

# BCS NEWS

28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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

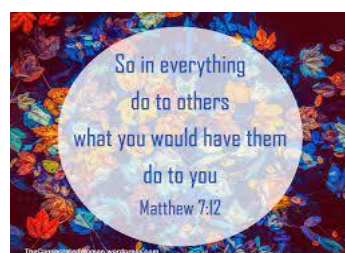
## Head's News

This week has flown by. Each and every day has brought with it a flurry of activity and new learning which encourage the children to be curious individuals eager to see the world. Our focus on respect has resonated around the school with children supporting one another with learning, listening quietly to learning inputs and peers, holding doors open, saying please and thank you to adults and children across the school community.

Two Secondary School trainee teachers visited us this week. Both commented on how respectful our children are, how engaged they are in their learning and how keen they are to know more about the world. Receiving such feedback is always uplifting and welcome to those who work in the school, but most importantly demonstrates just what a credit your children are to you.



The front page of our [website](#) has been updated with some stunning photos, with many thanks to parent photographer Richard Ingram.



Our value for the month is **respect**

## Key Dates

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
3.15pm Knole House  
cake sale

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**  
May Bank Holiday

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**  
**12.30 – 3pm**  
Coronation celebration

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
Bank Holiday for the  
coronation of King  
Charles III

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**  
3.15pm Quebec House  
cake sale

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
FOBCSA Own Clothes  
Day

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**  
1.30pm Bishop  
Chavasse's Got Talent  
competition

**29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June**  
Half term

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**  
Start of Term 6

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**  
3.15pm Ightham House  
cake sale

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**  
3.15pm Chartwell House  
cake sale

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July**  
FOBCSA Summer Fair

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
Last day of term

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



## In other news

### Coronation Street Party

We are very much looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our Coronation celebrations next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. The children are busy rehearsing their performances. If you are able to contribute a small plate of (nut free) cakes for our buffet, we would be very grateful. These will be free to all children, as will ice lollies. Please bring them to school by the end of the day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

If you are unable to join us, we will ensure your children have a fabulous time, cakes and lollies along with all their friends.

We do need final numbers so we can cater accordingly, particularly for children requiring a school picnic – please email the office by the end of today.



### Parent and carer prayer group

We have started a staff prayer group to pray weekly for our children, staff, parents and school community and we would really like to set up a prayer group for parents and carers. This group would be open to all: please do not feel you have to be a Christian to take part, you can pray out loud, in your head, or you can just sit quietly and reflect. If you are interested in being a part of a parent prayer group, please email the office and Miss Decker will be in touch to discuss possibilities.



### Attendance figures

This week's joint winners are 2S and 4A with 97.4% - well done! 5WF are in second place with 97.3%; and 1C are in third place with 97%.

### Uniform

Please check the [uniform policy](#) on the website and ensure your children are coming to school in the correct uniform - this includes shoes and hair accessories.

### Absences

A reminder that it is school policy that parents must email or phone in to the office each and every day a child is absent from school.



### Park Run

Elizabeth Roberts and Isabelle Fouche (4N) are keen park runners.

They both achieved their new personal best record times of running 5km in 30min 30 seconds last weekend.

It would be great to see more Bishop Chauvasse families on a Saturday. The run starts at 9am every Saturday morning from Tonbridge park, and it's free to take part.

## KS1 news

In **Year 1** this week, we have been learning about fractions. The children have explored what fractions are and used lots of different resources to find a half and a quarter of different amounts. We have learnt some great methods to help us ensure that we are accurate in our work.

In English, we have been writing a recount of our trip to Wakehurst. We have learnt how to write consistently in the past tense and use different sentence starters to make our writing more exciting to read.



In Outdoor learning, we have been expanding our art skills, looking at tree rubbings and discovering how they can make different prints. We have explored the different textures and the effect that this has on the end product.



In Science, we continued our learning from our school trip and we have been learning about the parts of a plant and what they are used for. We used a song and some actions to remember them all, and we used different materials to make our own flowers, making sure that we included all of their parts.

In **Year 2** on Monday, something very strange happened at Bishop Chavasse School.... dragons had escaped and were hiding in different places around the school! Luckily, we had fantastic dragon detectives! Year 2 went on a dragon hunt and found different cheeky dragons around the school. The children wrote a guide to explain what visitors should do if they see the dragons around the school. Year 2 have completed some fantastic pieces of writing this week!

In Maths, the children have been learning how to tell the time to the nearest 15 minutes. They learned the difference between the minute and hour hand. The children practically made the time on clocks and were excellent at reading the time on different clocks. Later on in the week, we began to learn how to describe position and direction. The children were able to describe movement and turns. The children practically followed instructions outside to move to the correct place.



In History, we have continued our learning about castles. We have learned about the different features of a castle. The children have labelled a castle and been able to explain what each feature is and why it was used.

2S have continued to enjoy outdoor learning. They used natural materials to add texture to paints before creating a fantastic outdoor image. Mrs Kyte and Mrs Watts continued to teach the children how to strike to create a spark to start a fire safely.



## Celebrating student success

**Oakley Tremeer (4A)** competed in his first Taekwondo tournament last weekend and achieved gold for his pattern and bronze in his sparring rounds.

He demonstrated confidence, respect and commitment throughout.

He deserves to be very proud of himself. Well done Oakley!!



## FOBCSA update

The success of our Book Week sponsored read last term continues to reap rewards: Usbourne Books is providing an amazing **£1,538 for books** for the school library.

This week, we have been busy getting ready for the King's Coronation Street Party: the silver birch tree has arrived and we have the bunting ready to string up!

We are all hoping that the warmer weather is on its way, and with that in mind we are ordering gazebos for the school to provide much needed shade, and lots of plants for Miss Cottee's eco club to plant around the grounds.



Thank you to those who have sponsored us for our **6<sup>th</sup> anniversary sponsored walk** on 21<sup>st</sup> May, as part of the Tonbridge Lions annual Charity and Community Groups Walk. We will be walking six miles to raise money for playground equipment for KS1. Please sponsor us by donating through our [JustGiving](#) page, and get your change ready for our **Own Clothes Day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May!**

Another shout out for volunteers for our **Summer Fair on 8<sup>th</sup> July**: we are looking for 10 families 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](mailto:friendsofbcsa@gmail.com).

