

Dear families,

Christmas fun has begun and we have had a very busy two weeks! There are lots of videos and photos on our website: https://www.bolneyschool.org.u k/website/december 2021/587 155

Willow

In Willow Class we have reached the end of our Problem Solvers theme and have explored what it means to be a problem solver. We have learnt about the Great Fire of London, the problems that led up to fire and the solutions. This week we have drawn and written about the Great Fire of London and found out what happened after the Great Fire of London and how London was rebuilt. Year 1 have been writing addition number sentences within 10 and bonds to 10 and Year R have been counting objects to 5 and to 10.



We performed our Nativity! The children were fabulous.

Beech

Brilliant Beech! This week we reached our 'pennies in pot' target of 200 and were rewarded with a trip to the park to have some fun!

Newsletter

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We walked the same route as we did back in the autumn and noticed many differences along the way.



In particular the deciduous trees that now stand bare. We were really excited to see the building of the new skate ramp on Batchelor's field and were delighted to meet Mrs Burton and her girls on the swings.



On our return to school we popped into church to look at the crib and answered Reverend Michael's question about why there is no Jesus in the manger



We matched the scene to our 'Prickly Hay' nativity that we



enjoyed performing this week and hope that you enjoy watching it too.

Holly

We have had a Christmassy two weeks. We have been filming our research group's presentations to share with you showing all our fantastic learning during our Roman theme and our characteristics of being achievers and negotiators. The children have worked hard and have produced some informative PowerPoints, props and posters.



We have been solving Christmas related problems in maths which definitely challenged us and we showed resilience and perseverance which is tricky at this time of year as we are very tired!

In science we have been making fat balls for our birds as we have been reading the book 'Coming Home' by Michael Morpurgo. The story is all about a robin travelling a perilous journey all the way back home. In English we have been discussing what home means to us and using our senses to describe what we see, hear, feel and smell in our homes- wet dog and yummy food were common answers! We shared our wonderful topic home learning too, we had some lovely shields, volcanoes and much more!



In PE we completed our dance routine - video to come shortly! We also finished our chariots and had a chariot race as well as singing beautifully in our Carol Service.



Silver Birch

In Silver Birch we have rounded off our focus on friends and risk takers. We considered which was more important to the success (survival) of Shackleton's crew – or if luck was the most important factor. We also finished off our collaborative art/map of Antarctica. We all contributed in some way – through patterns and design of the sea, creating the peaks and texture on the continent itself or by adding key locations and route information.



We have also written diaries, stories, poems or information pages on the World War I Christmas Day truce in 1914. The children physically reenacted the division of trenches and we watched some short clips to inspire us.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION From January 1st 2022 we will become a <u>NUT FREE</u> school. Please check what you put in lunch boxes and ensure they contain no nuts. This includes some cereal bars and pesto.

FOB Christmas Sponsored Mile

Many thanks to everyone that sponsored the children for this event. We braved Storm Barra and went for it and the children loved it! We will let you know when we have the final amount raised. Father Christmas even made an appeance!





Christmas Carol singing at Eastridge Manor:



Poppy the Christmas Horse came to visit us too!



Christmas Lunch:



KS1 Nativity 2021:



KS2 Carol Service 2021:



Showing our values well The values trophies were presented to: Jude and Frankie



Larna and Eddie



Thanks and Appreciation Thank-you to the Friends of Bolney for organising such brilliant fundraising events and to everyone who has supported these. Thank-you also to everyone who has been into school to help. Both of these make a huge difference to us and are very much appreciated.

Covid-19 preventative measures

Please email <u>office@bolneyprimary.school</u> if your child develops any COVID symptoms or test positive for COVID over the holidays.

Diary Dates:

Return to school Tuesday 4th January 2022

NUT FREE SCHOOL From 1st January 2022

Spring Half Term w/c 21st February 2022 INSET Monday 28th February return Tuesday 1st March

Last day of spring term 8th April 2022

First day of summer term Monday 25th April 2022

Summer Half Term w/c 30th May 2022 INSET Monday 6th June return Tuesday 7th June

Last day of summer term Thursday 21st July 2022

Sports Morning Wednesday 8th June 2022 (15th June is our reserve day)

Silver Birch Summer Production Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July 6pm at the Rawson Hall (COVID situation allowing)

INSET days 2021-22 Monday 28th February 2022 Monday 6th June 2022 Monday 4th July 2022

Additional holiday day

In lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee extended bank holiday, there is an additional holiday day on 22nd July 2022 therefore the school year will end on Thursday 21st July.



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School

