



# Newsletter

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## Dear parents and carers,

There has been such a fantastic amount of creative learning happening at school, it is wonderful seeing great excitement and engagement in each class.

## Willow Class

In Willow Class this week we read 'Look What I Can Do!' and talked about what we can do now we are at school. In maths we continued our work on patterns and have been counting to 10 and beyond and adding 1 more. Our new outside learning area opened at the end of last week and we love it. We got the bikes out on it this week.



We drew plans for making our sock puppets next week. We marked Remembrance Day by joining in the 2 minute silence with the whole school.

## Beech Class

Learning Through Nature  
Year 1 welcomed a very large, and equally heavy, pumpkin into school last week and used it in a variety of ways to secure and extend their learning. We felt it, smelt it, described it, scooped it, measured it, compared it, counted the seeds and wrote about it. Before the brave delved in and emptied the flesh and seeds, we even took it



outside to see whether it would sink or float? What do you think happened?

All of Beech Class have been writing lunchtime prayers using our jelly babies Suzy Sorry, Peter Praise, Andy Ask and Thea Thanks. We have thought about how grateful we are for such a wonderful world and the food we eat.

The Year 2's have started to read 'Traction Man is here'. We acted a scene from the book where Traction Man is given a new suit for Christmas. His reaction wasn't great! We wrote thought bubbles for the characters as they opened their presents and we discussed what we do when we receive a present that we don't like. Our thoughts are probably different to what we might say!

The children have loved reading and sharing our new books and have all been encouraged to take some home to share with you.



In maths the Year 2's have been continuing to explore adding but revising place value too. We made two digit numbers different ways using chips and peas and place value counters.



We have been lucky to share Cuckfield Museums Toy boxes with all the children. The children have found out what toys their

parents and grandparents may have played with.



In art we have been learning how to use chalk pastels, smudging, blending and making different colours; all in preparation for our toy portraits.

## Holly Class

This week in Holly we have been reading 'Escape from Pompeii'. We have written setting descriptions about the wonderful city of Pompeii before tragedy struck. We will be writing our own escape stories based on the events.

In maths, we have been focusing on multiplying by 10 and 100 and using our times tables facts. We have then used those skills to use the grid method of multiplication and to solve problems.

In science, we investigated permeability by studying the effects of water on different rocks. We also discussed how this is useful in real life – for everything from building a roof from slate to building reservoirs and oil drilling stations.



In computing, we have been using Adobe Spark to create short videos showing a Roman invasion. This was a good

opportunity for us to use speech marks in our captions and work in teams to tell a short story. In RE, we have considered the importance of water – how it can be beautiful and lifesaving but also dangerous and terrifying. This links with our unit on Incarnation. We wrote words in



chalk linked with water on the playground.

In topic, we have been imagining living in our own Iceni village. Over the last few weeks we have designed the layout of the village, allocated jobs and considered what valuables we wanted to protect. We were then given an ultimatum by the invading Romans – to give away some of our freedoms and resources in exchange for Roman protection or refuse and face a war against the mightiest empire ever seen. After considering both sides, the village voted to agree to the Romans' demands – probably a wise decision!

### Silver Birch Class

Over the last two weeks, Silver Birch have been taking part in Parliament Week. They have learnt about the structure of Parliament, the role of an MP and how voting works. The class worked towards their own Parliamentary debate based on the research and discussions that we have completed on climate change. The children formed different parties and presented their policies for how they would reduce the effects of climate change for the future. Each child cast their votes and our winners were The Planet Party who campaigned for: biodegradable plastic, reducing the amount of trees cut down and researching whether other gases could be used to fuel cars. The



class will use all this knowledge on our trip to the Houses of Parliament next week.



In other subjects, the children have begun writing their newspaper articles based on the discovery of the wreck of the Titanic where the class are trying to apply their knowledge of using dashes in sentences and using quotations. In maths, both years groups have begun their fractions units as well as taking part in Timestable Rockstars maths week. The children were very excited to finish our class reader (Time Travelling with a Hamster) as the author was able to create some amazing cliff hangers along the way. We have now begun to read 'Survivors' - extraordinary tales from the wild and beyond - which is a brilliant collection of true stories of people that have survived the most thrilling adventures.

