



Newsletter

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Dear families,
Thank you to everyone who completed the recent questionnaire. It was really helpful to hear your views and as a result, we will be making a few changes after Easter. The only MCAS notifications you will get during the school day (8:30-3:15) moving forward will be if your child has a first aid issue.

Any other communication via this method will occur outside of school hours, including the fortnightly newsletter. All information about events, trips, services, clubs etc can be found on the website or in the newsletter therefore reminders will not be sent out via MCAS. Hopefully this will streamline messages and enable you to only receive the most important ones during the school day.

Our community morning worked well with each team focusing on an element of Bolney life.

Restoration Team Restoring the old Mill Post	Fungi Squad Identifying and protecting our environment
Bird Feeders Protecting our wildlife	Speed Limit reminders Keeping cars safe on the roads

You may have seen some of our new speed awareness signs around the village!



Each child also took part in a litter picking poster competition and the winners received a £10 book voucher. Entries will be displayed in the Rawson Hall.



Class Winners: Dolly, Ben, Scarlett and Sonny
Overall winner: Sophia.

Willow Class

In Willow Class we finished our Everyday Superheroes focus with a visit from the Burgess Hill fire-crew.



We have used drama to re-enact the Easter story and built our own Easter garden. We have made crosses for our Easter Service and talked about it's symbolism. In maths we have been working out

1 more and 1 less than numbers to 10. We have learnt more new digraphs and used these in our Easter cards. We have observed changes around us that show us Spring has arrived. We have talked about activities we like to do to stay fit and healthy and foods that are healthy. We visited the church and saw the empty tomb, ready for the Easter services. Some children had the chance to decorate the tomb with Mrs Harvey.



Beech Class

On Tuesday we got to visit Woods Mill for our school trip. We had an incredible time and learnt a lot! We spent the day doing so many different activities in the forest such as:



Animal home making
Listening stones
Nature sticker strips
Coloured egg box habitats
Bird watching
Pond dipping
Exploring animal bones / skulls
Looking at bird nests
Minibeast hunt

We have adopted a cross-curricular approach in maths and art this half term. This means we are hitting targets in more than one subject in one lesson! To support our 2D shape work in maths we created bunting. We had a go at designing some bunting and then attempted a running stitch! We tried really hard and made some beautiful art work.



This half term we have been looking at the symbols of Easter and what they represent. The symbols we explored were: Palm leaves (celebrating Jesus), bread and wine (last supper), swords (betrayal), the cross (Jesus' death) and the rolled stone (resurrection). To consolidate our learning, we made an alter cloth which we will share at the Easter Service.

Holly Class

Another busy and fun end to our term.

In English, we have finished our top copy of our narrative 'Flood', we finished our travel brochures using Publisher and we have written acrostic and Kenning poems! We have learned about headings and subheadings for our information pages which we will continue after Easter.

In maths, we have been exploring fractions. The year 3's have been learning more about denominators and the year 4's have been recapping equal parts and understanding the whole. We can see the link between our times tables and division work. We have continued to use TT Rockstars and complete speed tests. The children love seeing how much they are improving

each time. If you can support your child doing more of this at home over Easter, we would be extremely grateful.

In science, we made weather booklets to observe weather over time which was the theme for British Science Week. We used the internet weather forecast and the old fashioned thermometer and compared them!

We made Easter style rice krispie cakes to sell at the cake fair as we made an extra to put into an Easter basket that we made too.



To help us with our information writing, we made a house that could either withstand a flood or an earthquake. We realised that as we had used mostly cardboard, our houses would not do very well being tested with water so we decided to test them for being earthquake proof instead. We tested them out using Mrs Booty's tester!



We learned about the British Red Cross and what to do in an emergency regarding a natural disaster such as a flood. We really enjoyed decorating our

pillowcases whilst thinking about what belongings would we decide to take if we only had a pillowcase to fit them all in.



In Computing, we continued tinkering with Logo and programmed a turtle to make various numbers. The children showed great resilience having to 'debug' their code to find out where it went wrong and to then write more code to continue.

Silver Birch Class

In Silver Birch we have been rounding off our history focus on WW2 by researching and writing about an area of the war that we have been particularly interested in. This has been a good opportunity to discuss and find out more about things that we haven't covered in class and there has been a wide range of topics – from Stalingrad to Japanese involvement in the war to key figures and rationing. We have been focusing on writing accurately and concisely in order to reword information from our research.

In maths, Year 6 have been investigating area, perimeter and volume. We have been looking at multi step problems and carefully thinking about how to unpick questions and work out what we need to do. Year 5 have been working really hard on decimals and lots of the children have been really proud and positive now that they can see their progress

and understanding improving. In science, we continued using some of the Science Week resources and we conducted another practical investigation around the theme of time. We were tasked with creating a reliable method to count 5 or 10 seconds. We imagined what it would be like without technology or clocks and we came up with marble runs and even an attempted pendulum to try and make our own timekeeping devices. Well done to Saskia and Dot who managed to create an incredibly accurate system that timed in at 4.9 seconds! We have finished our class reader 'Letters From The Lighthouse' and have returned to 'Can You See Me?' a book we started before Christmas. It was very impressive to see how much the children could remember from it! Well done to Hattie for representing the school in the Cross Country Finals.



Easter Egg Hunt & Cake Sale
Many thanks to the FOB for arranging the Easter Egg Hunt.



KS1 had a fab time searching for their eggs, and KS2 really enjoyed cracking their codes for theirs. Thank you also for your donations of cakes, the sale made £101.97!

WELLIES

After Easter, we will have welly storage in place for each class so please remember to send in a labelled pair of wellies for your child/ren to be kept in school for playtimes.

Look out for our **latest On-Line Safety Newsletter** – you can find it on the website too!



Friends of Bolney NEWS

This term we have focused on lots of fun events for the children!! These included the Disco, Golden Ticket Chocolate Bar sale, Mother's Day craft clubs and an Easter egg hunt with a difference! In total all of these events and the recent cake sale, raised £636.58! Thank you so much for supporting these fundraisers.

Tesco's Stronger Start- Bolney School has been selected as one of the causes customers can vote for with the tokens in store. If you, your friends or families shop in Tesco's Burgess Hill please vote for Bolney School. The project with the

most votes receives £1,500. This would go towards the new climbing frame. Voting is from the beginning of April to the end of June.

A couple of dates for the Summer Term...

Tuesday 21st May - Community Coffee Morning

Some of the pupils will be hosting a coffee morning for the residents of Bolney at The Rawson Hall. A great opportunity for the children to engage with villagers and show appreciation for their support of the school.

Saturday 20th July - Summer Family Event!

Please save the date and more details will follow soon.

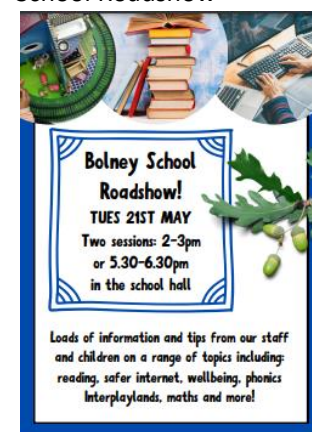
Happy Easter!
Friends of Bolney

Diary Dates:

See the website calendar for important dates:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/calendar/223211>

A date for your diary! Bolney School Roadshow



Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School

