



# Newsletter

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## Dear parents and carers,

The children and staff have been working so hard and have certainly earned their week's break for half term. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable week.

### Willow Class

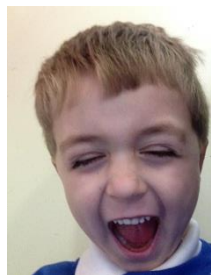
We read The Empty Pot, a story from China about honesty and bravery, and The Runaway Chapatti, a story from India, and noticed the similarities with The Gingerbread Man. We retold the story and had fun acting it out. We put the story events in order and retold the story out loud. We have been discovering number bonds to 10 and used the number bonds



section of the Hit the Button app to practise this.

We enjoyed Safer Internet Day, took selfies and talked about staying safe when using the

Internet. We talked about who we are and about identity. We had fun using the Chatterpics app to make our own talking pictures. Thank you to Harrison's



Mum for reading the Rainbow Fish. The children loved the story.

### Beech Class

For Safer Internet Day we created stories on the iPads using Adobe Spark Video and Scratch Junior. The message in the stories had to portray how to be safe online through a variety of different ways. Our focus was on personal

information and identity. We enjoyed reading DigiDuck and his famous friend story which led us to discuss our own identity online. We explored what we should share and what we shouldn't share online.

We received an exciting letter from a cat called Banjo Robinson who is travelling around the world and would like to send us letters from everywhere he visits but in return we have to leave him letters and pictures and other things we think he would like. In maths we have been exploring division and equal groups. The children have been using a variety of equipment and drawing pictures to solve division problems. We also made some Huff Puff cakes where we had to measure ingredients and follow a recipe taken from Mr Wolf and the Three Bears.



We realised that there was so much maths in this activity!

In art we started to look at Haiti Steelworks. Thankfully Mrs Glew had an amazing collection for us to look at, inspiring us to start ours after half term.

### Holly Class

We have finished writing our character diaries based on Journey. We have continued reading Kensuke's Kingdom and we are currently trying to figure out why Kensuke is being so hostile to Michael whilst still helping him and giving him food! In maths, we are approaching the end of our huge fractions unit.

Year 3 have focused on finding fractions of amounts, using cubes, counters and times tables knowledge to help.



Year 4 have found fractions of amounts where the numerator is greater than one and have also reasoned to find fractions of tangram puzzles. We all agreed that using bar models helped us with organising the steps involved. In music we have begun learning our new song 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. All the children immediately recognised it and we discussed why the themes and music have made it such an enduring hit with all ages. For Safer Internet Day we discussed the issues we face when dealing with conflicts or nasty behaviour online. We considered how to protect



ourselves and our information and what to do when something online is troubling us. The children

have used Adobe Spark to create helpful videos featuring the sorts of scenarios we have discussed. There was plenty of creativity and fantastic acting on display!

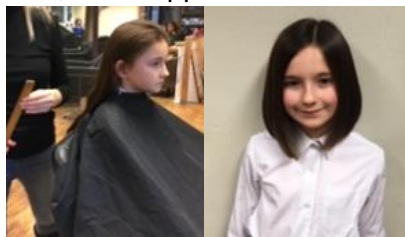
### Silver Birch Class

The children have continued to enjoy their topic and have begun researching more about life during The Blitz in preparation for writing handbooks for surviving in

London during this unsettled time. Before this, each child performed and recorded their wartime speeches. In maths, we have focused on circles making sure that we are using the correct vocabulary such as: radius, diameter, circumference and midpoint. The children then used a pair of compasses to construct circles with specific criteria. We have now finished our science unit based on space. It is quite safe to say that our minds are suitably blown by the sheer size of the universe. Most recently, the children researched data about the different planets before presenting it in a graph. As part of Safer Internet Day, the children discussed their identity and how they present online. We have also explored using 'Do Ink' (a green screen app) to present the discussions that took place.

### Donating hair!

The amazing Chloé has donated 10 inches of her hair to 'wigs for kids', who support children who



have lost their hair through medical treatment. What a kind and generous thing to do and Chloé's new haircut looks fabulous too!

### Badminton

Some Year 3 and 4 children attended a badminton festival this week. Sports leaders from St Paul's Catholic College manned ten different stations so the children could try out many different new badminton skills in a non-competitive environment. They showed great team work, passion, determination and participation demonstrating the Mid Sussex Active values. This was a great festival to attend and the students had lots of fun.



### Sharing Learning

It was lovely to see so many parents attending our sharing learning afternoon. Thank-you, the children love being able to share their amazing learning with you.

