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Newsletter

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Dear families,

It has been another busy two weeks in the run up to the Summer holidays with different children competing in sports events and enjoying sports festivals. It always impressive to see how our small school does so well at these events and that is down to the enthusiasm and ability of the children and dedication of the teachers! It has been lovely to meet the new Reception Class cohort and their parents and equally sad to be thinking about saying goodbye to our amazing Year 6 group. We look forward to seeing many of you at their Leavers' Service on Tuesday 21st July at 9am.

Willow Class

In Willow Class, we read *The Tiny Seed* and *The Very Busy Spider* by Eric Carle. We imagined where the seed could fly over then wrote about it's adventure. We thought about the theme of friendship in *The Very Busy Spider* and noticed patterns in Eric Carle's books. We made our own webs and spiders and imagined an animals the spider could meet and write about it. We released our painted lady butterflies into the Peace Garden and talked about the lifecycle of butterflies. We have recapped all the sounds we have learnt so far. In maths, we have practised making 10 in different ways. We have sorted minibests by different criteria. In Learning for Life, we have talked about how we feel about next year, about what we're looking forward to and what we are nervous about. We made a magic potion of all

the things we have enjoyed this year and have bottled it, based on the book *Memory Bottles*.



Beech Class

We have had a very hot, busy and exciting time in Beech Class. One of our favourite moments was releasing our butterflies! For the past two weeks, we have been carefully observing and looking after our class caterpillars, watching them change and grow each day. We loved seeing the different stages of their life cycle and talking about the changes we noticed. On Friday, the butterflies were finally ready to be released into their natural habitat. It was a very special moment for us. In geography, we made our own continent books. We enjoyed researching each of the seven continents and finding out interesting facts about the countries, and animals. On Tuesday, we baked bread rolls, giving the children a chance to practise their measuring, mixing and kneading skills. The classroom smelt amazing! The children were very proud of their

finished rolls. Some took them home to share with their families, while others could not wait to taste them straight away because they were so delicious!

Holly Class

In Holly, we've been inventing and designing our dream hotels. We're writing adverts to persuade our reader to come and stay. We've focused on using powerful language and rhetorical questions to entice the reader. There have been football, horse, chocolate, music and many more themes in the class and we've particularly enjoyed reading out our lists of descriptive adjectives we're planning to use for others to guess our theme from.



We're investigating shape in maths. We're confident with parallel and perpendicular lines and describing regular and irregular shapes. We're still getting our heads around the fact that a square also fits the definition of a rhombus, parallelogram and a rectangle! We're now looking at symmetry and we've noticed how regular shapes have more lines of symmetry than irregular ones. For science, we're enjoying electrical circuits. We investigated conductors and insulators by using different materials in our circuits and predicting if the circuit would still work.

Our art lessons are focusing on another British based artist – Yinka Shonibare. We've learned about traditional African patterns and themes and we've designed our own ones – which also link nicely to the shape work in maths!

Finally, we've finished our VIPERS books – Varjak Paw. As a class we've been split on whether it has been the best book this year or if Kensuke's Kingdom still has the crown.

Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have had a busy two weeks, with a variety of events. We took part in a swimming gala and came first, we went to a sports event and came second, we have been practising our production (which we need to continue to do!) as well as try to finish work!

In English, we are nearly finished writing our myths. Some children have chosen to illustrate them. Also in English, we have written our memories and our opinions about the school year for our reports. In maths, we started to look into accommodation and places to visit in our chosen country. We have to work out the cost of all the different aspects when planning a holiday. In science, we researched plants in different environments. The children were allowed to choose a habitat/country and find out about native plants or flowers. Once they found this information, they have to decide how to present their findings for Mrs Cheney, our Science Lead. In PE, we have played rounders and this week we decided to score it like a 'real' match. The



children have shown amazing sportsmanship. We finally finished our Greek pots- the children loved this and they have come out brilliantly



Uniform – free delivery code

A promotional banner for Monkhouse schoolwear specialists. The background is teal with white text. At the top left is the Monkhouse logo. The main text reads 'Enjoy free delivery!' in large white letters. Below that, it says 'Hurry limited time only!' and '*on all orders over £50. Offer starts 13th July and ends 19th July.' A white box contains the code 'With code: FREEDEL'. Below this, smaller text explains the offer: 'Get set for the new term! Make back-to-school shopping simple, shop with confidence and enjoy free delivery on orders over £50 when you use code FREEDEL at checkout.' It also says 'It's the perfect time to get organised ahead of the term. Don't miss out- this offer ends soon!' At the bottom, it says 'Shop with confidence at monkhouse.com' and 'Confidence starts here.' in a white box with teal text.

Change of Hot Meal provider
eals at **BOLNEY CEPS** will be provided by ISS Education, who are taking over from Chartwells as part of a new West Sussex County Council contract. ISS will be bringing exciting new menus and a brand new online ordering system to make managing school meals easier than ever for families. Great news on price too, meals will be just £2.95 per day, which is **25p less than the current charge**. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals then check the WSCC website and apply today www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/ . To

find out more about what's coming, including menus and how the new ordering system will work, visit www.feedwestsussex.co.uk. Families should have received an email this week to sign up for the new app to order hot meals from September. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Zoe in the office.

The end of Gardening Club

We say a massive thank you to Mrs Glew, Mrs Bridger and her helpers. Sadly we had no volunteers come forward so this was the last session for the children.



Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School all wish you a very happy half term break.

See the website calendar for important dates:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/calendar/223211>

Diary Date	Event (Where events are for specific children, it will say 'email')
Monday 13 th July	Budge up 9:30-10:30 FoB refreshments in hall
Monday 13 th July	Silver Birch dress rehearsal. Pick up for all from Rawson at 3:15
Tuesday 14 th July	Silver Birch production 1:45. Doors open at 1:30. Pick up for SB from Rawson at 3:15
Weds 15 th July	Silver Birch bushcraft pm
Weds 15 th July	Silver Birch production 6pm. Children return from 5:30, doors open at 5:45.
Friday 17 th July	Bushcraft AM – email Bushcraft PM - Willow
Tuesday 21 st July	Leavers' Service 9am in church

Please also take time to look at our website, which has a lot of information that you may wish to see, including class pages.

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/home/223209>

♥ Walk Together with Us This September ♥

Join us on Saturday 5 September for a very special sponsored walk through Haywards Heath and Bolnere Village. Choose between our accessible 5K route or 15K mixed-terrain trek, bring along your family, friends or colleagues, and help raise vital funds for children with cerebral palsy and other motor learning impairments.

We're also running a fully accessible, family-friendly Bear Hunt, making it a fun day out for younger children and families who would like to take part in a shorter activity.

With a medal and a free BBQ waiting for everyone at the finish line, it promises to be a fantastic community event for all ages.

Find out more and sign up here:

www.dvlcc.org.uk/events/walk-together-2026/

