



# Newsletter

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Term  
Newsletter  
12<sup>th</sup>  
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## Dear families,

The children have returned from half term with a real spring in their step and have settled back to their learning very well.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

From January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 we will become a NUT FREE school. Please check what you put in lunch boxes and ensure there contain no nuts. This includes some cereal bars and pesto.

## Willow

We have enjoyed talking about bonfire night and fireworks. We wrote firework poems and painted firework pictures.



We continued to think about seasonal changes and made beautiful leaf crowns.

We have enjoyed sharing lots of stories especially 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper which we have used to draw story maps thinking about the order of the main events in the story. In maths Year 1 have been talking using



part, part, and whole models to find number facts. Year R have been ordering by size, weight and capacity. We have looked at

Remembrance Day and thought about why people wear poppies.

## Beech

We have begun our new theme of 'Problem Solvers' and have been investigating, making and evaluating bridges. This has



been linked to London Bridge falling down (actually burning down) and has deepened our work looking at Old London in the time of the Gunpowder plot and then the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Our 'Church Lane Bakery' role-play is now officially open and the children have been making some fine delicacies to sell!

The children loved shaping,



creating and painting their diva lamps to celebrate Diwali last week. We talked about the important message of light overcoming dark in the story of Rama and Sita.

## Holly

Another great week; and we cannot believe it is the second week back already! We had a brilliant time at Fishbourne Roman Palace and we learned so much.



We have continued to research the Romans in English. We have been given all different aspects of Roman life to research and we will be putting all our work together to create a Roman Experience event.



In maths we have been exploring how 1 and 2 digit numbers can help us add and subtract 3 and 4 digit numbers. In science we have moved onto being physicians and learning about States of Matter. We have been investigating different solids and liquids and even Oobleck, a non-Newtonian liquid. Ask your child what that means!





We started designing and measuring ready to be carpenters in D.T. when we build our chariots. We will be sawing and gluing pieces of wood together.

As Romans did in battle, Holly class did the Testudo in Dance this week. Ask your child what that means too!

### Holly Class need white sheets and pillowcases

If you have any old white sheets or pillowcases please can Holly Class have them to make some costumes.

### Silver Birch

In Silver Birch we have shifted our writing focus to non-fiction. We have researched an area that interests us around Antarctic and Shackleton as part of our friends and risk-takers themes. Some have opted to research the less well-known Ross Sea Party that were due to support Shackleton's main crew. Others have chosen to research the wildlife around the continent. We are writing up fact pages focusing on presenting clear information in an interesting way.



In maths we are learning about fractions. We have used our times tables knowledge well to find equivalent fractions and to simplify and we are representing fractions visually to help convert between improper and mixed number fractions.



In science we have begun our new unit on electricity. We have learned about components and how to make a successful circuit. We will

be experimenting with different set ups and trying to sabotage other groups without them noticing what little things we have changed!

In RE, we have begun considering 'why is the gospel good news'? We have listened to some gospel choirs and noticed how joyful the music is. We also considered what an amazing piece of news would be for us – with answers varying from 'the end of Covid' to a 'contract offer from Jurgen Klopp'!

### Worship

It has been lovely to welcome two visitors to worship this week. Reverend Michael joined us on Wednesday for his FIRST ever worship! Michael, and his wife Sabrina, have been in the village for over a year now and he was so pleased, if a little nervous, to be able to lead his first worship based on Remembrance.



He is hoping some families will be able to join the two village churches this Sunday, as they come together at the War Memorial to remember those who died in the great wars.

Liz and Anna from The Point church used the idea of '5 Things to Remember' and pray for at this time of year: those that have died, hope for the future, Jesus who died for us, love of those who care for us and US – ourselves!



### COP26 – Forest of Promises

In worship with Mrs Kenny over the last two weeks we have been talking about COP26 and learning more about what is happening to

our planet and how we can help. We joined other young people and schools across the UK to form a 'Forest of Promises', displaying leaves made by students on a 'tree of promises' to help promote the changes needed to address climate change. See the link below for our leaves.

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/gallery/223475#PromiseToThePlanet>



### Cross Country

Well done to eight of our KS2 children who ran in the NEARS Cross Country this week with seven other schools, we know that at least three of them will go through to the Mid Sussex finals in January! They all did so well on the challenging course with Annabelle coming first overall, William third and Tom seventh! All of the girls finished in the top 30 and all of the boys finished in the top 20 which is fantastic.





### 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tapestry

WOW – just wow! Many thanks to Mrs Bridger and help from Mrs Wood and Mrs Glew for this wonderful creation to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! It is now proudly hung in our hall. The children's faces were brilliant when they saw it. The tree trunk and branches were created by pupils in a textiles club a number of years ago, it is wonderful that we have been able to use it. Thank-you also to the adults that came to help.



### Friends of Bolney Christmas fundraiser and Bags of Support

Sadly, we are unable to hold a Christmas Fair this year, so the Friends of Bolney are organising a Christmas Sponsored Walk on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm. All children will receive a Christmas hat and we are hoping Father Christmas will visit too. Families are invited too and refreshments will be available (please bring your own lidded cup). We hope you can support us with this event.

Please bring the **Bags of Support** to school on the morning of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Please donate your unwanted, good quality children's and adults' clothes, shoes and bags, (no bedding please) The clothes will be used for good causes and we get 50p per kilo donated.

### Showing our values well

The values trophies were presented to:



Dorothy and Ava-Mai for showing love by being very helpful.



Logan and JJ for showing love by being very helpful.

### Covid-19 preventative measures

Please email

[office@bolneyprimary.school](mailto:office@bolneyprimary.school) if your child develops any COVID symptoms over the weekend. Please continue to be vigilant and **keep your child off school if they have any possible symptoms and arrange for them to have a PCR test.** Only send them to school if this test is negative.

### Diary Dates:

#### Bags of Support

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

#### Year 6 Bikeability

Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> November

#### Friends of Bolney Christmas

##### Sponsored Walk

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm

#### Chartwells' Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (Please pay or order through Zoe for this by **28<sup>th</sup> November** if you do not normally order a lunch - £2.33)

#### Flu Spray

YR – Y6 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
(Please ensure you complete the online form giving consent)

### KS1 Nativity Performance

*If COVID rates fall this will be to an audience in the school hall, if they remain high we will share a recording of the performance.*  
2pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

### KS2 Carol Concert

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6pm  
*If COVID rates fall this will be to an audience in the church, if they remain high we will share a recording of the performance or hold it outside.*

### NUT FREE SCHOOL

From 1<sup>st</sup> January 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

### Additional holiday day

In lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee extended bank holiday, there is an additional holiday day on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 therefore the school year will end on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

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

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

