staff, use the turning circle for quick drop offs and pick-ups and leave the school site promptly when you have collected your children to allow others to park on site and collect theirs.

Cake sale

A reminder that Quebec House will be holding their cake sale next Friday, 12th May 2023. Last week's sale held by Knole House was a resounding success with £135 raised for their chosen charity 'Make a Wish'. Thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes. For families with children in Quebec House please leave cake donations with the school office by Friday morning (12th May) at the latest. A reminder we are a nut free school so please do not donate cakes with any traces of nuts in.

Allergies

As you are aware, we are a nut free school. We have a number of children with severe nut allergies. Please be mindful of this when packing lunches and snacks for your children - many common snacks have traces of nuts in, of which you may be unaware. It is critical you check the ingredients carefully before sending foods into school



Bishop Chavasse Has Got Talent

BCS got talent is coming soon! Children should listen out for notices at school and posters dotted around. Further information will be coming out next week about auditions for the different key stages.

KS2 news

Year 3

In English, we have started looking at the text *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. We have been trying to figure out who this mysterious robot is and where he has come from by inferring from the text and making predictions, and have been describing him using similes and metaphors.



In Maths, we have had our second Fractions unit to consolidate and extend the children's understanding. We have recapped adding and subtracting fractions and finding fractions of objects and amounts. We have been using a lot of practical resources to support the children in their understanding.

In Science, we have started our new unit Plants. The children were very excited to find a plant crime scene in the classroom! The plant had been brutally pulled apart which allowed us to look at all of the different parts. We focussed on the roots and their purpose, and then conducted a



couple of different experiments to help out understanding. We created our own root systems out of cotton wool and have also been measuring the root growth of a weed in a plastic bottle. We are very excited to do some more planting over the summer term.



Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard this week on a lot of coronation themed pieces. In English we have been exploring different letters, planning to write one of our own to the newly appointed King Charles. Hopefully once we send it off we will get some sort of reply. Watch this space! In maths we have been looking at time. In our afternoon sessions we have been looking at different kings and Queens of the past. Starting with Alfred the Great, onto Henry VIII and then finally Elizabeth I. We have completed scavenger hunts, word clouds, silhouette art and collaborative art pieces to help celebrate the coronation and prepare for the party on Friday. We have also been working hard to learn our performance songs for the party.

Year 5

In English this week, we have been able to research King Charles. We learnt lots of interesting facts about him and then put all of our research together to create class biographies. We then drafted a letter to King Charles. We discussed the features of a letter and how we needed to make sure we used formal language. Later in the week, we then wrote our letters, making sure we congratulated him on his coronation as well as discuss what we are doing at home and school to celebrate.

In Maths, we have started our new topic of decimals. We have been discussing what we remember about decimals. We have then looked at adding and subtracting decimals across one. The children have been able to use their column method to support them.

In the afternoons this week, we have been looking at different monarchs. On Tuesday, we looked at Alfred the Great as well as other monarchs. We then had to present our findings to the class. On Wednesday, we focused on Henry V111, we discussed what impact he had on the Church of England. On Thursday, we focused on Elisabeth 1. We were able to look at her portraits and have a go at drawing one ourselves. We then made gingered bread.



FOBCSA update



What a fantastic afternoon celebrating the Coronation at school! FOBCSA was out in force, hanging bunting, serving cake and squash. We were delighted that every child received a special Coronation bookmark, and we look forward to planting our commemorative silver birch next week.

Another shout out for volunteers for our **Summer Fair on 8th July** – and we are looking for one more family willing to have an Ellis board outside their home to advertise the fair! Please comment on our [Facebook](#) page, or drop us a line to friendsofbcsa@gmail.com.

Hello,

If you are available on 8th of July and happy to help us at the Bishop Chavasse Summer Fair please send us an email to friendsofbcsa@gmail.com or comment on our Facebook page: Friends of Bishop Chavasse Association.

We need YOU!

Thanks, your FOBCSA team