



Newsletter

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Summer
Term
Newsletter

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Dear families,

We have had a fabulous start to the summer term and we are enjoying this lovely weather. I was really pleased to meet Ms Lofthouse, my replacement, this week. We got on really well and I think she will be a fabulous headteacher. Ms Lofthouse is quite keen to build on all the good work we have been doing. I am looking forward to working with her when she visits again. She is so looking forward to starting. Mrs Kenny

Willow

In Willow Class we have started our new theme, Negotiators and Peacemakers. We have been talking about what it means to be a negotiator and why this skill is useful. We have negotiated activities that we might like to do as part of this theme and written to Mrs Kenny and negotiated a trip to the garden centre to buy seeds and bulbs. We read *The Smile Shop* and talked about communicating with smiles. We collected the nouns and verbs in the book. We have been planting sunflowers and discussed the best growing conditions. We are running an experiment with runner bean plants.



Year 1s have been counting in steps of 2s, 5s and 10s and noticing patterns. Year Rs have been counting groups of objects to 15 and reading and writing numbers to 15. We have lots of families to thank this week! A new mud kitchen arrived, thanks to Harper and Carter's family and we have discussed what we need to do to take care of it.



Thank you too, to Jack's family for sending us bags of bark chippings for our growing patch and thank you to Kiki's family for some incredible plants. Thank-you all very much!

Beech

Beech Class were lucky to go to a Tennis Festival at Warden Park this week. The children worked so well in teams to learn new skills from the Year 9 Sport's Leaders. Tobias enjoyed hitting the balls high and far in the hall and Arabella enjoyed how the older children helped and she learned the importance of staying focused. Most importantly – it was great fun!



In maths we have been extending our work on fractions – finding half and a quarter of objects, shapes and numbers. We counted how many half pears we had, and then put them together to see how many wholes they could make. We have been challenging our thinking: if $\frac{1}{4}$ is 5, how many is the whole? We have also been using our fractions knowledge in telling the time on an analogue clock.

In English we have been reading the story of *The Angel of Nitshill Road* to support our theme of Negotiators. Using evidence from the text, we have been thinking about the main characters, creating character profiles for each. We have started to talk about using the skill inference to read between the lines and understand what is not said in the story.



We have loved our first Forest School session and are

very much looking forward to the next one.



Holly

What a busy first two weeks of the summer term. We started our new text 'The Day I fell into a Fairytale' and we have been busy creating a soundscape for the prologue. The children had to use instruments, their voices and their bodies to produce sounds and gestures to tell us the story. in the prologue.



In art we have started to use clay to learn how to mark make using different tools. We will be designing our own animals based on our knowledge of



habitats and adaptation in science.

In maths we have been using analogue clocks to tell the time. We have been discussing many different things such as quarter past, quarter to, learning about the clock face and how it links to many aspects of maths such as times tables and fractions.



In science we started to find out the history of electricity and we learned about several famous people- ask your child about them! We explored the Switched on for Kids website too.

In computing we discussed whether we really know someone online and how well do we know them compared to our friends and family offline. We realised that we think we know some people well but we do not know very much at all when we looked into it further.

Silver Birch

In Silver Birch, we have started our new characteristics focus on 'negotiators' and 'critical thinkers'. We began by looking at democracy and the types of governments across the world – from monarchies to democracies and dictatorships.

We also looked in more detail at how the UK is governed and what happens in elections – which has been good timing with the current elections.

We also begun our new class text 'Who Let The Gods Out?'. This has led to lots of character discussions and descriptions. It also has led us onto the topic of Greek mythology and constellations, which we will be learning more about over the term.

We had our first music lesson with the West Sussex music teachers – we are excited to be learning the violin!



Y6 SATS is next week so a good rest is needed this weekend.

Passion Play

What a wonderful event! We loved watching all the classes perform different scenes to tell the Easter story. A huge thanks to the readers and to the Friends of Bolney for providing refreshments. Thank you for

joining us to watch the children act this out so wonderfully!



There are many more photos on our website

https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/passion_play_2022/606525

Music lessons

The Friends of Bolney have kindly paid for a music teacher to teach an instrument to both Holly and Silver Birch classes this term. The children had their first violin lesson this week. Every child was able to have their own violin to play and practised how to hold it correctly and how to play some notes. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing how they progress!

Tennis Ball plea

If you have any spare tennis balls at home and would like to donate them to school please do.

Cricket Festival

Some of our Y4 and Y5 children attended a Cricket Festival at Ansty Cricket club this week. It is wonderful to do events with other schools again. The children further developed their cricket skills which we hope to see in practice over the summer term.

An important visitor

Mims Davies, the MP for Mid Sussex, will be visiting the school on Friday 20th May. She asked to visit the school after reading the article about our wonderful 150th Anniversary embroidery in the paper. Silver Birch class are keen to learn more about democracy and how MPs find out what their constituents want help with.

Class Photos

We have a photographer coming into school to take class photos on the morning of Wednesday 25th May.

Jubilee Garden Party and farewell

We are holding a garden party on Wednesday 20th July at 2pm

in the playground. There will be refreshments and fun stalls run by Silver Birch class. At the end of the garden party there will be a formal farewell to Mrs Kenny. Please join us if you can.

Watch this space for an exciting whole school event on Wednesday 29th June!

Parking – Reserved/Disabled Bays

Please **DO NOT** park in either the Disabled parking bay or the Reserved parking space, we have parents that need these spaces and have our permission to use them for drop off and pick up.

Friends of Bolney

To help collect bottles for the bottle tombola at Village Day on the 25th June we are holding two non-uniform days on Friday 10th June and Friday 24th June in exchange for a bottle. Next meeting – Monday 16th May *time tbc*

Showing our values well:



Mrs James for showing love and Poppy for showing love and respect.



Arya for showing love and respect and Larna for encouraging others, showing love.

Diary Dates:

Class Photos

Wednesday 25th May

Summer Half Term

W/c 30th May 2022

INSET Monday 6th June

Sports Morning

Wednesday 8th June 2022
(15th June is our reserve day)

Non-uniform days

Friday 10th June and Friday 24th June in exchange for a bottle.

Whole school event

Wednesday 29th June

INSET day: Monday 4th July 2022

Diocese Y6 Leavers Service

Christ's Hospital Chapel
Thursday 7th July 1.30

Silver Birch Summer Production

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

Jubilee Garden Party and farewell

Wednesday 20th July at 2pm

Y6 Leavers Service

St Mary Magdalene Church
Thursday 21st July 9.15

Last day of summer term

Thursday 21st July 2022

INSET days 2022-23

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Monday 20th February 2023,
Monday 5th June 2023,
Monday 3rd July 2023.

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



Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School