



BCS NEWS

24th March 2023

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

Head's News

It has been wonderful to welcome so many of you to school this week for parent consultations. The hall has been filled with rich conversations around your children's learning and progress, and how they are growing and developing their own individual personalities within our school environment. As I wandered around the hall, I could hear the words 'compassion, honesty and wisdom' being used over and over again in all corners of the room.

Our school values really are alive within our school, threaded through learning, spoken about and reflected on in Collective Worship and displayed out on the playground or in the lunch hall. To be able to share the growth of our values, and how well the foundations of learning are being embedded in your children has been such a pleasure.

As with everyone, adults and children alike, learning is one continual journey as we move through life and so it felt very positive that so many of you showed such a willingness to embrace suggestions for support that can be offered at home to further help your children's learning and help develop their curiosity for the world even more. We will continue to develop our programme of workshops and events to inform families of teaching methods and strategies we use in the classroom.



1R practical maths: standing in height order!

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32



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Key Dates



Mon 27th March

Easter church service at St Stephen's 8.45am

Weds 29th March

School concert 5.30pm

Fri 31st March

Shared Learning: EYFS 2pm and KS1 2.45pm

Fri 31st March

FOBCSA Bunraiser at 3.15pm and 4.30pm

Easter Holidays

Mon 3rd April – Fri 14th April

Monday 17th April

Start of Term 5

Monday 1st May

May Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May

Bank Holiday for the coronation of King Charles III

29th May – 2nd June

Half term

Monday 5th June

Start of Term 6

Friday 21st July

Last day of term

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In other news

The development of our exciting new multi-function learning space is well underway. The children have been extremely tolerant of the builders carrying bits and pieces up the stairs and the lull of tools and hammers providing a soundtrack to their day. Here's a sneaky preview...

As the builders need to use some parking spaces for their vans and materials, there are fewer spaces available than usual. Please, where possible, walk, scooter or cycle to school over the coming week.

Parking at Barnes Lodge

Please can we remind those families dropping children off for the walking bus that we are not allowed to use the Barnes Lodge carpark for this purpose. The care home needs access to the carpark at all times. I am aware they have put new procedures in place to ensure we adhere to their rules. These have not been put in place in conjunction with the school, but they are protecting their space and residents.



Attendance figures

This week's winners were 3T with their amazing 100% attendance record! In second place were 3P with 98.1% and in 3rd place were Squirrels with 97%. There's always a huge cheer when the winning class is announced in Celebration Worship on a Friday morning – here are three of the delighted winners!

School concert

The children have been rehearsing all week ready for our first ever school concert next Weds 29th March at 5.30pm. There will be solos and duets from children who learn instruments, class performances from years 1 – 5 and a choral performance from our growing school choir – guaranteed to bring a tear to the eye! All children years 1-5 are invited to attend, dressed smartly in school uniform, at 5.15pm. Please do book on Arbor under 'Trips' if you would like to attend. If there are enough spaces showing on Monday we will open up so that more than one parent/carer per child can come.

Phonics screening workshop

Parents in Year 1 will have received an invitation for a phonics screening workshop at the start of next term. I would encourage parents to attend to better understand the importance of young children securing their knowledge of phonics in order to develop their reading skills more successfully. Reading opens the doors for most of our curriculum and it is imperative we help our children open the doors.

Easter Church Service – Mon 27th March

A reminder that we will meet at St Stephen's Church on Monday morning for our whole school Easter service – please drop children off at the usual drop off time of 8.45am (breakfast club will also be at the church from 7.30am). Please do not drop your children at school. Please ensure your children arrive on time. Children will be greeted by staff members, who will direct them to their class inside the church. The service will be led by High Hopes, who regularly lead interactive and engaging Collective Worships at school. We are very much looking forward to celebrating Easter at the church as a whole school.



KS1 news

Year 1

Year 1 have been enthused by their new book this term: *Traction Man*. They have loved learning about his different adventures and the missions he completes. The children have worked extremely hard to develop their language and vocabulary to describe the characters in the book. They have learnt how to write verbs in the past tense, using the suffix 'ed'.



In Maths, children have learnt about height and length this week. We have been exploring how to measure the length and height of objects around the classroom using both standard and non-standard measures.

In R.E, we went on an Easter egg hunt to find different parts of the Easter story. We worked together to order the events of Holy Week and reminded our groups of what happened and how people felt throughout the events. We learnt about the significance of an egg at Easter and the symbol of new life.

Year 2

In English, we have been reading the text *The Disgusting Sandwich*. The children have enjoyed this text and the twist at the end of the story. Using incredible vocabulary and sentence starters, the children retold the story in an exciting and engaging way.

Later on this week, the children designed their own disgusting sandwich and used this in their plan for their own version of the story, which they will begin to write next week.

In Maths, the children have finished the unit of measure. The children learnt the terms 'volume' and 'capacity' and learnt how to read scales in 2s, 5s and 10s. At the end of the week, we began to learn about fractions of shapes and will begin to look at fractions of number.

Year 2 have learned about the Easter story and the importance of Easter in the Christian calendar. The children have had a fantastic time making their Easter gardens. Some of the Easter gardens will be shared during our church service on Monday.

2H have enjoyed outdoor learning. This week, they enjoyed a hot chocolate break in their outdoor learning lesson.



Open Classrooms

Don't forget our Shared Learning experiences for Early Years and Key Stage 1 parents next week. The staff and children are very much looking forward to opening their classroom doors to you all.

Classrooms for KS1 will be open from 2.45pm. Please wait outside reception and we will let you in.

For EYFS: at 2.00pm, you are welcome to come into school for the 'passing out' of astronaut school presentation as part of our Space Day. This will also be an opportunity for you to find out about some of the children's learning and hear the children perform a space song.





Dance competition

On Monday 27th March, a group of our Year 5 girls will be attending a school dance competition 'The Great Big Dance Off' at the Brooke Theatre, Chatham. Here's a sneak preview of them rehearsing. Wishing them all the best!



FOBCSA update

We were so delighted with the success of the sponsored read and Book Fair during Book Week. Thank you all so much for your purchases and excellent children's reading!

Don't forget next Friday's Bunraiser – last year's was a sell-out – we will be at pick up at 3.15pm and 4.30pm with our special Easter guest...! Gluten free options also available.



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