### Willow outside classroom

Last week we had the grand opening of the newly refurbished outside area of Willow.



The children and staff love it! Many thanks again for all the support given us through the brilliant fundraising by the amazing Friends of Bolney. We are extremely grateful.



### Sport

Over the past two weeks we have attended two sports events. 20 children from Y5 and 6 travelled to Warden Park Academy where they took part in Sports Hall Athletics. 10 children from Y3 and 4 travelled to the Triangle to compete in Boccia and New Age Kurling. As always the children represented the school really well and enjoyed developing their sports skills, resilience and team work.



### House Teams and Charities

This week our new house captains met with their house team to share their motivational speech and to agree a house charity.

We do much fundraising over the year and each house selects a charity they would like to support. We also fundraise for Hope House in Haiti as well as for our school. We alternate between supporting Children in Need and Comic Relief, so this year it is Comic Relief's turn.

We are very keen for each team to share more information about their chosen charity with the whole school as part of our work in developing the children's courageous advocacy. We have started to plan this with the house captains.

We are extremely grateful for your continual generosity to support all this fundraising. Thank-you.

### Parents meetings

Thank-you to all the parents who attended the Year R reading session and the National Curriculum Expectations meetings so far, we hope you have found them helpful. We have two more meetings next week – Tuesday for Year R parents and Thursday for Year 5 and 6 parents when we will be talking through the curriculum expectations. Both meetings are at 6pm.

If you have any ideas on workshops or meetings that would help you support your child with their learning please do let us know.

### **Wednesday Football after school**

Next week's Wednesday after school football has been cancelled as the Y5 and 6 children are on their school trip.

### **Library**

Just to remind you, especially now it is colder, that the library can be used after school until 4.15 for you and your child to look at and read books. This can be useful if you have a child at a club and prefer to wait for them if you need to collect another child at 3pm.

### **Your Space Parent Course**

Your Space Therapies are running a therapeutic parenting course 'BOOST THE BOND - The BEST Relationship with your Child' on Wednesday 5th February 2020 at St. Nicolas and St. Mary's Primary School in Shoreham from 6-8pm. They have had amazing feedback for this course with 93% of parents who have attended rating it 'Excellent'.

A flyer for the course is attached to this newsletter's email.

### **Cashless school for trips, clubs and other payments**

We will be a cashless school starting from January 2020. We do not hold much petty cash and therefore have no change to give to parents if required. We are already almost there, with 95% of you using schoolcomms / schoolgateway to pay for trips and internal clubs. The app is simple and effective and when your child is in secondary school you will have to use this system. We have also asked our external club providers to provide a BACS method of payment from January too. If you have any queries about installing the app or using this system, please see Zoe, who will be happy to help you set it up.

### **Mud and car engines in the car park**

Please be careful with parking on the edge of the field or by the hedge, there has been a number of cars that have been stuck recently.

Please can you refrain from running your engines in the car park while waiting for your child or children as this is polluting the air.

### **Values trophies**

The values trophies were awarded to:



Poppy helping others and Maddox for showing love.



Mia for showing love and Issac for being a good friend.

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **National Curriculum Expectations meeting for parents**

All meetings start at 6pm  
Year R - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
Year 5 and 6 - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

#### **Silver Birch trip**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Donations for the Christmas Fair Tombolas**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - wear silly socks or tights with the school uniform and donate wrapped chocolates or biscuits

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November - come with a hair accessory, hat or decoration (can be Christmassy)

with the school uniform and donate 'smellies'.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - wear a Christmas jumper or top instead of the school top and donate bottles (can be alcohol).

All of the donations will be collected at the school gate each Friday morning.

### **Friends of Bolney Christmas Fair**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2-4pm

### **Willow and Beech Class Nativity**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December and

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December both at 2pm

We will let you know when tickets are available.

### **Sharing Learning**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm

### **School Christmas Lunch**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
All the school eat together and Chartwells serve a Christmas dinner

### **KS2 Carol Service**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
At 5.30pm in St Mary Magdalene Church

### **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)

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

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