



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

This week has been 'My Money Week' in school. Each class has had a big question to explore and Mrs Burton has led four assemblies looking at four different values: justice, wisdom, generosity and thankfulness. The children have been really thinking hard and asking such fantastic questions. It has been a pleasure to hear what they have been saying.

Willow

Over the last 2 weeks we have been dancing like pirates and writing about half term holidays. The year 1s have been editing their writing to improve it. Last week we were doubling and halving in maths. The year 1s were also finding quarters too.



This week has been My Money week in maths. We have been talking about what we do and don't need money for, the things we value, need and want, what we'd like to buy and why and whether we can afford it! We have been practising our jumping, throwing and running ready for Sports Day next week. We have read Plunge into the Pirate Pool, concentrating on where the story was set, what the character Albie was like and new vocabulary.

Beech

Beech Class have been continuing to write our pirate stories and trying to include some pirate language in them such as 'Ahoy there me hearties!'. In maths we have continued learning how to tell the time looking at quarter to and quarter past. This week we have been taking part in My Money Week and Beech Class were given the question of 'How does our money help other people?'



The children have spent time discussing this and the four values attached to it. We discussed Fairtrade and how we can help others without giving money through giving time and support.



We painted our volcanoes in D.T.!

Holly

In Holly we have been writing descriptions and poems about the book 'Black Dog' by Levi Pinfold. We discussed the metaphors for fear throughout the text and how we could create tense and scary descriptions of the beast. We then wrote descriptive poems incorporating this imagery. In science, we became

archaeologists! We were given the measurements of various bones found at a dig. We then had to work out as much as we could about them – estimating the height, gender and age of the skeletons from what we know about the skeletal system.



We had to measure each other to prove our predictions right or wrong.

In maths we have been focusing on jobs. We've looked at what skills you need, what you can expect to earn in various jobs and whether money is the most important part of choosing a career.

Silver Birch

As part of 'My Money Week', Silver Birch have been looking at what is involved when borrowing money and the impact of being in debt. We have explored loans and mortgages before coming up with weekly budgets. In groups, the children created a piece of drama of a loan application meeting at the bank.



The children were able to justify that, after their budgeting, that they could afford the monthly

repayments and were keen to keep the time they took to pay it back to as little as possible to reduce the amount of interest they would be paying. In English, the children have been continuing to build their writing portfolios. When doing this, the children have revisited previous pieces of writing and edited them before creating a neat copy. Once this is done, they then write a short evaluation to explain how the changes they have made have enhanced their pieces further and how that has an impact on the reader. We are hoping to share these with other classes once they are completed.

BookTrust Pyjama Day

We really enjoyed being in our pyjamas last Friday to promote reading at bedtime. The teachers swapped classes to read to a different class, we read together in house teams and when the bell rang we all stopped and read.



Yvrose, from Hope House in Haiti, was visiting us that morning and so loved reading with children.



We all decided that you are never too old to be read to!

Prayer Pilgrimage

Last Friday, Silver Birch joined Arch Deacon Fiona on her prayer pilgrimage as she visited St Mary Magdalene church on her way to the Dome for 'Thy Kingdom Come' celebrating Pentecost - the birthday of the church. Fiona was delighted to see the children in church but disappointed not to be able to join in their pyjama wearing! The children listened respectfully and joined in with the prayers that were offered. On Thursday 27th June the children will be able to explore an outdoor

prayer space in our Peace Garden.



Summer 'indoor' garden party

All the children and adults showed great resilience on Monday when we needed to hold our summer garden party indoors due to the wet weather!

This didn't deter anyone, it was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and friends join us. The party started with some uplifting singing by all the children. Then Yvrose kindly blessed our new wind sculpture. We bought this with the prize money we won for our Peace Garden.



The children's stalls were great fun and Silver Birch did a fabulous job in organising and running them. It was brilliant to see such a great variety of stalls this year.



As always the Friends of Bolney did a marvellous job with refreshments and the uniform

stall. We raised a fantastic £293.25, half of which goes to Hope House Haiti charity and half to the Friends of Bolney. Thank-you everyone for your hard work and support with this.

