

# Newsletter

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## Dear parents and carers,

This half term has flown by; we have really enjoyed all the trips, events and topics so far. We are so impressed with the children's responses to their home learning topic activities. We hope you have an enjoyable half term. There is an Inset day on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October so see you on Tuesday 30th.

#### **Willow Class**

In Willow we finished our selfportraits. We made potato cakes from the potatoes we harvested from the Willow Class garden.



We looked at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and used autumn leaves, conkers, flowers and fir cones to make pictures and patterns.



Year 1 have been working on addition in maths and Year R have been continuing repeating patterns and inventing their own patterns.

#### **Beech Class**

In English we have finished writing our fact files about a famous person we were interested in. We had a range from Mary Anning to Ronaldo!



We also discussed and practised performing the Chocolate Cake poem by Michael Rosen. In spelling we have explored 'wh',' ph', 'ew' and 'oe' words as well as revisiting polysyllabic words and homophones. The children are doing brilliantly because of the continued support at home, thank you. In maths we have been counting forwards and backwards in sequences of 2s, 5s and 10s from any given number. The children love this. In science we have been researching the heart and we carried out an investigation using exercise to see how our heart rate changes. We learned how to take our pulse. We so enjoyed sharing our home learning and we are really proud of the effort and enthusiasm the children have shown when sharing and listening to each other.

#### **Holly Class**

We have been finishing off our stories about time travelling back to the Stone Age. We focused on effective word choice and description as well as using senses to immerse the reader. We have continued this theme with our poetry. We have listened to natural sounds as well as considered seasons and senses to create nature and autumn themed poems. We have also

painted backdrops to present them on. In maths we have continued to work on partitioning and mental strategies, this time for subtraction. In science our sugar and teeth experiment has reached its mouldy end and we were surprised to see just how bad energy drinks are for your teeth!



The children were so positive and encouraging of each other's efforts when sharing their amazing home learning.



#### Silver Birch Class

This week, the children have begun to look at war poetry in the lead up to marking the centenary of the First World War. We have looked in detailed at Wilfred Owen's 'Dulce et Decorum' est' and the children have also created pieces of description to form a poem that left all of the staff speechless! During the week, we also shared the class's fabulous home learning. It was a lovely atmosphere in the class and the children enjoyed seeing what others had done. They then wrote some lovely peer assessment comments.





#### **Football Tournaments**

Both our Y5/6 boys and girls played in a football tournament this week. Here is the report from the boys, the girls report will be in the next newsletter.

On the Tuesday 16th October 2018, the new year 5-6 football team went to a football tournament. The football tournament was held at Harlands. Our first match was against St Wilfrids, as soon as we walked onto the pitch we knew this was going to be a hard game. We tried really hard and came out with a result, the score was 0-0 in the end and we were all happy with the result. Our man of the match was Matty for keeping us in the game with great saves.

In the second game, we played was against Linfield and this game was really unlucky because, in the tournament they had bell that they would ring to tell the referee that the game was nearly finished. So that confused us which lead to us conceding. just before half time. The second goal was a shot that hit the post and got rebounded in. Our man of the match for this game was Felix for his epic defensive headers. The third game, we played against Harlands and we thought it was going to be a hard game but we won 3-0 with Jonathan scoring two good goals and Zach scored his first goal for the year 5/6 team. Our man of the match was Harry P for making some good assists.

The fourth game was against St. Joseph's and we won 4-1. Jonathan scored a hat-trick with Kieran scoring a great goal. Our man of the match for this game was everybody because we

worked so hard to get our great result. Our overall man of the match was Matty for making so many good saves.



The boys played really well together, showing great teamwork, resilience, passion and bravery.

## **Amazing Fundraising**

Look out for William's new hairstyle! He has been growing his hair to donate it to the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for young people who have lost their hair through treatment for cancer. This alone is amazing however William has also raised an incredible £1,376.25 for the Rockinghorse charity!



William's kind and helpful nature makes us all feel very humble and we are so very proud of all that he has achieved.

#### **Big Soup Share**

The gardening club took part in this year's Royal Horticultural Society's Big Soup Share. They made a very tasty minestrone soup using ingredients they have grown. Over 100 people had the soup including Mrs Sheppard from Bolney's Horticultural Society who said it was "it was excellent and truly scrumptious." All the children in school tasted it and the gardening club really enjoyed growing and making it.



A big thank-you to all the adults who helped with gardening club.

# Parents Meetings and Maths Workshops

This is a reminder that we will be holding meetings on the National Curriculum expectations after half term at 6pm – these will be between 45-60 minutes long. Y1 - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October Y2 – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November Y3/4 – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November Y5/6 – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November YR – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November we will be holding maths workshops for parents to look at the methods and approaches we use in maths. This workshop will be for approximately 75 minutes and will be held at 2.45pm and repeated at 6pm.

Please do attend if you can.

## Friends of Bolney

A huge thank-you to everyone who support the Friends of Bolney's fundraising. You all do an incredible job.

#### **Bake Sale**

There were so many tasty bakes to sell this week that over £200 was raised, which is fantastic.

#### **Coins in Jars**

The 'spare coins in a jar' for each house team is going well and they are filling fast!

# **Bags of Support**

Bags of unwanted clothes will be collected again this year from either the school or the Rawson Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.

Remember to use Easyfunding and Amazon Smile as well!

#### Car Park

Thank-you to all the parents and carers who park in the village and walk to school. We do ask you to leave the car park for those with preschool children. Keeping everyone safe is our priority and therefore please do not park in the centre of the car park. If any of the emergency services are needed they will not be able to easily access the school.

#### Bike and scooter

Has anyone lost a bike and a scooter? There is one of each left in our bike park at the side of the school for a number of weeks now. Please see Zoe if you think it is yours.

# **Bolney Bonfire Night**

Bolney Under 5's have their brilliant torchlight procession and fireworks at the cricket field on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. There is a guy competition which is judged at the Eight Bells at 6pm and then the procession follows this. There will be hot food and a bar.

### Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Matthew for showing love and respect through good teamwork and helping others and Rosie for showing love by being kind to others.



Mrs Kenny for showing all our values, being the best and Amber for showing respect.

#### **Key dates for your diary**

#### Autumn half term

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October INSET Monday 29th October

## **Open Morning**

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 9.30-12midday

## **National Curriculum Expectations Meetings 6pm**

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 6pm at the cricket field

## **Phonics Workshops**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 9am Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 6pm

# **Maths workshops**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2.45 and 6pm

# Friends of Bolney Pyjama Movie Night for children:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm

#### **Christmas Fair Donations**

23<sup>rd</sup> November – wear a Christmas jumper, hat or hair for bringing in a bottle - all types of bottles accepted.

20<sup>th</sup> November – wear fun socks for bringing in 'smellies'.

7<sup>th</sup> December – wear tinsel for bringing in biscuits and chocolates.

#### **Christmas Fair**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm

## **KS2 Carol Concert**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 6pm in St Mary Magdalene church

## **KS1 Nativity play**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December pm Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December pm

## **End of Autumn Term**

Last day Wednesday 19th December

# **Spring Term Starts** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019

**Spring Half Term** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. **INSET** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

> **End of Spring Term** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Summer Term Starts** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

**Summer Half Term** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May **INSET** Monday 3rd June

**INSET** Monday 8th July 2019

**End of Summer Term** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at **Bolney CEP School**