### Petworth's Joke Competition

Callum and William, the Petworth house captains, organised and led a brilliant joke competition today to raise money for their house charity 'Off the Fence.' A number of children told between one to three jokes and a winner from each year group was selected by Callum and William with the help of Mrs Harvey.



Everyone did brilliantly, with great jokes and fantastic delivery; we all enjoyed hearing so many jokes. Willow class did particularly well with so many of them keen to tell a joke in front of the whole school.



Even the teachers told one each! The winners were:

YR Scarlett	Y1 Hector
Y2 Leo	Y3 Ailbhe
Y4 Rosie	Y5 Daisy and Unity
Y6 Felix	Mr Pitt

So far £33 has been raised with some promised money to come. Thank-you for your support with this.

### Love, Music and Magic!

This week we were fortunate enough to welcome six visitors (3 from Australia!) on two different days. Firstly Millanna and Shaynie popped in to say hello. It was so wonderful to see them – they have grown so much! They love their new home and school and have made lots of friends.



Tuesday saw us learn magic with Tam - check out her Youtube channel RAM with TAM - which enabled Holly class to spend the rest of the week polishing and

performing their rubber band trick. As well as magic, she also came with the important message of believing in yourself - go out and give it a go. Oliver - in Silver Birch, also a magician - said he enjoyed learning new tricks from Tam. He is still wondering how she made the ball disappear...



Today we have welcomed Brett (who left Bolney school in 2001), Lachlan and Benn from the band 'Winston's Surfshirt' who met with a group of Key stage 2 boys to answer questions - some of them were about music! - and share how they make their music. Jack said, "It was cool how they use Garageband because you can do that anytime." They helped the boys create a track which they were pretty impressed with.



### World Book Day

For this special day on Thursday March 5th the theme is 'Share a story anytime from breakfast 'til bedtime!' Children can dress up as their favourite book character and parents are invited to share books with their children from 2:30, we will be in house teams for this.

### Entry to school after 9am

If you need to bring your child to school after 9am please bring them to the office – this is so they can be signed in as part of our safeguarding procedures.

### PE kit

Please ensure that your child has black shorts in their PE kit for indoor PE, tracksuit bottoms or leggings are for outdoor PE only.

### Safe use of the car park

To help keep our children safe please only use the car park in front of the school if you have pre-



school children or a mobility issue. It is essential that access to the school and the house next to the school is clear at all times so if the car park is full please park elsewhere.

### **Midday Meals Supervisor Role**

If you are interested in working as a Midday Meals Supervisor from September please see Zoe. The role is for 1 ½ hours from 11:45, Monday to Friday, term time only.

### **Have you booked your place yet?**

Please join us for a FREE Digital Online Safety Awareness session run by West Sussex on Thursday 19th March from 6-7.30. You will need to book a place for this – please see the letter sent with this newsletter. You may need to copy the address and paste it into your internet browser as some people have had trouble with using the link.

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **Spring Term**

Half term Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Return to school 24<sup>th</sup> February.  
End of term Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
Silver Birch trip

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**  
Friends of Bolney Ladies Night

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
World Book Day  
Share a book with your child from 2.30

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**  
3-6pm parent teacher meetings all years  
1-3pm meetings:  
Silver Birch – **Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Holly – **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Willow – **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Beech - **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **Coronavirus Update**

We have received an update from Public Health England today about Coronavirus, their advice remains the same as we sent earlier this week – attached with this newsletter.

### **Values trophies**

The values trophies were awarded to:



Jack for helping others and Rosie for being a good friend.



Hector for helping adults and Chloë for being kind.



George for showing love.

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

**Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**  
Digital Online Safety Awareness Session 6-7.30  
For parents only

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
Y5 and Y3 street dance performance 9am

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
Ester Service 9:15  
at St Mary Magdalene Church

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
Easter Egg Hunt 2.30

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Easter prayer space  
parents can visit from 3-3:30pm

**Summer Term**  
Starts Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020  
Half term Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May  
INSET day 1<sup>st</sup> June  
Return to school Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
End of term Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
INSET day 20<sup>th</sup> July

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
Sports Day morning 9-11

**Y6 Leavers' Service**  
Worth Abbey - Parents invited  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July am

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
Y5/6 production at the Rawson Hall

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
Leavers Service 9am  
St Mary Magdalene Church  
Parents invited

**INSET days 2019-2020**  
Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020  
Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> 2020  
Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> 2020  
(so we finish the school year on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July)

**INSET days 2020-21**  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021