



Newsletter

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Dear families,

We do hope that you are all keeping well and safe and whilst we have a small outbreak of Covid in school, we are following all of the guidelines and continuing with extra cleaning, with all classes now in their own bubble. If you are concerned please call the office.

After School Clubs

These will continue in the bubbles until the new year to be safe.

Monday Albion: BEECH

Tuesday Football: SILVER BIRCH

Wednesday Karate: BEECH

Thursday Dance: BEECH

Thank you for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Willow

This week we made our Pumpkin Soup and wrote the method.



We found out about the causes of the Great Fire of London and answered some of the questions we wrote last week. Year 1 recapped phase 3 sounds and used them in phase 4 words like trust, stamp, skunk. Year R learnt new phase 2 sounds h f b l. In maths Year 1 have been writing addition number sentences within 10 and

bonds to 10. Year R have been making collection of 1-5 objects, showing and recording numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in different ways and using this to make books. They have also been finding circles and triangles and making pictures and patterns with them. We made an Advent kindness calendar, with ideas of what we can do to prepare for Christmas, thinking of our values of love, honesty, respect and resilience and some of the Bolney characteristics of being friends and problem solvers.

Beech

Christmas has exploded in our classroom this week!



We have: an advent tree display, paper chains, salt dough decorations and pom-pom baubles ready to adorn our 10ft tall tree next week. Our nativity – Prickly Hay – is coming along nicely all thanks to the children learning the words and having fun singing them. Yeehah!

We have been planning our stories using the story mountain template ahead of writing them next week and looking at historical sources related to the Great Fire of London. Our Great Fire of London dance is almost ready to be filmed and we will be sharing this with our families via a YouTube link.

We have been planning and writing a recount about the events during the Great Fire of London.

In science we investigated materials and looked at how waterproof they were.

Holly

It's starting to look like Christmas in Holly Class. We have been designing our Christmas decorations and making Christmas cards. We thought the children should show off their sewing skills again to create their decoration- you will be amazed at what they have achieved. We have been busy learning our carols too.

In maths we have been exploring the column method and using place value counters to add and subtract 3 digit and 4 digit numbers. We also found out how important number bonds to 10 are to help us to add these larger numbers and partitioning even 1 digit numbers. In English we looked at how the Romans invaded Britain and how the Celts revolted. We watched some clips about Boudicca and we discussed how we could write a news report based on this time. In science we have been melting different types of chocolate and becoming particles in solids, liquids and gases!



We continued to add to our chariots and used a saw, we

definitely have some carpenters in the making here!



Silver Birch

In Silver Birch we have written Antarctic themed poetry. We tried to tell the story of Shackleton's journey by beginning with optimism and exciting descriptions of penguins and beautiful scenery before contrasting it with descriptions of terrible weather and treacherous seas as the journey progressed.

We are building towards a final display of our work, with diaries, poetry and fact pages completed alongside scratch games and board games we have designed and created. We are also creating a map of Antarctica, with key details and journey routes as well as a decorative sea and mountainous terrain.

In maths, we have been busy with fractions, learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. We have found it helpful to use bar models and drawings to really understand what is going on when we calculate with fractions.



We also shared our home learning, with some amazing board games, physical and online recreations of the Endurance, maps, art and drawings on display.

Worship

This week Liz Styles came into Silver Birch for our Worship and talked to the children about 'Advent'

finishing with a prayer in sign language.

Christmas Sponsored Walk

Christmas Sponsored Walk on Tuesday 7th 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.

Bolney Christmas Card Box

This has been retrieved from the loft and is in the Reception area for children to put their cards into. Deadline for posting is Friday 10th December. Please make sure the envelope is clearly marked with the recipients full name and class.

Showing our values well

The values trophies were presented to: Charlie, Charis and Dorothy



Covid-19 preventative measures

Please email 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:

We still hope to go ahead with many of these things – but will inform you separately by email of any changes:

Friends of Bolney Christmas Sponsored Walk

Tuesday 7th December from 2pm

Chartwells' Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 8th December (*likely to be in Bubbles*)

Flu Spray

YR – Y6 Thursday 9th December (*only if online consent already given – deadline has passed*)

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 13th and Tuesday 14th December

KS2 Carol Concert

Wednesday 15th 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.

Friday 17th December

Christmas non uniform day (anything do to with Christmas!)

NUT FREE SCHOOL

From 1st January 2022

Sports Morning

Wednesday 8th June 2022

(15th June is our reserve day)

Silver Birch Summer Production

Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July 6pm at the Rawson Hall (COVID situation allowing)

INSET days 2021-22

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Monday 4th July 2022

Additional holiday day

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

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School

