



# Newsletter

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Spring  
Term  
Newsletter  
28<sup>th</sup> January  
2022

## Dear families,

It is wonderful to see that the mornings are becoming lighter earlier and a few signs of spring. Along with the children's smiling faces, this is a lovely start to each day.

## Willow

In Willow Class this week we have read *Tyrannosaurus Drip* by Julia Donaldson and acted it out. We have looked at our teeth and talked about herbivores and carnivores. We have danced like dinosaurs and filmed it – coming soon! We have found out about how the earth changed over time in the Triassic and Jurassic periods. We have explored fossils on loan from Cuckfield Museum.



Year 1 have been working on number bonds to 10 and 20 and Year R have been talking about adding to 5 and 6.

This afternoon we had a nice Teddy Bear's Picnic with Freddie from Year 6.



## Beech

### Brilliant Beech!

We have been busy earning dinosaur eggs this week in exchange for excellent learning behaviours! In English we read 'Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs' and 100% of us agreed that we would be risk takers, just like the character in the book, and go and rescue our friend in need. Ian Beck's books are the new stimulus for our next narrative writing adventure and story planning begins next week.

In dance we really loved learning the street dance 'Dino Stomp' which can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmhi98dHa5w>

The repetitive nature of the dance and counting the beats in the music helped us to synchronise our moves for maximum impact!

### RSPB Big Bird Watch - This

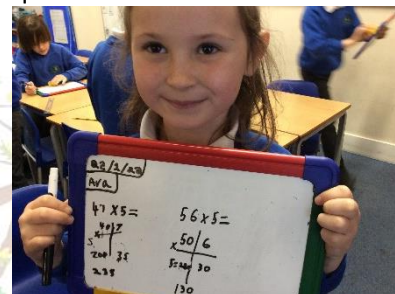
weekend is the big bird watch and if you're able to take part for an hour you can find out more here:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>  
Next week we will be surveying the birds in our school grounds and recording our results in Maths.

## Holly

We have had a lovely 2 weeks. In English we have started to plan our information pages

using excellent examples from our information books and we have been considering the audience and what they would like to see on our pages such as quizzes and true or false questions.



In maths we have been multiplying 3 numbers, learning the grid method to multiply two digits by one digit numbers and using known facts to work out new calculations.

We looked at condensation this week and the water cycle in science. We watched the Water Cycle song!



In art we have been exploring perspective and landscapes also incorporating extreme weather into our drawings!

In RE we made Rakhi bracelets and talked about Dharma and the Rama and Sita story. Ask your child what Dharma means.

## Silver Birch

In Silver Birch we have been learning about the early stages of WW2, in particular evacuation and the Blitz. We have written letters home from evacuees – sharing our experience with our parents and family in London. We have also focused on the attack on Coventry in 1940 – the worst example of a Luftwaffe air raid. We are writing news reports in the style of the BBC radio reports – thinking about the formal language used and how audiences were informed about these events.



*Creating a tableau to help our writing.*

In maths, we have worked on area and perimeter of squares/rectangles and triangles and we are now focusing on volume of 3D shapes.



We have looked at public information posters from the blackout in history and we are now designing our own. In art we have looked at the work of Lowry and we are learning shading techniques for drawing.

## MSA Cross Country Finals

Well done to the boys who qualified for this event! They



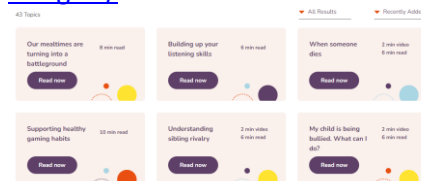
braved the very challenging

course and mud and represented the school so well.

## Useful resources

Place2Be have produced some useful practical tips from their child mental health experts on a range of topics to support children's wellbeing and behaviour. You can view, and access, them via this link:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



This year we are supporting Children's Mental Health Week (7-13 February) by raising awareness of the importance of keeping mentally healthy. This year's theme is 'Growing Together' and throughout the week classes will be discussing and taking part in class based activities to promote the importance of supporting each other. To celebrate the week we will be having an own clothes day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February in exchange for a small donation per family.

## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March and promoting reading for pleasure. The children can dress as a book character for the day and we are planning some fun reading activities. The World Book Day website -

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/> has some helpful information including this:

There are 6 elements which support a child reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading FUN!



## Amazing Friends of Bolney

We were delighted to receive 15 keyboards from the amazing Friends of Bolney. Willow Class tried them out in music this week with Mrs Kenny and absolutely loved them!



*Magical music with Year 1*



*Magical music with Year R*

Thank-you everyone for supporting us so well!

## Friends of Bolney Quiz Night

There will be a fundraising Quiz Night at the 8 Bells on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. To support this we are holding a non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the quiz night raffle. (One bottle per family.) More details to come!

## Bolney Pump Track

Please support this launch in half term if possible.

Launch of  
Bolney Pump Track  
@ Batchelors Field



Tuesday 22nd Feb  
1 – 3 pm

Free event  
All ages welcome

Music / Art / Get your wheels checked /  
Pro Rider demos



### Healthy eating: Food Scanner App (Public Health England)

The NHS Food Scanner app brings food labels to life and helps you make healthier choices. Simply scan the barcode to see how much sugar, saturated fat and salt is in your food and drink then choose one of the healthier swap suggestions.

The app is part of a healthy eating campaign and the 'scan, swipe, swap' take-home pack has plenty of resources to help encourage children to build healthier habits for life.

Find the resources here:

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/topics/healthy-eating/overview>

### IMPORTANT FOOD INFORMATION

Thank-you for helping us be a **NUT FREE** school.

Please remember that morning playtime snack should be fruit or vegetables and not crisps or chocolate. Also with children's birthday treats to hand out these must be individually packaged so they can be taken home.

### Showing our values well

The values trophies were presented to:



Henry for showing love and Daniel for showing love and respect by being helpful.



Poppy and Amber for both showing love by being kind.

### Covid-19 preventative measures

Please email

[office@bolneyprimary.school](mailto:office@bolneyprimary.school) if your child develops any COVID symptoms or test positive over the weekend or in the week.

### Diary Dates:

#### Spring Half Term

w/c 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

INSET Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
return Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Children's Mental Health Week  
Non-uniform day for a small donation per family

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Friends of Bolney support –  
Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle per family

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Friends of Bolney Quiz Night  
At the 8 Bells

#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Celebrating World Book Day  
Dress up as a book character

#### Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Parent/Carer Teacher  
Consultations after school

#### Hindleap Warren Residential Trip

Monday – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Last day of spring term  
8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

First day of summer term  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### Summer Half Term

w/c 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022

INSET Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
return Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

#### Last day of summer term

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

#### Sports Morning

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
(15<sup>th</sup> June is our reserve day)

#### Silver Birch Summer Production

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 6pm at the Rawson Hall  
(COVID situation allowing)

#### INSET days 2021-22

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

