



Newsletter

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Dear families,

The Christmas Fair was a highlight of the past two weeks, where many of the children in Holly and Silver Birch ran stalls in support of the FoB. The Friends of Bolney have worked tirelessly to organise, plan and run such a fantastic event and we are incredibly lucky to have their dedication in planning events to raise funds for our school. A big thank you to all the children, families and friends that attended the fair – it was an enjoyable and festive way to start the Christmas period (if not a little chilly!).



Willow Class

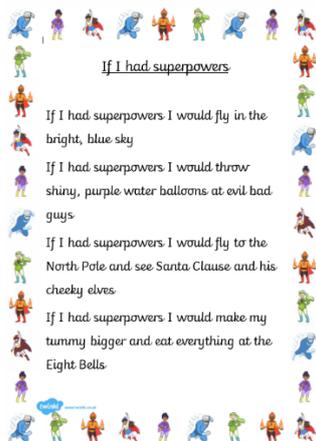
In Willow Class we have been very busy preparing for our Nativity. We are almost at the end of our Traditional Tales topic, Who Has Been Eating My Porridge? We have been sharing more traditional stories, like The Enormous Turnip, Rumpelstiltskin and The 3 Little Pigs. We have been making

houses of sticks, bricks and straw and been retelling the story. In maths we have talked about different ways of making numbers 5 and 6. We have learnt new sounds and been practising reading keywords. We have talked about using kind hands at school.



Beech Class

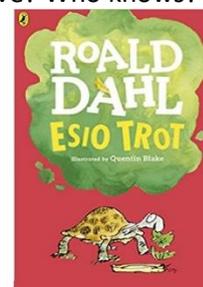
We have finished our comic strips and have moved on to poetry in Beech class where we are using rhyming words. By the end of the term, we will have written our own rhyming poems. To support our learning, we wrote a class poem about what we would do if we had superpowers.



We have been learning lots of new sounds in phonics. This week we went on a 'sound' hunt around the room, we looked for things with the ai/ey/a sound such as something grey or paint.



Last week we finished the book 'The Giraffe, The Pelly and Me' by Roald Dahl. We loved the author so much, we wanted to read another one of his books. Therefore, we voted for our next class book and it is.... Esio Trot! So far, we have learned about Mr Hoppy's love for his neighbour Mrs Silver but she loves her pet tortoise, Alfie! What will Mr Hoppy do to win her love? Who knows?



Holly Class

Holly have had an enjoyable end to the term. To start, we took part in the Christmas fair and the children always love the Adopt a Soft Toy stall. They enjoyed writing about their toy!



In English, we completed our diaries about being a Roman Soldier. The children used their knowledge of the Romans to write interesting accounts of their days in their barracks. Cleaning the toilet block was a common feature of their day! This week in English, we have been using the Aldi 2023 Christmas advert about Willy Conker and Kevin the Carrot to write invitations to visit the amazing Christmas feast factory. The children have used their persuasive writing skills again brilliantly and I definitely want to visit, although their rules are tough!

In Design and technology, we completed our Vexillums and the children have produced an excellent piece of work.



In maths, we have been problem solving and using NRICH challenges - we worked together on games called Totality and Nim-7. We also looked for maths in pictures! As most of you are aware, we took part in an impressive performance of drumming and

cheerleading. The children were amazing and showed off their fantastic gym and music skills. We hope you enjoyed it if you were lucky enough to see it.



Silver Birch Class

This week we have been creating our own graphic novel retellings of Shackleton's Journey. Inspired by 'Corpse Talk' – one of the most popular series in the class, we are trying to mix humour with information writing in order to summarise and retell the key details about Shackleton's crew and the events. This has been a good way for the children to show off as much as they can remember about this term's English and topic work and the graphic novels are starting to come together really well.

We have also continued to focus on penguins and Antarctica – looking at how different types of penguin have adapted differently.

In maths, Year 5 have been learning the grid method for multiplication. We have also been drilling times tables as they are so helpful for fluency. Year 6 have been calculating with mixed numbers and multiplying fractions.

In gymnastics, we have been continuing to work in groups to create a sequence. There has been lots of impressive balances and collaborative movements

being perfected. We have also tried to give helpful feedback to others and evaluated our own performances.

Car Park

Polite request - please meet your child at the school gate and walk across the car park to your car with them in order that we keep everyone safe.

Values Awards

Last week's certificates:

Love Sophia B

Respect Arya T

Resilience Rosie B

Honesty Louie M

This week's certificates:

Love Tristram G

Respect Noah M

Resilience Reuben C

Honesty Elsie H

Thankyou FOB

A big THANK YOU, as always, to the FOB for funding a visit from the Hobgoblin Theatre. The whole school enjoyed a show of the Three Musketeers!



Friends of Bolney NEWS:

We have had a very busy couple of weeks with our Christmas events!

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the Wreath Workshops, we really enjoyed hosting you and loved all of the beautiful wreaths that you created. With your support, we raised an amazing £920.50 for the school!

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas Fair festivities and that the children loved their visits with Santa! Thank you to the volunteers who gave their

time to help and thank you to everyone for coming to support the event.

The Christmas Fair and Raffle together raised almost £4,000, which is incredible!! We will be selling Elfridges gifts after school next week for children who were unable to attend the fair, or for any children who would like to buy any extra gifts for their family. We hope this will help us hit the £4,000 and will announce the final total next week.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated very generously to the Raffle. It raised £2,002, which is fantastic! This term these Christmas events, as well as the Bonfire Night stall, Cake Sale and Sponsored Bear Hunt, have raised over £6,500 for the school. As well as our usual commitments, we paid for a Pantomime performance in school last week, which the children all really enjoyed. The money raised will allow us to continue supporting the school with enriching activities and resources for all of the children. Thank you for continuing to support us. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Diary Dates:

REMINDER:

**Wednesday 13th December –
Christmas Jumper Day** (with uniform)

**Chartwells Christmas lunch
Cakes Sale and 'Elfridges' gifts**
(in the hall from 3:15)

See the website calendar for important dates:

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

**Ms Lofthouse and all staff at
Bolney CEP School**

