



Be the Best You Can,
Guided by God

Newsletter

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Dear families,

It has been lovely to see many of our parents and carers at the **consultation meetings** this week, at work sharing on Friday and also prospective parents at our open sessions. Our visitors were hugely complimentary about both the tour guides from Year 5/6 and also the polite and respectful children that they saw working in all classes.

A huge thank you to the Friends of Bolney for preparing and running the recent **Jumble Sale**. The sale raised £1400 for the school which was incredible. Thank you to all who supported. Thank you also to all those who donated to the end of term hampers which were won by Charlie Sh and Clemmie.



This is a final request to ask for **committee members** to join the FoB in order for it to continue to run. Without a treasurer, chair and secretary we will lose our charity status which would be a real shame. Please speak to a member of the current committee, or a member of staff if you are able to help in any way.

This term, we have begun developing a **new sensory room** in school so if you have any of the following items going spare

that you could donate, we would be very grateful:

Off cuts of MDF

Light switches (rotating or switches)

Door handles

Locks and chains

Velcro straps

Off cuts of textured materials

Winter Uniform

After half term, we ask that all children are in winter school **uniform** and that **Reception children come to school in their PE kits on a Wednesday and Thursday** like everyone else.

The back playground is becoming muddy so we will be introducing a 'wellies only' rule for that area on wet days after the half term. Please can you send your child/ren into school with a named pair of wellies that can be kept in their class welly shed.

Willow Class

We have had an incredible start to the year in Willow Class. We have been learning about old and new toys. We have loved looking in the class toy box and meeting new toys.

We met a puppet called Grandma Jean; she was very funny! We asked her questions about the toys she played with when she was a child.



In Drawing club, we watched a clip from toy story! We drew pictures and wrote about Woody and Buzz. We also put posters up in Andy's room (our home corner).

Beech Class

In Beech Class, we finished reading *The Teddy Robber* by Ian Beck about a boy whose teddy is stolen in the night by a giant. We have continued learning about different types of sentences: commands, questions, statements, exclamations, compound sentences and extending sentences using and, or, but and because. We noticed imperative verbs in the cheese straws recipe that we followed for our Bake Sale.



In VIPERS, we have finished our next book, *Woolf*, all about a half wolf, half-sheep and learnt the message of the story – the importance of being ourselves and not changing ourselves to fit in! In Science, we have talked about absorbency and stretchiness as properties and planned investigations. In Maths, we have been comparing and partitioning 2 digit numbers and practising addition and subtraction. In Music, we have

been singing working songs and finding the pulse in the songs. In Art, we have continued with adding features to profile pictures and have enjoyed using tools to manipulate photos on the iPads. We have started making puppets in DT. In Learning for Life, we have talked about rewards and consequences and checked that we are happy with our Class Charter. In PE, we have been travelling and practising forward rolls. In RE, we have been learning about the importance of doing good deeds in Jewish families and linked this to our Godly Play story of Ruth, Naomi and Boaz.

Holly Class

Holly class have been enjoying learning about the Stone Age, and we've continued imagining ourselves as villagers to inspire our writing. We've written lots of diary entries for different events, persuasive speeches to the tribe leader, prayers and poems to share during special festivals and designed new weatherproof huts. We finished with descriptions of the Ancient Tree in our forest which fell during a storm. In maths, we've been developing different strategies for addition and subtraction. We've focused on identifying the best strategy for the numbers we are dealing with. We'll be moving on to written methods next. In science, we investigated the effects of different drinks on teeth! We used chalk and observed how fizzy drinks, orange and water reacted with chalk.

For history, we've learned more about foraging – the life-or-death risks that people took from incorrect identification. We played a survival game where we had to 'forage' as many native fruits, berries and mushrooms as we could while avoiding the poisonous ones! We also explored Stone Age poo! We

dissected 'poo' and make assumptions about the diets and people that it came from.



Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have had a brilliant end to the first half term and celebrated with our first marble treat of the year!

In English, we have started to learn how to write as a journalist to write a newspaper article. This style of writing involves learning a variety of skills: direct and reported speech, relative clauses, the 5w's, expanded noun phrases, past tense and many more. The children started by drafting an article about anything of their choosing, so we have had horse riding, gaming inventions, motor cross competitions to name a few. Ask your child what we might be writing about after half term.

In maths, we have continued with Place Value and have completed two assessments. We have enjoyed playing some card games to support our mental arithmetic.



We have painted our clay Death Masks and are now researching and planning our designs for our

boards where our death mask will be placed.



In history, we became detectives and had to study objects stolen from various tombs. We were given six possible occupants, and our job was to use the evidence of the objects to match with the occupants. Evidence included: the Book of the Dead, a game of Sennet and carpenter's tools. In geography, we have researched famous landmarks and found out that in the middle of the desert there is a beautiful place called Siwa Oasis where you can find Cleopatra's Bath.

Friday Celebrations

Class leaves went to:



Values certificates went to:



TTRS certificates went to:



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

See the website calendar for
important dates:

[https://www.bolneyschool.org.
uk/web/calendar/223211](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](https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/home/223209)

Diary Date	Event (Where events are for specific children, it will say 'email')
Week beginning 26 October	HALF TERM WEEK
Mon 2 nd Nov	Start of Term 2
Weds 4 th Nov	Football event - email
Tues 24 th Nov	Sports Crew training - email
Fri 4 th Dec 2:30-4pm	Xmas Fayre in school

