



Newsletter

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Dear families,

Half Term week seems a long time ago now that we are fully back into the throws of school life, but I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful break. In Worship this week, we have been reflecting on our value of 'Resilience' and the importance of the word 'yet'. We shared examples of this including children that were not able to juggle or play the trumpet YET! Watch this space! We were lucky enough to have Liz Styles from the Point Church lead a worship this week too. Other visitors to the school have also commented on how well behaved our children are and how happy they look engaged in learning.

Willow

In Willow Class we have read The Gingerbread Man and put the story events in order. We have even tried writing our own versions of it. We have been learning more sounds and practising blending these sounds. We have been writing stories with our own toys. We have been on an Autumn Walk to notice seasonal changes. We have been counting and practising writing numbers 1, 2 and 3 and beyond. We have been making our own number books. We have talked about Remembrance Day and made poppies for our class. We have had visits from the Fire Service and from the author Alice Chambers too. Her Bob the Bear

Story has inspired us to write our own stories about our toys. We even had a visit from the West Sussex Fire & Rescue Team.



Beech

This term, Beech Class have been taking part in whole class recorder sessions! To play an instrument as part of an ensemble is really tricky but the whole class have taken up the challenge. We have learnt to play three different notes through a variety of different pieces. In the latter sessions, the children learnt the power of improvisation and every single child was brave enough to perform solo in front of the class. Before we move onto our nativity rehearsals, we are going to compose short pieces. It has been brilliant to watch the children grow in confidence – perhaps a recorder under the Christmas tree this year is in order?!

Holly

Holly have settled back well after our half term break. We have been busy continuing our Stone Age projects and already talking about Christmas. We have been hunters and gatherers again making our own spears using flint and sticks and then we had to be critical thinkers to work out how to cross a river to where our food was. We had to work as a team.



As stone age people we also made hand tools using a technique called Flint Knapping. We called our version Soap Knapping. The children loved using their flint to shape, sharpen, polish and create patterns on their bars of soap.



In science we have started learning about our teeth. We have learned about the types of teeth we have, what they are made of and we made a model of a tooth discussing the word 'anatomy'.

In maths we have started exploring methods for addition and subtraction. We have

looked at using known facts such as $8+2$ to help us with $800+200$. We have used the column method, base 10 and place value counters to help us. In English we have been completing different writing tasks based on pictures either concentrating on just the start of a story making it interesting to the reader or just being able to use 20 words encouraging us to carefully choose our words to create impact.

In music we have been playing the drums and making up our own rhythms!



Silver Birch

In Silver Birch, we have been writing horror/ghost stories. This was a very popular idea and request from the children following Halloween excitement. We have looked at some classic character descriptions from Dracula and Frankenstein and we have watched The Simpsons to see how plots develop and twists and turns engage the audience. There have been some vivid descriptions, lots of tense build ups and some very engaging plot ideas. We are planning to compile them into a horror collection once we have finished.

In maths, year 5 have been learning about factors and multiples and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000. Year 6 have been learning the dreaded long division method!

We have applied our understanding of the heart and circulatory system and have conducted experiments in the

impact of exercise. We have discussed heart rate, recovery time and different types of exercise.

We have switched from a history focus from last half term to a geography one this half term. We have learned about the features of a river and how they are formed. We have also begun to discuss how valuable rivers are to developing civilizations and this will tie in with our focus on the Ancient Egyptians and their reliance and reverence for the Nile.

Soup Kitchen

Gardening Club celebrated their successful growing season by harvesting, preparing, cooking and sharing a delicious Candy Squash soup with the WHOLE school! School-grown ingredients included garlic, onions, potatoes and candy squash.



We served some very happy customers – some of which waited for seconds!



Big Sing

Well done to Silver Birch children who went to Oathall on 17th October for the Big Sing.

Thank you

Thanks to the generosity of our local community, Willow Class now have an outside tap and

the array of bins have been fenced in!



Twitter

Reminder of our Twitter address <https://twitter.com/BolneyCEPrimary>

Remembrance Sunday

Reverend Michael has kindly given each child a poppy to wear to help them to understand the importance of Remembrance Sunday. He warmly invites the staff, children and their families to join the church congregation on the Street just by the Eight Bells at 10.30 am promptly in order to reach the War Memorial in time to hear the recording of canon fire heralding the chiming of Big Ben striking 11 o'clock. A very short 'Act of Remembrance' will follow which includes the two minutes silence and the trumpet playing of the 'Last Post' and 'Reveille'. There will be free refreshments immediately afterwards at the Rawson Hall.

<https://twitter.com/BolneyCEPrimary> follow our Twitter feed #WeWillRememberThem

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#todaywepay
Pictured: St. Mary Magdalene, Bolney

TODAY WE PRAY

For all those who worship and serve in Cuckfield and Bolney. Along with Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School and Bolney Church of England Primary School

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Walking Bus

As the Walking Bus has been such a success (with 20% of the

children having joined us already), we plan to continue every Tuesday morning this term. Do come along, we would love to see you! Rawson Hall at 8:30 or anywhere along the route.



Don't forget the Library design competition – entries need to be in by the 25th November.

Chartwells Christmas Lunch

KS2 parents - please pre-order online for our annual Christmas lunch which will be on **Tuesday 6th December**.

www.mealselector.co.uk by Sunday 27th November. All KS1 children will be ordered for automatically.

Values Tree Award



Lilly and Jess – 4.11.22



Jack and Maddox – 11.11.22

Diary Dates:

Thursday 17th November - David Fuller Author Visit – (*book order forms already sent home*)

Friday 18th November - FOB Non Uniform (be yourself, express yourself) for Chocolate

Saturday 19th November – FOB Glitter Ball at The Rawson

Friday 25th November – Silver Birch to the Forest School Campus

Friday 2nd December – FOB Non uniform for bottles

Friday 2nd December – After School FOB Disco (further info to come)

Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fair 2 -4pm

Tuesday 6th December - Chartwells Christmas Lunch (deadline for order 27th Nov)

Thursday 8th December – Silver Birch singing at the Orchards Shopping Centre 10-10.30am

Monday 12th December – KS1 Nativity 2pm

Tuesday 13th December – KS1 Nativity 2pm

Wednesday 14th December – KS2 Carol Service 6pm

Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School

