



Newsletter

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Dear families,

The first two weeks of term have flown by and children are now well into their new projects. It has been lovely to see so many of you in school for 'Meet the Teacher' sessions and hopefully you have noted the introduction of the calming hessian display boards which reflect our dyslexia friendly school status.

The children in Beech, Holly and Silver Birch have begun their campaigns in readiness for the School and Eco Council elections in early October and Willow class have settled amazingly well with the help of their Year 6 buddies and the amazing teaching team of Mrs Cheney and Miss Willard.

Last week Silver Birch were a credit to the school and their families whilst away at Hindleap. Their behaviour and engagement was fantastic and they emersed themselves into all that the week had to offer. A big thank you to Mr Pitt, Mrs Wood and Mrs Taub for supporting the children over the course of the week.

Lastly, you may have heard your child talking about going 'over and above'. This is part of our updated behaviour policy and is based on the research by Paul Dix who believes that 'if you reward children for going over and above then there is no limit to their excellent behaviour'. Those children going over and above will be recognised in our Friday Celebration assemblies.

Willow Class

In Willow we have settled well and started our new topic Homes and Castles and our key question Who Lives There? We have loved meeting our buddies and getting the hang of new routines like lunch, snack, changing for PE and playtimes. We have shared books and stories like You're Called What?, A Place Called Home, The Colour Monster, Winston the Book Wolf, Our House, Pete the Cat and his New Shoes and Pete the Cat and his 4 Groovy Buttons, The Very Busy Spider and A Pocketful of Kisses! We have worked on our fine motor skills, including holding pencils well, threading, pinching and writing our names. We have played games to encourage turn taking, listening and learning names and been practising counting objects. This week we have talked about our favourite foods, including fruits and vegetables, ready for Harvest Festival next Friday.



Beech Class

In Beech, the children have immersed themselves in finding out all about castles as part of their big question, 'How do we look after each other?'



Each child has made their own castle and will be adding design and detail over the coming weeks. Just perfect for their mini mes!



It has been fantastic to see how well Year 1 and 2 are working together, making new friendships as well as building on old ones. It will be exciting to see where this project takes them!



Holly Class

We have settled well into a new term and have already been extremely busy!

We started the term with the big unveiling of our project about the Romans and starting to explore our big question. We decided to be soldiers and made helmets and shields. We had a go at marching and learning about the Roman battle technique called Testudo.



Another activity we did was to make Honey Oat biscuits just like the Romans would have eaten. The children were split in their opinions of whether they liked them or not but everyone tried them!



We have been lucky enough to start our music sessions with Russ and we had our first drum session. The children loved it and are already sounding musical!



In English we started our text, Escape from Pompeii and have been learning about prepositional phrases, expanded noun phrases and lots of other grammatical terms.

In maths we have revisited place value, exploring numbers to 1000, partitioning, number lines and sequences. We have been on TT Rockstars to launch into learning our timetables.

Silver Birch Class

We have started the term well – thinking about our key question – what makes a good friend? We started with some drama and roleplay, considering how friendship may help a mountain rescue crew in a life/death situation.

We have focused a lot on teamwork, listening and cooperation – our residential at Hindleap gave us loads of chances to work on this. Abseiling required encouragement and overcoming nerves, archery required determination and teamwork and organization was essential for our map reading, orienteering and forest adventures. The children all coped really well with being away from home and experiencing bed making, some foods and activities for the first time. They were probably the tidiest and keenest to shower bunch we've taken!

In maths, we have been focusing on place value, reading, writing and comparing numbers. Our science focus is states of matter – we have recapped solids, liquids and gases – making oobleck to observe how non-Newtonian fluids act. The year 6s are keen to apply for leadership roles and have really enjoyed getting to know their reception buddies. The year 5s are also keen to apply

for sports crew and look after ks1 at lunch times.

Hindleap Warren fun – see photos here:

https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/hindleap_warren_2023/663168#album898345

No Smoking

Please respect that the school and its environment has a **no smoking policy**, especially when waiting for the children and the beginning and the end of the day by the gate and on the field.



Parking on The Street

As families are aware, the parking spaces outside the school are limited and whilst the aim is for this area to be used primarily for parents with pre-school children, it still fills up. We have in the past asked for families to find alternative places to park within the village and offer the walking bus on a Tuesday morning too. Unfortunately, already this term we have had complaints about parents parking in front of the houses near the Eight Bells towards the A272. This is a very narrow stretch of road and therefore does not allow for buses or larger vehicles to pass if cars are parked there too, hence there have been a few times recently when the bus has had to wait for the cars to be moved. Please **DO NOT PARK** here.



The Vicarage

A removal company will need to bring their two large vehicles on to the car park on Tuesday and Wednesday 3rd and 4th October. Please be aware and try not to use the car park on these dates.

Interplayland



As part of the introduction of this new initiative, staff have been trained on the theory that links courageous creativity with high quality writing. Giving children a chance to rehearse and immerse before the writing stage is powerful and supports all writers but particularly those who are more reluctant. Your child may talk about their 'mini me', which is also being used a tool for talk. We will share more about the impact that Interplayland is having on our learners over the course of the year.

Packed lunches

A polite reminder that as we are a nut free school, please ensure that any chocolate spread is nut free and peanut butter is not used as a sandwich filler. We provide fruit snacks for EYFS and KS1 and we asked children in KS2 to be provided with a healthy fruit snack for break times. We have re-introduced the Chartwells menu that contain egg but would ask that parents are still mindful of using egg products in packed lunches. Thank you as always for your understanding and support.

Parent Governor

We are on the lookout for a new parent Governor to join our board. If you are interested,

please let us know. Nomination forms will come out soon.

Harvest Festival

Next week we celebrate Harvest Festival focusing on Our Wonderful World. You are welcome to join us in church on 29th September, next Friday morning at 9am. We would like to collect items for Haywards Heath Foodbank and will be collecting these at the gate and in classes. They are particularly in need of long life milk, long life juices, tins of fruit and vegetables, packets of rice, coffee, biscuits, squash, coffee and tortilla wraps. Toiletries, baby milk and larger sized nappies are also useful. In the afternoon the **Gardening Club** would like to share Harvest Soup, giving thanks for everything they have grown. Join children in the hall from 2:30pm next Friday.



On Tuesday 3rd Oct 2023 2-3pm and Thursday 5th October 10-11am the foodbank are opening their warehouse to share winter coats and clothes for children under age of 5years (9a Delaware Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 3UX).

Values Awards

The new look value certificates are given out each week to children who have gone 'over and above'.

This week's certificates:

Love- Frankie W
Respect- Maddison B
Resilience- Elliott C
Honesty- Logan E



Friends of Bolney NEWS:

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays! A reminder that our next meeting is at 7pm on Wednesday 11th October at The Eight Bells. Please join us to discuss our fundraising goals and share ideas for this school year. This year a focus will be to raise money towards new playground equipment for the back playground, as well as funding all of the other items that Friends of Bolney support throughout the school year. We will be in touch soon with some upcoming dates for your diaries. We hope to see you on the 11th October!

Friends of Bolney

Diary Dates:

Harvest Festival - Friday 29th September 9am, families welcome. Please bring any donated food items before

Year 6 Bikeability – Tuesday 3rd October – Friday 6th October

Year 6 Height & Weight check – Tuesday 3rd October

See the website calendar for lots more dates:

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

Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School