



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

It has been so lovely to see the sunshine today, however, the wet weather has not dampened the children's love of learning!

Willow Class

We have read No Dinner, a story from India about a clever old woman who tricks scary animals by hiding in a giant pumpkin. We have drawn, and are writing, about the characters. We have written a postcard together, to send to family and friends around the world. We have also written about our favourite pancakes toppings. We have been talking about 3d shapes, describing them and noticing them in the environment.



We enjoyed World Book Day, sharing our favourite books characters. Some of us have begun writing our own books, fiction and non-fiction.

Beech Class

Beech Class have had a busy start to this half term! We received another letter from Banjo Robinson and this time he wrote to us from America. He loved our handwriting and pictures we had sent him. In maths Year 2 have been learning about fractions and exploring the link between division and

multiplication and Year 1 have been exploring time. The Year 2 children have been using various equipment and playing games such as Fraction Splat for further practise at finding half and quarters.

In art we practised using blunt pencils to create patterns on foil. The children have learned lots about the continents and oceans and have enjoyed looking at the atlases as well as Google Earth to find countries within continents.



Holly Class

In English we used 'The Day the Crayons Quit' to look at how different colours are linked to different emotions, animals and things. We then used this to imagine what it would be like to discover a coloured pen that brought things to life – just like the pen in 'Journey'. We wrote poems inspired by this. We have also begun planning and discussing our own sequels to 'Journey' involving the discovery of a magic pen. We will be writing our own versions before



reading the sequel 'Quest'. In maths, we have been focusing

on decimals in Year 4. We have found equivalents for tenths and hundredths and recapped multiplying and dividing by 10,100,1000. We have then applied this when solving money problems. This was a good opportunity to work on problem solving as well as revisit and apply our calculations knowledge. Year 3 have also been learning about money. We have been converting between pounds and pence, finding different ways to make totals and problem solving including finding out how much change we need after buying items.

In science, we have continued our work on the water cycle. We tested rates of evaporation at different temperatures and set



up ice topped hot water bowls to see condensation in action.

We have continued our landscapes in art, focusing on watercolour painting and applying the perspectives skills from previous sessions. In geography we have attempted to learn all the different terminology for Great Britain, the UK, British Isles and countries. We also looked at topographical maps and researched the different mountain ranges in the UK.

Silver Birch Class

We have begun writing our handbooks for staying safe during the war. In the lead up to this, we have covered: brackets, semi colons, relative and

subordinate clauses. The children will now apply these skills in their writing. Some children have reflected on the formality of their radio speeches and thought about how they could adjust the tone of their writing to suit this genre - a skill that is not easy! The children have been listening very carefully to feedback in order to make improvements to their work through the use of edit pages. In maths, we have dived into the world of algebra! The first lesson, each child was gifted with an (imaginary) function machine. This helps to explain how equations work. A number goes in, something happens to it and becomes another number. Children saw that, in order to solve the missing value in an equation, they must put their function machine in 'reverse'. The children's resilience towards this has been absolutely staggering and their

teamwork really shone through. The children submitted their requests for what they would like to spend their £50 pounds that they were awarded from winning this 5p bottle challenge. The children chose a mixture of books and games. This has got to be the first time that wet break has been much appreciated as they were able to try out their purchases.



World Book Day

Thank you for helping us all to celebrate World Book day yesterday - we had a lot of fun! The children (and staff!)

looked fantastic in their themed costumes and we took time, throughout the day, to share in the enjoyment of books and reading.



Willow class and Year 1 particularly enjoyed creating their own books - taking on the role of author and illustrator - and showed great independence with their writing. Year 2 enjoyed looking at the text 'Here We Are' where we found out the names of the star constellations - this book is a lovely example of the mix of fiction and non-fiction. Year 3 and 4 followed a masterclass on how to create good and bad characters - they loved the book this was based on. Year 5 and 6 eagerly discussed ideas and produced some high quality book covers and blurb from watching a short clip. Later in the afternoon, we enjoyed taking time to share books in our house teams.



