



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,
More inspiring learning has been happening plus a fabulous visit from the RSPB!

Willow Class

In Willow Class we read 'When Granny Went to Market' and have all written about where we would go if we could use a magic carpet to travel. We have been learning new sounds

this week and have compared numbers under 10, using the language of more, less, fewer, greater, bigger and smaller.



We continued with our Here, There and Everywhere topic and talked about where we have friends and family. We were visited by Lilly's friend, Timmy, from New Zealand. We have all talked in front of an audience in Show and Tell and had the chance to listen and ask questions too.

Beech Class

Year 1 have finished the story of 'Meerkat Mail' and enjoyed retelling the story through drama before mapping this and then using it to structure writing their own narrative. Our meerkat, Scratch, is the main character in some very lively adventures currently being written by the children and we look forward to entertaining you with them soon in an assembly.

All the class had a fantastic visit from the RSPB in Pulborough. They took us on a nature walk around the school and we looked for signs of winter.

Following the walk, we had trays for each season and had to identify which season was which. The children loved it.



In English Y2 have been exploring non-fiction books, websites and watching videos to gather facts about meerkats. The children have designed amazing information pages and have started to design a new version based on an animal of their choice. We have learned lots of computing skills whilst researching animals because we have had to search for facts using different websites, read them, write them in our own words, find and select pictures, snip and paste as well as print them in colour. In maths we have been moving onto arrays from equal and unequal groups in multiplication. We understand that an array is an arrangement in rows and columns. In geography we looked at the capital cities of the UK and looked for landmarks in our four countries. We also drew the flags of the UK. In R.E. we have been learning about Judaism and the children have thought of so many questions for us to explore in the next few weeks.



Holly Class

We were lucky to have the RSPB visit and show us how to spot animals in our environment. We searched through leaves, logs and trees to spot as many different species as possible. The children were so inquisitive and posed excellent questions for our experts to answer.



We have finished the book 'Journey' and are continuing to use it as a writing prompt. We have put ourselves in the shoes of the main character and considered what her life was like before she found the magic pen and doorway to the fantastical world. We have planned and begun to write diaries, documenting our feelings. In maths, we have continued to focus on fractions. Year 4s have applied their knowledge of equivalent fractions and mixed numbers to order fractions on a number line. There has been some brilliant reasoning and justifications. Year 3 have also ordered fractions on a number line, been introduced to decimals and consolidated the grid method of multiplication. In science, we experimented with melting points. We used butter and chocolate and considered how the position around the room might impact the rate at which they melt from solid to liquid. The melting of the pot in the microwave was unplanned but a great learning point! In topic, we have learned about earthquakes – what causes them,

how people protect themselves and their buildings from the worst effects and what to do when one occurs. We learned how in some schools earthquake drills are as commonplace as fire drills. We practised our “drop, cover, hold” under the tables in our own earthquake drill.



Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have continued investigating what life was like for children during WW2. This week we looked at the impact of rationing and had a go at following a recipe for chocolate spread. This had mixed reviews as it was made from potatoes! It really struck the children how much variety they are exposed to when it comes to food and they were fascinated by the recounts that we read.



In maths, we have been focusing on our understanding of angles which has helped the children answer questions such as: 'Do the angles in a triangle always add up to 180 degrees?' and 'What is the largest number of obtuse angles can you get to add up to 360 degrees?'. It has been impressive hearing the children make excellent predictions before thinking about how they are going to prove their points. In English, we have begun recording our speeches. The children have been assessing each other on how the speech has been delivered. The class thought about their readings in church services and applied these skills really well. During our science sessions, the children have been investigating the different moon phases. They used Oreo biscuits to carve out the different phases and then thought about the

position of the sun, moon and Earth in order to explain why the moon appears to change shape.



Chinese New Year

On Monday this week Key Stage 1 marked Chinese Lunar New Year Festival with activities such as painting blossom tree pictures, making lanterns, making stir fry and painting Chinese characters with a brush. We learnt that 2020 is the year of the rat and heard the story of how the Chinese calendar was named. We heard a traditional story from China, Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain and watched a film about how children celebrate this festival in the UK.



Cross Country

Well done to Harry and Mia for representing us so well at the Mid Sussex cross country race. They both completed the course and pushed themselves to do their best.

Young Voices

Last Thursday, Key Stage 2 children attended Young Voices the O2 Arena. We were exceptionally lucky to be accepted to take part as we were initially placed on a waiting list. To prepare, the children learnt and rehearsed 14 different songs and a range of dance moves that they would later perform with 8,000 other children. Throughout the rehearsal time, the children listened to their conductor to ensure that they knew what to do during the concert. Once the children were ready (and had spotted the parents in the audience!), the lights went out and we were met with one of the

most electrifying scenes ever - thousands of small LED lights. The children performed so well throughout and, even when they were very tired, kept on going. Some of the children even asked to do the concert all over again! It was an incredible experience for the children and created memories that we are sure will last a lifetime.

Look out for Katie and Rhudi's report on the concert in the next Parish Magazine.



Have you booked your place yet?

Please join us for a FREE Digital Online Safety Awareness session run by West Sussex on Thursday 19th March from 6-7.30. You will need to book a place for this – please see the letter sent with this newsletter.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Henry for showing love through kindness and Mrs James for showing love – for the second week running. Last week George was also picked out of the tombola for showing love – we will add his photo to the next newsletter.

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term

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

Wednesday 12th February
Sharing learning 2.30

Thursday 13th February
Book and Bake Sale 3pm

Thursday 27th February
Silver Birch trip

Thursday 27th February
Friends of Bolney Ladies Night

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March
3-6pm parent teacher meetings all years
1-3pm meetings:
Silver Birch – **Monday 16th**
Holly – **Tuesday 17th**
Willow – **Wednesday 18th**
Beech - **Thursday 19th**

Thursday 19th March
Digital Online Safety Awareness Session 6-7.30
For parents only

Thursday 26th March
Y5 and Y3 street dance performance 9am

Wednesday 1st April
Easter Egg Hunt 2.30

Thursday 2nd April
Easter prayer space

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

Wednesday 17th June
Sports Day morning 9-11

Y6 Leavers' Service
Worth Abbey - Parents invited
Thursday 9th July am

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July
Y5/6 production at the Rawson Hall

Friday 17th July
Leavers Service 9am
St Mary Magdalene Church
Parents invited

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)