



Newsletter

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Dear families,

Reading the class reports this week, it is clear how hard everyone has been working and how cross curricular links are playing a big part in the learning, particularly through art and sport at the moment. Our Interplayland morning this week was a great success with house teams working together to share mini me adventures in very creative and imaginative 'rooms'.

Looking ahead, we have a packed couple of weeks in the run up to Christmas with nativity rehearsals, Carol Service practice, decorations day, the Hobgoblin Theatre in school and then the Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December. We look forward to seeing you there!

Willow Class

In Willow Class we have shared traditional stories like The Ugly Duckling and Goldilocks and the 3 Bears and been retelling them. We have been sequencing events from Goldilocks and the 3 Bears and begun making our own versions of the story.



In maths, we have practised writing and counting numbers to 5 and beyond and talked about 1 more and 1 less. We have also talked about features of circles and triangles. We have now learnt 20 sounds in phonics and have practised blending them into words. We have talked about the story of the Nativity and practised our Nativity songs. We have shared stories with year 6 librarian, Joey and have been reading with librarian, Max. We have painted our Diwali Diva lamps. **PLEA for coat hangers please for our nativity costumes!**

Beech Class

In Beech Class we have carried on with our superhero themed writing and began to write our own comic strips. To help us, we wrote a comic as a class and created a superhero called 'Pumpkin Man' who helps children trick or treat! Pumpkin Man stops the Evil Sweetie Robber with his shooting soup Powers!



In RE we are looking at why Christians celebrated Christmas and we have looked at the concept of gift giving and why it feels good to give and receive gifts. We have discussed the first gifts of Christmas and how they help us understand that the baby Jesus was so special as they are not normal gifts for a baby!



This week we were very lucky and received a visit from the police. We asked them many questions about the importance of their jobs and we tried on some equipment. Later, we looked at the police car and they showed us all the things they use in emergencies.



Holly Class

We have had a busy and productive two weeks. In English, we completed our letters of application to be a soldier. All the children impressed me with their persuasive language and how

skilled they were so I have accepted them all! Their interviews were also too good to turn down! We have now started to write a diary entry of being a soldier. We have to include many aspects of their lives such as training, cooking, learning new skills, cleaning, bathing etc. Our mini me's and our Roman Barracks are helping us to place ourselves into the role of a soldier.

In Design and technology, we have continued to work on our



Vexillums and the children have all chosen an animal as well as hand sewn their date of birth ready to go onto the finished article. They have also had experience of using a sewing machine!

The children and Mrs Booty have worked extremely hard on these! We are looking forward to our helpers coming in on Tuesday to finish them ready for our display of work/performance on the 4th December.



We have had a creative week consisting of working in our House Teams and creating a new interplaylands, sewing our Vexillums, learning about the different colour poppies for Remembrance Sunday which was followed by making one, celebrating Children in Need

with mad hair day and making Christmas Baubles!

In maths, we have continued to explore addition and subtraction. We have been using the column method as well as the place value counters to help us, especially with exchanging!

In P.E we have been doing cheerleading and have started to learn stunts. The children look like they are having fun and love the risk-taking element!



Silver Birch Class

This week we have continued our factual writing about Antarctica – and penguins! We are trying to include interesting information that informs the reader but also thinking about how to maintain attention – through jokes, quizzes, asking questions and our layouts.

In maths, Year 5 have been multiplying and dividing by 10,100, 1,000 and using times tables to work out related facts. Year 6 have been adding and subtracting fractions.

In PE, we have been working on gymnastics sequences – incorporating the shapes, jumps, rolls and balances we



have been working on this half term.

We are also busy preparing for the carol service in music lessons. In RHE we have been considering different types of discrimination and thinking about how prejudicial views may lead to bullying. The children have been very considerate and thoughtful in discussions.

In science, we have been observing how rusting occurs and discussing why this is useful in everyday life!

Winners!

Bolney football team retain the NEARS cup for another year! Well done boys!!! Amazing achievement.



News from St Mary Magdalene Church - Pleas from the church

Calling all shepherds/sheep/camels/kings/angels/Josephs & Marys/donkeys (and their families)

We would love you to dress up and join us for our interactive Family Carol Service at 4pm on Sunday 17th December. No scripts to learn, or rehearsals, just turn up to help us tell the Christmas Story as a living tableau/pageant. The service will be approx. 45 mins followed by refreshments.

We would love to see you there!

Parent Governor

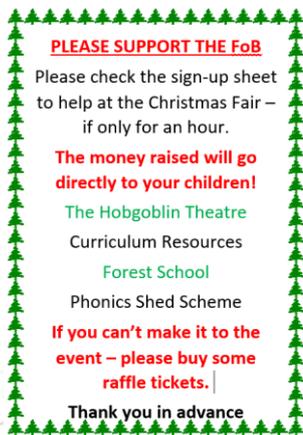
We are still on the lookout for a new parent Governor to join our board. If you are interested, please let us know.

Art Shirts

Please could you provide your child with a named art shirt which should help to protect their white school t-shirt or PE t-shirt during art and DT lessons. These will be kept at school.

Wellies

As we want to be able to get the children outside whatever the weather, we request that your child brings a pair of wellies to school that can be kept in school all week. That way the mud on school shoes should be kept to a minimum. Wellies need to be named.



Values Awards

Last week's certificates:

Love Logan E
Respect Rafferty H
Resilience Carter E
Harper E
Greyson M
Honesty Arabella T

This week's certificates:

Love Alex M
Respect Joey T
Resilience James R
Honesty Leon E-B

Friends of Bolney NEWS:

Thank you for supporting the children at the Bear Hunt Obstacle Course. Despite having to adjust the course and move it from the field to the playground, the children had a brilliant time and raised **£1,313**

in sponsorship, which is fantastic! Well done to all of the children for their amazing efforts!

The children have also had fun dressing up for the Mad Hat / Hair day and Express Yourself non-uniform day. Thank you for all of the sweet treats and bottle donations for the fair as well as donations towards prizes for the children's Christmas Fair stalls. Thank you to the new parents who came along to our AGM, we really appreciated your input and it is great to have you involved. If anyone else would like to join Friends of Bolney please get in touch or come along to one of our committee meetings.

We have a really busy week next week and are looking forward to our two sold out **Wreath Workshops**. We have also been working hard on plans for the **Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December 1-4pm**, which is set to be a brilliant event! Santa slots will be released soon and the link to our online volunteer sign-up sheet has been sent out. We are still in need of some helpers, so if you are able to help, please sign up for a slot -

[volunteersignup.org/RJ3PB](https://www.bolneyschool.org/volunteersignup.org/RJ3PB)
Thank you, as always, for your support!
Friends of Bolney

Diary Dates:

See the website calendar for lots more dates:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/calendar/223211>

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