Don't forget to exchange your book token at a participating shop (we do have spares!)

Creative Writing workshop

Eight children from Y3-Y6 took part in a creative writing workshop with Mr Peter Kenny. They explored how to take an everyday event and expand it with your imagination. They certainly had some very creative ideas!

Sports events

Some KS2 children attended a netball tournament and an

indoor cricket tournament where both teams played well but narrowly lost their matches. They showed our values really well, as always.



Cricket workshops

Coaches from Sussex County Cricket led workshops for year 1 to year 6 on Wednesday to promote the sport and develop skills. The children had a fabulous time.



New slide

We are very grateful to the Friends of Bolney for funding a replacement slide and fencing to make it safe. Peter Hopgood has done a fantastic job and the children are loving be able to use the slide again.



Sport Relief fundraising

We are supporting Sport Relief this year on Friday 13th March.



The children in our school council are leading this and have arranged for the Y6 Sports Crew to run activities during the day. Any child can come dressed in sporty clothing next Friday for £1 per family.

Midday Meals Supervisor Role

If you are interested in working as a Midday Meals Supervisor from September please see Zoe. The role is for 1½ hours from 11:45, Monday to Friday, term time only.

Online safety newsletter

We have found a new online safety newsletter which we think is really helpful as it is full of lots of interesting information for all ages. Please do look at it. https://www.link2ict.org/image/s/pdf/OSN_Spring2020.pdf

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.

Coronavirus

We now have more supplies of hand sanitiser which are in the classrooms. I will continue to keep you updated about any changes separately. Also please see our website for information. <https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/coronavirus/453164>

Spare clothes

Please send in any unwanted tights, shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms so we have some spare in case children get muddy or wet.

Diarrhoea and vomiting

Please ensure your child is **symptom free for 48 hours** before sending them back to school after diarrhoea and vomiting.

Car parking

Yesterday, a parent reported unsafe driving when children

were nearby. Please drive very carefully near school, being extra vigilant when reversing. **Do not** park in the centre of the car park, it is not safe, especially near the gate, we must have emergency access to school at all times. Also we now have new neighbours who need continuous vehicle access to their home. We ask that the car park is used only by families with young children, with all other families - who need to use a car - parking in the village. If you choose to park in the centre of the car park we will have to ask you to move your vehicle and will appreciate a respectful response to this as we **all** have a responsibility to ensure the safety of our children.

Values Trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Leo for showing love by being kind and helpful and Oilly for showing love by being kind.



Eva for showing love and Marcel for showing love and respect.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 13th March

Sport Relief - Dress in sports gear for £1 per family

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th

3-6pm parent teacher meetings
1-3pm meetings:

Silver Birch – **Monday 16th**

Holly – **Tuesday 17th**

Willow – **Wednesday 18th**

Beech - **Thursday 19th**

Thursday 19th March

Digital Online Safety Awareness Session 6.00-7.30

Thursday 26th March

Y5 and Y3 street dance performance 9am

Tuesday 31st March

Easter Service 9:15
at St Mary Magdalene Church

Wednesday 1st April

Easter Egg Hunt 2.30

Thursday 2nd April

Easter prayer space
Parents can visit from 3-3:30pm

Friday 3rd April

Last day of Spring Term

Summer Term

Starts Monday 20th April
Half term Monday 25th May
INSET day 1st June
Return Tuesday 2nd June
End of term Friday 17th July
INSET day 20th July

Wednesday 17th June

Sports Day morning 9-11

Thursday 9th July am

Y6 Leavers' Service
Worth Abbey - Parents invited

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July

Y5/6 production - Rawson Hall

Friday 17th July

Leavers Service 9am
St Mary Magdalene Church

INSET days 2020-21

Monday 28th September 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020
Monday 22nd February 2021
Monday 7th June 2021
Monday 5th July 2021

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

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