



Newsletter

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Dear families,

It has been another busy fortnight with Willow and Holly classes enjoying trips and the whole school enjoying an orienteering day and a skateboard workshop! We also saw the arrival of our shepherd's hut which will be an invaluable space to use for small group work, meetings and interventions. Many of the children have already worked in there.



We have sports day to look forward to next week as well as a visit from Yvrose from Hope House, Haiti. She is going to come and see the children in classes learning, then the children will lead worship and at the end of the school day, there will be a bake sale to raise money for Hope House – do come and say hello to Yvrose. In order to raise money for Haiti, along with the bake sale,

the children are going to be making crafts which they plan to sell at Sports Day on Wednesday and again after school on Thursday. Please look out for these stalls.

Willow Class

In Willow Class we started our new big question, ***What Lives There?*** by visiting the Sea Life Centre in Brighton last week. We discussed and drew the rules for staying safe on our trip and talked about our favourite parts of the trip. We have talked about all the Sea Creatures we know about. We read *The Snail and The Whale* in Drawing Club and drew the Snail and the Whale and imagined somewhere they could sail too. This week we read *Hooray for Fish and Tiddler*. We have drawn Tiddler and described him and imagined the trouble he could get into. We used *Hooray For Fish* to imagine our own fish and painted them.

In maths, we have been sharing numbers into 2 groups, noticing when the groups are equal and when there is one left over and talked about odd and even numbers. We are still recapping all the phonics we have learnt so far and trying hard with our sentence writing. We have

enjoyed looking at Google Earth and finding our school, we then followed maps of the school and used our senses to add details

to the maps. We have kept a careful watch on our caterpillars and last week watched the release of the Beech Class caterpillars. Yesterday, we released our only butterfly. This week, we have painted our own fish, collected raspberries, made and eaten sorbet and learnt to skateboard – it's how we roll!



Beech Class

We have had a super exciting two weeks in Beech Class. We have finally released our butterflies. Over 5 weeks ago, we welcomed caterpillars into Beech Class, we watched them grow and measured them.

We watched them turn into chrysalids and hatch. Then we released them when they became butterflies. This was an exciting journey.



In maths, the year 2's have been looking at capacity. They had fun measuring how many cups of water could be poured into a large bowl!



In computing, we made pictograms. We voted for different things such as shops, flowers, drinks and sea creatures. We used our spots to make a life-sized pictogram on the floor.



Holly Class

In Holly, we have been continuing our focus on the rainforest. We've been thinking about what we can do to help as 'Change Makers'. We've begun writing to our local MP to discuss palm oil and protection

of wild animals to see what the government can do and what we can do as individuals. We are finishing off our persuasive letters and we've made sure to include lots of information to explain our concerns. We are keen to see what response we get.

In maths, we've been focusing on decimals and money. We're solving lots of shopping and real-life problems e.g., calculating change needed and how much it costs for multiple items.

In science we're continuing to learn about plants. We've looked at the parts of the plant and the parts of the flower in more detail and we are taking the opportunity to go outdoors and explore the variety of plants and flowers around us. We have also been practising using compasses and directional language in geography. We enjoyed teaming up with Silver Birch to complete an orienteering challenge. There was great teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm all round.

We were also very lucky to visit Hove Progressive Synagogue. We learned lots about Jewish customs, important traditions and food. We were fortunate enough to look up close at the Torah and see how beautifully presented it is. We also had a go at translating some of the Hebrew. The children were very respectful and interested and had lots of brilliant questions to ask. We then spent the afternoon at Stanmer Park where we had time to explore the gardens and wider area. The children loved having time to run and play in the grass and trees and captured lots of photos. We are planning to use these to create collages and for our computing lessons where we are editing photos. The children were brilliant

throughout the trip and all the adults commented on how enjoyable the day was! Well done Holly class!



Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have had a great start to the last term of our year together.

In English, we have been continuing to explore the book *The Arrival*. The illustrations have helped us to write a description of a setting of a new place, a new creature description and we wrote some emotional farewell letters. We turned our farewell letters into Origami birds just as the main character does in the text. An exciting and tricky task but Sophia was up for the challenge! The picture below is of us after we tried to 'fly' our birds.



During our VIPERS sessions, we have started reading *Boy 87*, another emotional and engaging text.



In maths, we have all been investigating angles; estimating, measuring and classifying. Ask your child about the different angles and how we remember their names.

In computing, we have started tinkering with TinkerCad, a 3D modelling program. The children managed to move, place and change 3D images just in one lesson, we are intrigued to find out what we will be doing next.



Science has been all about Jane Goodall and her work with the chimpanzees. This important lady is a great example of a Change Maker; our characteristic this term. We also learned about metamorphosis and life cycles of newts, butterflies, frogs and dragon flies.

Another thrilling event we had the pleasure to be part of in our first week back, was that we had a Geography Day where we make our own compasses; 16-point compasses and then we used a compass to find places around the school grounds. In the afternoon, all of KS2 got together to do some orienteering which was fun and interesting. We witnessed some fantastic team work.



Wraparound Childcare

We are looking to offer on-site wraparound childcare between 7:30am-8:35am and 3:15pm-5:30pm, Monday-Friday, from September 2025 and are in the process of **recruiting staff** members. If you are interested in this role (either breakfast/after school or both) and would like further information, please speak to Ms Lofthouse.

Gardening Club

Gardening Club have been busy planting seedlings and then transplanting them in the raised vegetable beds and large pots around the school. They've also made slug scarers from muddy clay, bird scarers and this week 'Pizza Pots' to take home and nurture so they can harvest all the ingredients to use on their own pizzas 🍕 (tomato, basil, chilli & chives)



Hotline to Heaven

Focus over the last fortnight has been on what the Bible says about life and money.



Travelling Book Fair

Thank you to those who came and purchased some books at our fair this week. We sold £334.09 worth of books and therefore receive £83.52 to spend with them. Many thanks for your support.

Sierra Leone pillow cases

Please bring a plain pillow case to school for Wednesday 18th June to decorate. If you have any spare coathangers that we could use to hang clothing for the new Reception intake, that would also be fantastic.

SPORTS DAY – next Wednesday 18th June 1pm start

We will have the Roast House Coffee van with us to supply you with refreshments, so bring along your pennies. The children will also be selling crafts in aid of Hope House, Haiti.

HOPE HOUSE HAITI – Thursday 19th June 2:15

Worship will be followed by a craft and bake sale on the playground. Please support if you can.

Communication

We do appreciate that Bromcom can be frustrating when trying to catch up on what is going on at school and that Whatsapp groups can sometimes give mixed messages so we are trialing adding the key weekly information for families on the top tab of the website page. The website does have the newsletters, all diary dates and will now have class letters too under the 'Parents' tab. Look on class pages for specific information from teachers.

Bolney Pram Race

The Bolney Pram Race Village Day is taking place on 21st June from 12 onwards and promises to be a fun day out for all of the family with a junior races, inflatables, tombolas, games, drummers, rodeo, bar, teas/cakes/popcorn etc. all to raise money for local charities. Organisers are sharing funds raised between Bolney CEP, village nursery Bolney Under Fives, and Sussex SERV who are motorbike volunteers supporting hospitals with urgent clinical supplies out of hours. Raffle tickets went home in the bookbags on Tuesday; please try to sell them (or buy them yourself) and return money and ticket stubs to the School office by Thursday 19th June, along with any unsold tickets.



Diary Dates:

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>

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