Ballet with Enid

Today, some of our Y5 children excitedly made a return visit to Eastridge Manor Care Home and were again welcomed by the staff and residents. The children had considered what they would like to take to share and we had a range of creative writing, home-grown crystals, painting, books and more! We even picked some of our roses which were enjoyed by many. Enid, a former dancer, offered Hattie and Emily some dance lessons from the comfort of her chair before taking to handrails for some ballet bar work! This amazed us all especially as her carer had said "but Enid you can't walk". It just goes to show what can be achieved with interest and passion.



Another lady, Pip, describe the children as a breath of fresh air and so full of zest and life. June continued with her valuable life lessons - "you gotta work hard and don't let anyone tell you you can't do it".



We hope to make one more visit before the end of term and to continue it next term.

Bolney visitors

A huge thank-you to all the people who gave up their time to share their work experience or interests with the children. We very much want to develop this programme so if you have an interest you would like to share, or are willing to talk about your work with some children, please do let Zoe know.

Sports Morning

Our sports morning is on Thursday June 20th starting as soon as we can after 9am. We hope the weather is dry for Thursday but have booked a reserve date in case of Tuesday 25th June. The Friends of Bolney have kindly organised refreshments again, for a donation, please bring a lidded cup if you want to take your hot drink onto the field. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day as we are needing to fit in practices between the rain showers!

This year's **NEARS sports morning** for KS2 pupils is on Monday 1st July at Handcross Park School starting at 10am. We will let parents know if their child is competing after our sports day. Parents are able to stay to cheer the children on.

Year 5 and 6 production

This year Silver Birch are trying their hand (or should I say their voice) at a full musical. They have had their auditions and have started rehearsals for their performance of Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Performances will be on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th of July. We would like to give all of the Bolney community to chance to see this production as we are very lucky to be able to perform it in the Rawson Hall. We will be inviting the more elderly members of the community to the dress rehearsal on the afternoon of Tuesday 16th July free of charge. (They of course could also come to the evening.) If you know of anyone who would like to attend this please let Zoe know. Tickets for evening performances will be on sale soon and this year we are charging £3 per ticket. Refreshments will be available at each performance thanks to the Friends of Bolney.

Upcoming trips

Silver Birch to Madame Tussuads
June 19th

Willow and Beech to Woods Mill
10th July

Year 5 to Connect with the
Countryside at Ardingly
Showground
11th July

Village Day July 13th 2-5pm

We will be sending home letters on Monday to ask permission for your child to sell programmes for Village Day. At next Friday's celebration assembly we will be announcing whose picture was chosen for the front cover and the programmes will be given to children (with permission) to sell. On Friday 12th July we have a non-uniform day in exchange for bottles for the tombola. The bottles will be collected at the gate. We are very excited about this fantastic event and want to remind the children that they can join the children's parade, all dressed up in the theme of musicals, which leaves the Eight Bells at 1.30pm

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Noah for showing love by being kind, and Daisy for showing all our values by looking after and being a good role model for the Y3 children.

Sapphire for showing love and Mrs James for being kind. Their photo is to come!

Key dates for your diary

Sports Morning

- whole school
Thursday 20th June from 9.15am

Parents reading workshop

Tuesday 18th June at 2.15pm

Parents and children maths workshop

Wednesday 26th June 1.30-3pm

Prayer Space

Thursday 27th June

NEARS KS2 Sports Morning

Monday 1st July at Handcross
Park School starting at 10am

Music Recital

Tuesday 2nd July at 2pm
Refreshments will be available
thanks to the Friends of Bolney

Inset

Monday 8th July 2019

Worth Abbey Y6 leavers service

Y6 parents are welcome
11th July at 10.45

Friday 12th July

Non-uniform day for Village Day
tombola donations – bottles
please – these will be collected at
the gate in the morning

Saturday 13th July

Village Day – 2-5pm in
Batchelor's Field – children's
parade at 1.30 from the Eight
Bells

Year 5 and 6 Production

Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th
July at 6pm
Rawson Hall Tickets for £3

'Budge up' morning

(children meet their new class)
9.15am Thursday 18th July –
including a meeting for new YR
parents

End of Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

INSET days 2019-2020

Monday 2nd September 2019
Monday 4th November 2020
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**