



# Newsletter

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## Dear families,

We have been enjoying this beautiful weather, it is so wonderful to see the sun in September though the evenings are becoming dark earlier. As a school we have been focusing on our active listening and have developed our own poster to help us. If you would like a copy for home there is one on the home page of our website in the 'Links and Downloads' section.



## Learning across the school

For an overview of this half term or term's learning please see your child's class page on our website. Here is some of the learning from the past two weeks:

### Willow

Website class page:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/willow/223508>

In Willow Class we played games to encourage turn taking and listen well. We have reinforced our 4 school rules and our 4 school values and have been learning songs ready for the Harvest Service. We have read Our House, a story about children struggling to share and

Meesha Makes Friends, about a little girl who finds a way to make friends. We read All Kinds of People a book that talks about diversity and played games to recognise the similarities in our hair colour and boys and girls. We read Leo and the Octopus about a little boy who dislikes crowds and noise but makes a friend. We talked about seasonal changes and autumn. We have begun to write a recipe for a friend potion. Year 1 have been revisiting phase 3 sounds that we have found tricky to remember; and have been counting and adding small groups of objects together.



### Beech

Website class page:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/beech/223509>

We have been busy studying and tasting apples before writing poetry to share with you in our Harvest Service next week. Our apple artwork will also be shared and we have mixed our own colours whilst looking at the different shades of skin. We have also been studying our faces and learning how to accurately draw and paint them whilst recognising and discussing our similarities and differences. In English we have started to think about the character of Grace, from the book 'Amazing Grace'. Tiger recognised that the way she was treated when she was not allowed

to take on the role of 'Peter Pan' was against our school values and would have left her feeling sad. A big thank you to our visitors over the last two weeks.



Rohan's Mum came and taught us about wearing rakhi's and Dr Hall brought us some props for our doctor's role play and answered our questions about working in A&E.

### Holly

Website class page:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/holly/223510>

Holly Class have had a brilliant busy few weeks. We have been enjoying Forest School where we have been exploring being achievers and negotiators in various tasks. We achieved some fantastic results in our tie dye activity.



In RE we have been learning about Karma in Hinduism and how Snakes and Ladders originated from India.



Mrs Green has been helping us consider how we can work as a

team and has given us numerous challenges to work out together.



In art we have designed mosaics using both technology and pen and paper. Our text, Escape from Pompeii, is starting to get exciting and we cannot wait to read the next page!

### Silver Birch

Website class page:

[https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/silver\\_birch/223523](https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/silver_birch/223523)

In Silver Birch we have been focusing on our characteristic theme for the half term – ‘friends’. We have begun by looking at the Antarctic expeditions led by explorers Scott, Amundsen and Shackleton. We have discussed how friendship could be important during stressful and dangerous times. We have considered what it would take to be chosen for a crew like Shackleton’s and how different qualities from different people would help.



We have written letters of application to Shackleton’s crew and also imagined what different jobs the crew members would have taken on in preparation – map planning, food preparation, organizing clothes and supplies and ship design. In maths we have focused on place value, rounding and negative numbers. We have also focused on



solving problems by thinking a few steps ahead.



In science we have looked at states of matter and investigated the saturation point of salt and sugar water solutions.

In RE we have begun our unit on Humanism, we have compared the beliefs to Christianity and noticed the guiding principles of being kind and helping others are very similar. In PE we have begun by focusing on teamwork, cooperation, listening and encouraging others.

### Open classes

We plan to hold open classes from 2.15 on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October for Y1, Y2 (surnames from A-L), Y3 and Y5 and on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November for YR, Y2 (surnames from M-Z), Y4 and Y6 if COVID restrictions allow. This is where you can celebrate your child’s learning with them in class.

### Gardening News

Over the past two weeks, our new gardening crew have been busy getting to know each other and discovering what there is to do in our garden over the coming weeks.



So far: seeds have been harvested ready to share at the annual Horticultural Seed Swap, beans and the remaining potatoes have been harvested, our planters have been refreshed with new material and the bulbs have been hidden deep down in the soil to surprise us in Spring!

Well done to Scarlett, Mia and Olly who all entered the Summer Show. Scarlett won the Violet Guinness Cup for the best children’s exhibit.



### Harvest Service

We will hold our Harvest Service in St Mary Magdalene Church on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15. All families are welcome to join us. We are collecting food donations (nothing perishable) for the Haywards Heath Food Bank. Please give any donations to school.

We are delighted that so many children and families are attending this Sunday’s Harvest Service at the church. If you wish to attend the service it starts at 11am.

### School Website

Please make time to familiarise yourself with our website, where the calendar, newsletter and lots of useful information is.

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk>

### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/BolneyCEPrimarySchool>

### Friends of Bolney Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/542619465900385>

**Twitter:** each class has their own page –

Willow:

<https://twitter.com/WillowClass7>

Beech:

<https://twitter.com/BeechClass6>

Holly:

<https://twitter.com/ClassHolly>

Silver Birch:

<https://twitter.com/SilverBirchCla2>

### HELLOYELLOW! Young Minds – Mentally Healthy day

We will be marking this day by raising awareness of the importance of keeping ourselves mentally fit and happy. Please support it too by finding your child an item of yellow clothing to wear

on our next non-school uniform day - FRIDAY OCTOBER 8th! This can be just a sock, or a T-shirt or – if your child is a fan of yellow – can be a whole outfit! Teachers will be talking about what children can do to do be mentally healthy. You can read more about it here:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/fundraising/helloyellow/>

### Vegas Night

Please support the Friends of Bolney by having fun at the fabulous Vegas Night fundraiser at the Rawson Hall on Friday 8th October from 7.30. Tickets are available from the School Office or via [friendsofbolney@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbolney@gmail.com)

### 150 years - We need your help

Amazingly it is the school's 150th anniversary. We had planned different ways to celebrate this over the 2020-21 academic year but, unfortunately, we had to change these due to COVID. However, we are creating an 'heirloom embroidery' with all of our children. We will be starting this in the week of 18th October. If you are able to offer any help with sewing and fabric printing in school that week we would be very grateful.

### Helping and sharing in school

If you would like to help in school by doing things like listening to children read, helping with art or gardening please contact Zoe. We would also like to restart our programme of visitors coming into school again. If you are able to share your role at work or interests with a class or group of children we would love to hear from you.

### Car park and reserved spaces

Please keep the two reserved spaces next to the disabled parking bay free for parents who really need to park near to the school.

### Amazing hair

Isla donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust over the summer and raised an amazing £175. I am sure you agree with me that her new haircut looks fabulous. Well done Isla for being so kind and generous.



### Christmas Cards

The children will be designing Christmas cards this year which will be printed for you to buy after half term. This is arranged by the wonderful Friends of Bolney.

### Showing our values well

The values trophies were presented to:



Arabella for showing love through thinking of others and Ollie for showing love through being patient and kind.



Maddox for showing love and Larna for showing love through being kind.

### Covid-19 preventative measures

Please continue to be vigilant for any possible COVID symptoms. If **your child has any possible symptoms please do not send them to school and arrange for them to have a PCR test.** Only send them to school if this test is negative.

### Diary Dates

#### Harvest Service

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 9.15 in church

#### Y1-Y6 Parent Teacher meetings

3.30-6pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

#### Open days for new YR families for September 2022

9.30-11.30

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October  
6-7pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

#### Open classes

2.15pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October for Y1, Y2 (surnames from A-L), Y3 and Y5

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November for YR, Y2 (surnames from M-Z), Y4 and Y6

#### Holly Class trip

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

#### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

**Thank- you for your continued support with all that we do and we wish you an enjoyable weekend.**

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