



Newsletter

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Newsletter
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Dear families,

It has been very quiet at school this week with Silver Birch on their residential but Year 4s have stepped up well as role models to the younger pupils. We have continued to consider our values through Aesop's Fables and have learnt three so far. Ask you child about 'The Lion and the Mouse', 'The Ant and the Dove' and 'The boy who cried wolf'. Hopefully, they will be able to tell you the moral and the link to our school values. Thank you to those families who have joined us for our celebration assemblies on a Friday morning – you are all very welcome.

Willow Class

In Willow Class we have shared lots of stories, like The Three Little Pigs, Dear Zoo and A Place Called Home. We thought about animals that would be good as pets and animals that would not and why. We talked about houses around the world. We have shared stories, like The Kiss That Missed and This Is Our House. We talked about our bedtime routines and who we would give our Magic Kiss to. In Maths we have been sorting sets and explaining our reasoning. We have played games to encourage turn taking and listening and learning names and have been negotiating space safely in PE. In Art we have mixed primary colours and made predictions of the secondary colours that could be made. We have been practising songs for Harvest Festival next week



Beech Class

We have had a very busy time in beech class! We have started writing letters to Little Knight. He is a character in a book we are reading. We have had fun looking at the different part of letters such as the introduction and signature. In DT, we have started to make our own castles. We spent the first two weeks designing and now we are finally starting to cut battlements and drawbridges! In music, we have been listening to different songs and have learnt how to find the beat of a song!

Holly Class

Holly have been building up to Harvest festival next week. We have been writing poems about autumn and harvest time – focusing on food, animals, the weather and how we feel this time of year. We've tried to add lots of description and think carefully about our word choices.



We've worked really hard on

neat handwriting and have been able to present our finished poems beautifully.

We also painted autumnal trees to go with our poems.

In maths, we have been working with number lines. We've found missing numbers, estimated values and solved problems involving these steps. This has been quite tricky but we've shown lots of good maths thinking when we've needed to estimate.



In history we've learned about the Roman army and how its organisation helped the empire to expand. We've been keen to find out more about which countries were invaded and what weapons the Romans used.

In science, we are getting very interested in rocks! We are getting better at identifying features of igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks but most importantly we are enjoying getting hands on and exploring them.

Our PE focus has been on teamwork and communication. We invented games and obstacle courses for the rest of the class to try. These had to involve instructions and clear explanations and we could make it harder by adding in blindfolds. We all did really well at listening to and explaining our games and

rules.



Silver Birch Class

PGL fun!



Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival and we would love you to join us in church next Friday, 3rd October at 9.15am. As in previous years we are proud to support Haywards Heath Foodbank. They have let us know that they need longlife milk, longlife fruit juice, pasta sauces, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, tinned fruit, longlife puddings, tinned custard, tinned rice pudding, packet rice, biscuits, cereal, shower gel, shampoo, baby bath/shampoo, nappies sizes 3,4,5,6,7 and baby formula. Please leave items in the boxes outside the school office before the Service on Friday.

Gardening Club

Gardening Club have been busy harvesting vegetables ahead of preparing soup for the school to taste next week.



Hotline to Heaven



Wraparound Childcare (before and after school)

For bookings and further information please see the website. Booking must be made a week in advance.

Attendance

WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?					
190 days	180 days	178 days	163 days	161 days	143 days
100%	95%	94%	86%	85%	75%
Good	Worrying		Serious Concern		
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Only 1-2 day missed per term	Between 3-8 days missed per term		More than 9 days missed per term		

We have had a worrying amount of holiday requests already this term meaning that children have missed the start of new projects and, for some, new

classrooms and teachers. Please think very seriously before requesting time away from school. Absence has a huge impact on learning and friendships. More information on the seriousness of poor attendance can be found on the website.

Diary Dates:

See the website calendar for important dates:

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

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>

Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School

Friends of Bolney NEWS:

As many of you will have seen on WhatsApp, with our **AGM coming up we are looking for new committee members** – especially a **Chair (or Co-Chairs)** and a **Secretary**. Without these roles, the charity sadly can't continue.

We'd love you to join us at:

An Informal Meeting: Tues 14th Oct, 7pm at The Eight Bells – enjoy a glass of wine (our treat!) and a relaxed chat about what's involved.

AGM: Weds 12th Nov, 7pm at The Eight Bells – formal voting in of the new committee.

Prize Donations Needed 🎁

A huge thank you to everyone who has already offered raffle and auction prizes – your generosity is so appreciated!



We're still on the lookout for more donations for the **Rawson Hall 10th Anniversary Party (22nd Nov) Auction and Raffle** and the **School Christmas Fair Raffle** 🎄 The proceeds from both will go to benefit all of the children at Bolney school. Prizes big or small, or something from a business you know, would be amazing!

For more information on joining the committee, or to donate a prize, please email: friendsofbolney@gmail.com

Have a wonderful weekend!
Friends of Bolney

