



Newsletter

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Dear families,
May I extend a huge welcome back to everyone after what I hope has been a restful and peaceful summer break. It has been so lovely to see the children's happy faces at the school gates again, to meet our new Willow Class and to catch up with you all too. The inside of the school is looking fantastic, having been decorated over the summer and the the work on the back entrance to Silver Birch, which has needed replacing for a while, is now complete.

In classes, there has been much excitement already with the introduction of new big questions and and we have had the Museum Service in to whet the children's appetites for their new projects too. Celebration Assemblies have started again and we welcome families to join us on a Friday at 8:55am.

Willow Class

In Willow Class we have settled into school life playing games to encourage turn taking and listening and practising numbers and letters. We have shared stories like **Pete the Cat and his New Shoes**, **Pete the Cat and his 4 Groovy Buttons**, **The Colour Monster** and **A Pocketful of Kisses!** And **Emily Brown And The Thing**. We have drawn Self Portraits and tried writing our names and drawn people who are special to us. We have tried school snack, practised for the fire alarm and got changed for PE. We have played with blocks,

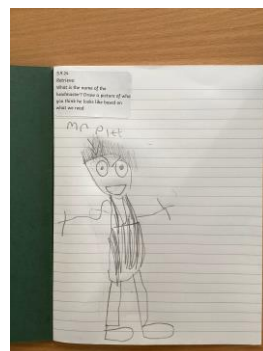
dressed up and sang and played with our buddies. Last week we enjoyed sharing our Starting School books with Teachers and friends. This week we welcomed visitors from Horsham Museum and investigated some very old toys, talking about how they are different from toys today. We have experimented with mixing colours and made some very large models with blocks, dressed up and been singing.



Beech Class

It has been my pleasure to welcome back Beech Class this new year. We have been very busy; we have had a visit from the Horsham museum, we have designed our own toys and written about them and even learnt about primary and secondary colours. We have had a fab 2 weeks!

We have started a new book called 'Max And The Millions' by Ross Montgomery. The book is all about a boy who discovers a secret world of tiny people. We have loved it so far. In vipers, we look at different aspects of reading and this week we were retrieving information from the book about the headmaster. This is what we think he would look like.



We have explored place value this week. The year 1's have used dienes, counters and tens frames and the year 2's have been counting forward and back within 50, it will be 100 next! In history, we have looked at toys through time and looking at what they are made from. Lots of the older toys are made from wood because plastic was not invented then!



In computing, we learnt about the importance of naming and dating our work. We had the choice of drawing a self portrait on an ipad, computer or on



paper.

Holly Class

Holly we have started with our key question "What tools do we need to survive?". We've been looking at the Stone Age and have considered what precious items Stone Age people may have saved in a crisis. We used drama to imagine ourselves as Stone Age villagers, we made characters and a village map, which we will be using to help our writing.



In English, we've written descriptions of our village using noun phrases and adjectives. In maths, we have been working on place value – exploring hundreds and thousands using dienes. We have looked at number lines and ordering 3 and 4 digit numbers.



In History, we considered how Stone Age people would find food by foraging. We had images of lots of berries, mushrooms and plants around the room and we had to sort them into "safe" and "unsafe" piles. We were then joined by a mushroom expert from Silver Birch Tristram who revealed to us how successful we were with our guesses. He told us that often things that are red are poisonous and unfortunately we had selected some red berries and mushrooms to eat! We loved our visit from Horsham museum. We learned

what it meant to be an



archaeologist. We practised carefully removing artefacts from sand, we attempted to measure and repiece pottery back together and categorised different tools.

We have also created a big collage of Stonehenge which is one display in the classroom. In PE and drama we have been focusing on listening, communication and teamwork skills.

Silver Birch Class

We have had a fantastic start to the autumn term, already extremely busy! To kick off our theme of the Ancient Egyptians and our characteristics of Values, we learned how to write our name and a secret message using Hieroglyphics. To help us remember some of the many symbols, we completed some circuit training tasks!



In English, we have started with a film unit based on time travelling back to Ancient Egypt. We have become time travellers and are just writing about what we are experiencing as we come out of our portal. We have started to read Secrets of a Sun King in our VIPERS sessions and will be using this for our English lessons in a few weeks. We have focused on presentation of

work and asking ourselves the question, 'Is this the best I can do?'

In science, we became Embalmers where we used natron to start the mummification process with tomatoes and apples! Ask your child what the natron is expected to do. We are starting to learn about the Circulatory System and we will be making blood smoothies to learn about the different components next week.



In P.E, we have focused on fitness and exercise as this links nicely to science and the Circulatory system. We also started to learn about Hockey and took part in some taster tasks.

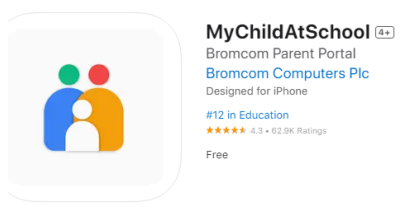
We were lucky to have Horsham Museum visit and hook us into the theme of the Ancient Egyptians. We now know so much more but the session has inspired us to research even further so we are looking forward to our history sessions.



In maths, Year 5's have revisited Roman Numerals and we will be learning about numbers up to 10000. The Year 6's have started their place value unit and looking at numbers to a million. Please continue to practice times tables when you can.

