



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

The last week before Christmas is always an exciting one with some very special performances and fun things happening.

Willow and Beech Class Nativity Play

Here is a report written by our two Y6 reporters, Katie and Rhudi.

NATIVITY!

Earlier this week, Beech and Willow class performed a stunning Nativity. KS2 watched the dress rehearsal along with some residents from Eastridge Manor (a retirement home.) Then, on Monday and Tuesday they performed it to their friends and family. Everyone loved the play, Beech Class teacher Mrs James said 'I think everyone acted well. I enjoyed it and the children practised their lines well' Mrs Green and Mrs Sutters put together some amazing costumes to be worn. The children were amazing as the narrators, Wise Men, Mary and Joseph, angels, shepherds, innkeepers, King Herod and his soldiers and animals.

This incredible production kept everyone who watched it entertained for an extraordinary half an hour. The children sang and played their instruments beautifully as well as saying their lines. The parents and carers thoroughly enjoyed it as well as KS2 and Eastridge Manor home. The children of Willow class also quoted 'It was a good Nativity. I loved my costume and I loved doing it.' Mrs Harvey said: 'I love the simplicity of the nativity because it allowed us to focus on the Bible story. Well done to the

soloists for being brave enough to have a go'

It was a wonderful way to start Christmas and the whole school loved it.



Thank-you for all your support with our nativity play, for being such a wonderful audience and for your very generous donations which we have shared with the church. We have put some photos in the gallery section of our website.

Tinsel Trot

We had a wonderful time singing carols around the village on Monday though it did rain! Sas and David at the Eight Bells kindly gave us some squash and mince pies as we finished with three carols there. Everyone sang beautifully!

Christmas Lunch

On Thursday we squished into the hall to have Christmas lunch together. All the staff served the children and the Friends of Bolney provided a cracker for everyone. We had great fun and the children we so well behaved.



Sharing Learning

It is always nice to see so many parents come into school to look at their child's learning. The children have such fantastic attitude towards their learning and are so enthusiastic so it is really nice to be able to celebrate this with you.



Christmas Decorations

Today the children have all taken home the tree decoration they made for our beautiful Christmas Tree. Bolney Garden Nursery very kindly donated the tree again this year, for which we are very grateful. There is a time lapse video of our tree being decorated in the gallery section of our website.



KS2 Carol Service – The Peace of Christmas

We were treated to a magnificent Carol Service by KS2 in the church. There were readings which included Bible verses and poetry, prayers and of course carols. Their singing was fabulous, they sang with amazing volume, clarity and great timing. The children from Silver Birch read so clearly and with wonderful confidence. Holly Class sang Christmas Calypso with great gusto, Silver Birch sang O Holy Night with such sincerity. Both classes sang Sussex Carol beautifully as well as leading the other carols that we all joined in with. We are very grateful to Father Martin and Sue at the church, and to Martin for playing the organ. Well done to all the children, to Mrs Harvey for organising the readings and to Mrs Burton and Mr Pitt for leading the singing.

A recording of the service is available on our website in the December section of the gallery.

Eastridge Manor

Today 11 Year 5 and Year 6 children visited Eastridge Manor care home. The children talked to the residents, sharing their interests and some of their learning and then sang Christmas carols. It was so wonderful to see the residents joining in and to hear the children singing so beautifully.

Starting Forest School

We are delighted to be offering Forest Schools as part of our curriculum. This will be for Year 6 in the spring term and Year 4 in the summer term for ten weeks each. This is only possible because the Friends of Bolney are funding the hiring of qualified Forest School practitioners to lead the sessions to give our children this wonderful opportunity. If you have any unwanted waterproofs, boots, hats, socks or gloves we welcome any donations.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Annabelle for being kind and William for sharing. Harry is also in the photo as he was given the trophy last week.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term

Starts Monday 6th January 2020
Half term Monday 17th February
Return to school 24th February.
End of term Friday 3rd April

Summer Term

Starts Monday 20th April 2020
Half term Monday 25th May
INSET day 1st June
Return to school Tuesday 2nd June.
End of term Friday 17th July
INSET day 20th July

INSET days 2019-2020

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

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

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th January 2020

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School