



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,
What a jam-packed fortnight we have had!

Willow Class

This week we have read *The Cat in the Hat* and talked about words that rhyme. We read *The Teddy Robber*, about a giant who loses his teddy. We have read more of the favourite stories children have brought in to share from home. We have been practising writing our names. We have started phonics activities; talked about sounds and letter names, capital letters and when to use them. Our sounds this week have been s, a, t. We've looked for words that start with these sounds and tried writing them correctly.



We have practised counting accurately to 10. We have tried hard to use kind hands, to share and take turns but are getting quite tired now.

Beech Class

Beech Class started the week with a fantastic trip to Leonardslee Gardens. We learned so much about not only toys of the past but how people lived



when we visited the Dolls House exhibition. We walked around the gardens observing the autumn colours

and spent time appreciating our wonderful environment. As we walked around we collected some



autumn leaves and when we arrived back we gathered autumn words to help us write a poem.

To collect adverbs to describe how the leaves move we used a parachute and lifted our leaves into the air and watched them land. Beech Class has also started to



create their own Dolls House with floors and rooms. The children have planned and designed what they would like

it to look like and what it should have inside. Over the next few weeks we will be adding to it and making furniture using our science knowledge of materials. In maths we have been recalling number bonds to 20 and using this pattern to help us with number bonds to 30 and other numbers to 100. We have compared numbers using greater than, less than and equal to symbols as well as writing numbers in words.

We have discussed goals in our character matters sessions and thinking about what we are good at and what we need to get better at but remembering how important it is to ask for help to achieve our goals. In R.E we have been exploring the parable *The Lost Son* and how God forgives us all. We acted out scenarios where we may have made mistakes but we are forgiven after saying sorry. Do you know of any other parables in the Bible?

Holly Class

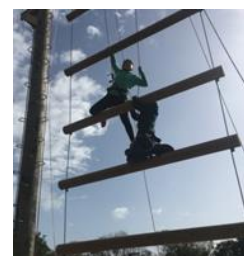
This week we have been researching volcanoes. We have learned about the difference between magma and lava, why volcanoes erupt, what animals live near them (rabbits!) or bathe near them (monkeys!) and presented beautiful fact pages. We

will find out the link between volcanoes and the Romans very soon... In maths we have been working on addition strategies, discussing when to count on, when to partition, use number lines or a formal written method as well as solving problems involving addition. We looked at Roman chariots in DT and begun to plan out our own chariots which we will be building later on this term. In RE we have learned about the many, many, many different Hindu gods and goddesses. Can you remember how many there are?

Silver Birch Class

The children are still buzzing from their exciting trip to Kingswood. Although some were a little worried before they went, this did not stand in the way of them throwing themselves into all the opportunities that were offered to them. It was lovely to see the

children's confidence grow as the week went on. When the children first arrived, the children settled well into their rooms (although the bed making was interesting to watch!) They knew they were going to be subjected to room inspections so they were very good in ensuring they kept their rooms tidy - most of the time! Throughout the week, the children took part in a range of different activities: fencing, night line,



zip wire and abseiling to name a few. Even Mrs Kenny and Mrs Burton had a go at the zip wire! But, of course, the overwhelming

favourite was the infamous 3G Swing. All children really pushed themselves to their best and their

resilience was noted, not only by all the school staff, but by instructors and even the wider community of staff at Kingswood. To say that we are proud of each and every one of them is a profound understatement. They conducted themselves beautifully and supported each other so well. They even made sure they were all asleep by 10 o'clock every night - just to let the adults have a little rest too!



Once we arrived back in school, the children were very eager to write about their trip. We settled on diary entries as it allowed them to have a little fun with their writing. The children are very much looking forward to sharing some of these in the next Celebration Assembly.

Football and Netball

Last week some Y3 children went to a netball festival and some Y3 and Y4 children went to a football festival. They all had a great time. Here is a report written by the Y3 children about the netball.

On Monday 30th September 2019, 9 year three children went to Oathall School to play netball.

We learnt netball skills like pivoting, defending and attacking. We had to see how many balls we could shoot into the netball hoop – Jett scored the most. In one group we played a match and in another we practised the three netball passes which are – the overhead pass, the chest pass and the bounce pass. We all had lots of fun and learnt new skills. Thanks you to Mrs Green and all the parents who took us.



Handwashing

The children have been excellent at handwashing to help prevent any bugs being shared. Public Health England have thanked us for putting precautions in place so quickly to reduce the risks of any possible infections spreading. Thank-you for your support with this, we are so pleased that the children who have been unwell are on the mend. It seems that no new illness has occurred which is great news.

Harvest Service – new date!

Please join us for our harvest service on **Thursday 24th October** at 2.15pm in St Mary Magdalene Church. All year groups take part in this lovely service. Food donations are gratefully received for the Haywards Heath Food Bank. We so hope you are able to join us for this!

BIG Soup Share – new date!

Please join us to share in our harvest of vegetables, grown by gardening club, in the form of soup! Come and find us on **Friday 25th October** from 2.45pm if you would like to try our healthy soup.

Open morning and Open afternoon

On Wednesday 23rd October we have our open morning from 9.30 to 12.00 for families with pre-school children to visit our school. Then in the afternoon you can come and share your child's learning with them in their class from 2.30.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Josh for showing love by helping others and Amber for showing love by being kind and caring.

Brain of Bolney 2019

Bolney Village Society is holding a fun filled quiz evening on Saturday 19th October at the Rawson Hall from 7pm. Tickets are available from the Batchelor's Field Café as well as from Nikki Johnson or Graham Forster – check the poster for more info!

Dates for your Diary

Year 6 Bikeability

Week commencing 14th October and 5th November

Friends of Bolney next meeting and AGM

Thursday 17th October at 7.30pm in the school hall

Open morning for prospective parents

Wednesday 23rd October
9.30-12.00

Sharing learning

Wednesday 23rd October from 2.30pm

Friends of Bolney Bake Sale

Thursday 24th October 3pm
Bake donations welcome

Half Term

Week commencing 28th October with an Inset day on Monday 4th November

National Curriculum Expectations meeting for parents

All meetings start at 6pm
Year 1 and 2 - Wednesday 6th November (separate for each year group)
Year 3 and 4 - Tuesday 12th November
Year R - Tuesday 19th November
Year 5 and 6 - Thursday 21st November

Silver Birch trip

Wednesday 20th November

Friends of Bolney Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December

Willow and Beech Class Nativity

Monday 16th December and Tuesday 17th December at 2pm
We will let you know when tickets are available.

School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December
All the school eat together and Chartwells serve a Christmas dinner

INSET days 2019-2020

Monday 4th November 2019
Monday June 1st 2020
Monday July 6th 2020
Monday July 20th 2020 (so we finish the school year on Friday 17th July)

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School