



Newsletter

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End of
school year
newsletter

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2020

Dear families,

What a strange and unusual school year this has been. I do not think any of us thought it would be like this last September. Thank-you everyone for doing so well and being so supportive. We are so pleased to have been able to invite every child to school for either the transition sessions or story hours if they were not already attending school over the summer term. Having not seen many of the children for a while, we really noticed how much they have grown! We have missed them, and you, so much.

Transition Sessions

It has been lovely to see all the children come in for their transition sessions with their new teachers. The children made the most of using the outdoor environment and enjoyed den building and art using what they could find around them.



We also welcomed some new children that will be joining us in September. Already it is as if they have always been with

us as the children have been so welcoming to them.



Story Hour Sessions

Reception and Year 1 came into school for Story Hour. The children shared a variety of different stories and took part in lots of exciting activities that included treasure hunts, hide and seek, drama and phonics based learning.



Farewell to Y6

On Wednesday, we said goodbye to our Year 6s. Although it was not the ending for them that we would have predicted, we were still able to enjoy many of the Bolney traditions with them – albeit some adapted. On Monday, we held our Year 6 awards. The staff really struggled to decide who the awards should go to, as there could have been multiple winners for each of the awards.

Finally, decisions were made:



Mia was awarded the Values Cup.



Callum was awarded the Kit Barker Progress in Reading Award.



Harry was awarded the Sports Person Cup.

Y6 Virtual Production and Leavers' Service

The Year 6s also wowed us with their many talents they displayed for their virtual production. This comprised of songs, dance mash ups,

science experiments and even a mini Guinea Pig Olympics. The children showed real ownership over their production even down to the effects that they wanted between different videos!



We were lucky enough to film our Leavers' Service in the church where the Year 6s read out their memories with such care and confidence. The video finished off with a short photo montage of the children throughout their time with us. Many tissues were needed when we all viewed it as a school.

Virtual Sports Celebration

Instead of Sports Day this year, we asked children to send in short videos showing them doing different sports. These were then put together into year group videos which can be found on the gallery page on the website. The children in school really enjoyed watching them all and we could see lots of fun was had creating the videos.

Summer Reading

Even though we hope for beautiful weather over the next six weeks it is still special to snuggle up to read a book together.

Don't forget about the Summer Reading Challenge which is happening online, children can register at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.

Also the government have published a document to

encourage reading at home found using this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read>

Look ahead to September

We sent, by email, the plans for all children to return to school in September. These letters are also on our website. If there are any changes before September 3rd we will let you know by email.

School meals

Normal school meals will resume in September with free school meals for KS1 and Reception. Parents do need to pay for school meals for KS2 children – so if your child is starting in Year 3 in September this applies to you too.

Keeping safe

Attached with this newsletter is a letter from Sussex Police with some key information and contacts.

Please keep safe over the summer. We look forward to seeing everyone in September and hope you have an enjoyable time until then. Thank-you to all the key workers who have kept critical areas going during this difficult time. We hope all of you who need to keep working over the rest of the summer that all goes smoothly and that you get some rest and fun.

Thank-you

Thank-you for all your kind and thoughtful messages of support you have sent us since the start of lockdown. They have made a big difference to us and we have really appreciated them. Everyone both at school and at home have been amazing. We feel very proud of our wonderful school community and how our values of love, respect, honesty and resilience have been shown in abundance. Thank-you.

Dates for your Diary

Year R transition session

Tuesday 1st September
10.30 – 11.30

School starts:

Thursday 3rd September

INSET day:

Monday 28th September

Half term:

Monday 26th October to
Friday 30th October

INSET day:

Monday 2nd November

Last day of autumn term:

Friday 18th December

Spring term starts:

Monday 4th January 2021

INSET days 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Monday 5th July 2021

**Thank- you for your
continued support with all
that we do.**

**Mrs Kenny and all staff at
Bolney CEP School**