

## Dear families,

Across the country, it has been Mental Health Awareness Week with the theme of nature. As the daylight hours are getting longer we hope you have more time to be outside enjoying our beautiful surroundings and all that springtime has to offer.

## Willow

In Willow Class we have continued our Achievers theme, by planting potatoes.



We read Eddie's Garden and have talked about pests. In maths year 1 have been adding equal groups and started making arrays. Year R have been working on counting beyond 10 and reading numbers to 20 and using language to describe position. We have shared the story of the Good Samaritan in RE and in our Jigsaw session we talked about the importance of sleep and what hazards there are around the house.

#### Beech

Beech Class have been talking about being healthy and how we can be healthy. We looked at food groups in our Jigsaw

# Newsletter

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lessons and the concept of a balanced diet.



We found out what food comes from plants in our science lessons and within this what food is a fruit, leaves, stem, flower and root. In English we have used all our knowledge to start to write a 'Healthy Me' guide and we will be designing a PowerPoint to share this guide with Silver Birch. So far the children know how to insert a new slide and change the design of the slide so our computing lessons are building on these skills. In PE we looked at running techniques and videoed ourselves before we learned about using our arms to help us and then videoed afterwards. We could see an improvement!

## Holly

Over the last couple of weeks in Holly Class, the children have begun looking at fractions. They have covered looking at the parts of a fraction, fractions of amounts and equivalent fractions. Some children have managed to spot lots of links to their timetables, which is brilliant! In English, we have



continued reading the Wilderness War and held a debate about whether there should be houses built on the cricket field. There were some excellent points raised on both sides but ultimately the class voted to not build the houses. As part of our science, we have been exploring bones. We were very lucky to receive a visit from Henry's Mum to tell us all about her work that she does - it was fascinating! Last week, we investigated how bones are used to support our organs. The children were given the challenge to build a structure using 10 pieces of paper and 1 metre of sticky tape that could support the weight of a tennis ball.



## **Silver Birch**

In Silver Birch, we have been writing stories focusing on showing character and creating tension. We were inspired by 'Hugo Cabret' and tried to emulate the intricate detail through our own effective descriptions.

In maths we have been focusing on measurements, firstly looking at metric units and converting between them before discussing the imperial units we still have in everyday life such as pints, pounds, ounces and inches. We have focused on solving real life problems involving converting e.g. using recipes. In science we have continued to focus on healthy lifestyles - we debated whether a new snack bar should be sold due to its sugar and fat content and whether companies or individuals have responsibility to share information on ingredients in food. We have also discussed unhealthy lifestyle choices such as smoking and alcohol. For our Change Makers theme we have been looking at the causes of climate change. We thought about everyday objects such as tinned food and bread and the processes involved that contribute to climate change such as transport and factory processing. We also considered how reliant we are on fossil fuels in everyday life.

## Masks

As mentioned in the email sent home. As the rates have reduced considerably, along with the vaccination programme going so well, our school governors have decided that the wearing of masks when bringing children to school and collecting them from school can now be optional. This will also be optional for staff at the gate. Please continue with maintaining 2 metres distance from each other and we ask you to keep the time at the front of the school to a minimum... We so hope everything continues to improve and we thank-you so much for your cooperation with all of this.

#### **Midday Meals Supervisor**

We are pleased to announce that we have made an appointment for Mrs Beart's replacement for the Midday Meals Supervisor role and we welcome Mrs Diana Irwin from Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. We thank Mrs Beart very much for all her brilliant work with us and wish her all the best with her new career.

#### **Mrs Burton's leave**

We will be very sad to say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Burton on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May, but we wish her and her husband all the very best! They are adopting two gorgeous girls and are very excited about all the adventures they will have.

## **Request from the Church**

There are a few funerals taking place in the next few weeks, where access to the car park will be limited. Please do not park in the car park on the afternoon of these dates – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks.

## Friends of Bolney Non-uniform days

To collect items for the bottle tombola stall at Bolney Village Day children can wear their home clothes to school in exchange for a bottle donation. These are on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

#### Next meeting

The next Friends of Bolney School committee meeting will take place on Wednesday 9th June, 8pm in the outdoor seating area at the Eight Bells pub. They have lovely volunteers from across every age group at school, and everyone is welcome! They will be discussing the forthcoming Village Day (Saturday 3rd July) and Vegas Night (Friday 8th October). If you would like any further information or you have any fundraising ideas, please email: friendsofbolney@gmail.com.

#### **Covid Symptoms**

Please email <u>office@bolneyprimary.school</u> if your child develops any symptoms of Covid in the next two days.

#### Diary Dates Non Uniform Days

Non Uniform Day for a Bottle Tombola item – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

## Summer Half Term

Week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> May Children return to school Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June (Inset Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June)

# Sports Morning Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Warden Park Induction Day Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

> Village Day Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

## INSET days 2020-2021

Monday 7th June 2021 Monday 5th July 2021

Summer Term Ends Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## INSET days 2021-22

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School