MCAS

We are very sorry about the issues with the MCAS app for communication and payments with families. It has been very frustrating for us too as it is a Bromcom issue and they are working hard to fix it. In the meantime, messages sent should still be there, you just may not receive notifications, so please try and check the app daily if possible. There was also an update over the summer so ensure your app is the most up to date. The school ID is 13239 if needed to reinstall. Any other problems, please see Zoe.



Uniform

Thank you for supporting the new uniform policy; the children have all looked very smart on their return to school. Hopefully the whole school having PE on a Wednesday and Thursday will help too. For those of you who have opted for an optional black PE tracksuit top, may we remind you that this needs to have a Bolney logo on it. We have a limited number of iron-on logos that Zoe has available (for free). Moving forward, should you wish one, please can these tracksuits tops be purchased from the uniform store with a logo already on.

Also regarding the uniform policy, **please can we remind you that only children in KS2 should bring a rucksack to school. In KS1, a book bag, lunchbox and water bottle should be the only items that are brought in.** Rucksacks do not fit on the lunch trolley and are a Health and Safety risk on coat pegs in the corridors. We

appreciate your support with this.

Hot Meals

I am very pleased to be able to share with you, the new website link for Chartwells West Sussex. [West Sussex | Chartwells](https://www.chartwells.co.uk/locations/west-sussex)



Scan me;

Parents can find all the links on here including, the menu, theme day menus, ParentPay guides (an FAQ will be added shortly), and of course, our direct contact details where we can help with any issue directly that parents or schools may have.

Census day – please help our funding and order a meal on this day!

PARENTS & GUARDIANS
HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR SCHOOL'S FUNDING?

WHAT IS CENSUS DAY?
Census Day is an important day in the Primary School calendar, as the Government will use the numbers of those who eat school meals on this day to identify the level of funding each school receives.
Put simply, the more children eating a school meal on this day, the more funding your school can access.

WHEN IS IT?
3RD OCTOBER 2024

WHEN DO I NEED TO BOOK?
BEFORE THE 19TH SEPTEMBER

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO GROW OUR GOVERNMENT FUNDING... HERE'S HOW!
Make sure you book a meal for the day! Use your ParentPay login and order a meal for the 3rd October 2024, whichever meal your child would prefer. Please note the dessert for this day will be a vegan pancake with syrup, to make it extra special!
If your child has a special diet, we have a GF vegan shortbread available for dessert or their usual menu will remain in place.

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CENSUS DAY 2024
AMERICAN THEME DAY
3RD OCTOBER 2024

MENU
Beef Burger & Chips,
Macaroni & Cheese,
Side of Sweetcorn or Baked Beans or Salad
Vegan Pancake with Syrup

SPECIAL DIETS
SD GF Tomato & Lentil Pasta
Side of Sweetcorn or Baked Beans or Salad
GF Vegan Shortbread
*for usual menu remains in

Friends of Bolney

Those of you who attended the Bolney Summer Blast will know how much time, energy and effort the FoB put in to making it an event to remember. It was a spectacular day, more akin to a Village Fete than a School Summer Fayre and there must have been over 800 people at the Cider Tap venue over the course of the day. As a school, we are hugely lucky to have the FoB raising much needed funds for general school resources but also for enrichment which benefit **all** the children in the school. There will be a change of committee at the next AGM, with the current committee stepping down after two incredible years of fund raising, so please do get in touch if you could consider being a part of a new era of FoB.

Gardening Club

Another year of growing, and what a fabulous harvest this year!



Diary Dates:

Meet the teacher: all 2.30pm
Monday 16th September – Holly
Tuesday 17th September – Beech
Wednesday 18th September – Willow
Thursday 19th September – Silver Birch

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:

We hope everyone had an amazing summer holiday and we would like to welcome all of the new parents and pupils to Bolney CEP School!

AGM Meeting - Thursday 3rd October, 6pm at the school

The current Friends of Bolney committee have worked hard to raise over £30,000 for the school during the last 2 years and we have enjoyed hosting various fundraisers in that time. Thank you so much to everyone for supporting our events. The money raised goes to benefit all of the children at the school.

We have enjoyed our time on the committee, but have decided that we will be stepping down to make way for some new parents to take on these roles with fresh fundraising ideas! If you are interested in being part of the committee or being a named role on the committee please join us for our AGM where we will be discussing the year ahead and voting in new members including Chair (or Co-Chairs), Secretary & Treasurer. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting even if you do not wish to take on a named role.

Please let us know if you are able to join us so we have an idea of numbers.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about Friends of Bolney prior to the meeting please get in touch at friendsofbolney@gmail.com

Tescos Stronger Start - We are really excited to announce that over the summer Bolney was awarded the top prize of **£1,500** which is amazing! Thank you so much to everyone who voted in store for Bolney CEP. The money will go towards new playground equipment.

The Bolney Pram Race - organisers have generously donated a share of the money raised through sponsorship to our school adding to the money Friends of Bolney raised through the Cafe and Raffle. This brings the total raised for the school to **£1,615!**

ASDA Cashpot for Schools - 2nd September - 30th November 2024

Asda is donating millions of pounds to primary schools through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. To support our school, all you have to do is download the Asda Rewards App and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools selecting Bolney CEP as your school, then shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com. Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024 – every time you shop with Asda / George using your Asda Rewards app, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary school. Even if you don't shop at Asda / George, Bolney School will get an introductory £1 for everyone who signs up!

Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at the AGM on the 3rd October.

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