



Newsletter

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Dear families,

In the run up to Christmas, school life gets very busy and this week the festivities have really got started. The FoB, on behalf of parents and carers, kindly arranged for a magician to perform at school and he was fantastic! The children loved his silliness and fun tricks!

The children enjoyed an art morning too where they made decorations for school and for the church. They are also busy preparing for the Christmas Fayre on Friday 5th December which we hope you will be able to come along to. **Children's wristbands are on sale in the school office now.**

Willow Class

In Willow Class, we have continued our Traditional Tales topic, reading Hansel and Gretel and drawing both characters and the witch and designing our own Gingerbread houses. We have read the 3 Billy Goats Gruff, built a bridge in class and acted it out. We have drawn the Goats, the Troll and designed a Troll Trap! We've continued our phonics journey, learning more sounds and welcoming families to our Parents Phonics Workshop this week. In maths, we have been counting to 5, working out 1 more and 1 less and addition pairs to 5. We have talked about features of shapes with 4 sides, including shapes we can make within 4 sided shapes by folding and spotting shapes in our school environment. In Music, we have been listening and appreciating

music and following the beat. In Learning For Life, we have been celebrating difference and talked about our different families. We also welcomed our new student teacher, Miss Williams. We have continued our Nativity practice and started trying on costumes. If anyone has any unwanted coat hangers, that would really help.

Beech Class

It has been an exciting two weeks in Beech Class.

We were very blessed to receive a visit from Toby who runs our hotline to heaven club. He is interested in battles and swords and brought in some to show us. We got to ask lots of questions about medieval weapons and castle defences! Don't worry, the swords were plastic!



In science, we spoke about the 4 flavours we taste with our taste buds. We tasted sweet, salty, bitter and sour.



Can you tell by our faces what the flavours were?

In maths, year 1 and 2 have been using number lines. It has been fun showing the difference between two numbers with the bunny hops!



Holly Class

In Holly, we have been writing poetry inspired by Escape From Pompeii. We have learned about volcanoes, watched lots of eruptions and discussed what happened to Pompeii in AD79. We have learned about different poetry techniques. We've used personification to make the volcano come to life and used acrostic and shape poetry. We've also looked at kennings. In maths, we are continuing to work on multiplication. We're using the grid method – building on partitioning, times tables and multiplying by 10 and 100 from earlier in the year.

For history, we were pleased to have Toby come in and share his knowledge on the Roman army. We tried on replica helmets and armour and learned about the different weapons they used. We've also been working hard to learn carols for the upcoming Christmas Carol Service. In science, we've continued to learn about rocks, fossils and soils.



Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have been busy as usual with many different things! We have even started to discuss Christmas! I am extremely proud of the children's writing this half term. We watched a brilliant film called Endurance (Thank you for your permission!) which was so helpful in so many ways for our diary writing. It showed the diary entries of the actual crew of the Endurance Expedition which the children already knew a lot about

and had chosen a crew member to become to write their diary. For example, the images and videos taken from the photographer inspired the children who had chosen to be him by seeing real life video and listening to his own accounts of the expedition. The cook discussing how the stove he built tipped over and the crew having to eat it no matter what was so useful in the children really understanding the conditions. This in turn has made their writing emotional, factual and so interesting to read. We are loving the book Holes. We are excited to know that our student teacher, Mr Baker, who started here on Monday 24th, is planning some writing based around this book. In maths, we have travelled back into Year 5 and revisited factors, multiples and rules of divisibility. We also have looked at a reasoning paper to then work on best and efficient methods for this type of question.

Evolution and Inheritance in science has been very interesting and we have learned about a very important man that helped Charles Darwin with his book, 'On the Origin of Species'. Ask your child if they remember his name! We have read an excellent book called Moth, all about the Peppered Moth, an excellent example of natural selection and evolution. In R.E, we started our new big question, 'How can following God bring freedom and Justice?' We shared panel 3 of the Big Frieze and the start of the Exodus story in the bible. Toby's assembly in Church on Wednesday was all about this too so it was amazing to see the links!

A highlight of the two weeks was the visit from Little Lifesavers. They came last year and they are an amazing charity that come to teach basic CPR children. As they are a charity, we are in the process of considering how we can raise money for them to continue this vital work in schools in the future.



Wellies



Please could you send in a pair of wellies in for your child/children to keep in their class welly shed to change into for playtimes. The back playground can be muddy and we don't want to send children home with muddy shoes, or have mud traped through the school. The front playground is too small for everyone and the back playground is an exciting area for the children to explore. With

wellies on, your child/children can then play on the back or front playground.

University Students

We welcome two University of Brighton student teachers to our school. Miss Williams will be based in Willow Class and Mr Baker, in Silver Birch from now until February.

Individual Photographs

The order deadline for free delivery back to school is the 1st of December with the photos having an estimated dispatch date of the 8th of December (but this is usually earlier).

Parking

Please can parents come to the school gate to meet their child/ren and not wait in the carpark. It can be dangerous with cars reversing and driving in and out and staff would rather be able to hand children directly to the adult that is picking them up. Thank you for supporting with this.

Vaping/Smoking

A reminder that we are a non-smoking site and would politely request that smoking and vaping is done elsewhere and not in the vicinity of the school.

Diary Dates:

Fri 5th Dec: Xmas Fayre in school 2:30-4pm

Wed 10th Dec: Silver Birch bake sale

Thurs 11th Dec: Xmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Thurs 11th Dec: Work sharing – come and collect your child from their classroom from 3pm and see their work

Mon 15th / Weds 17th Dec: KS1 Nativity 2pm

Weds 17th Dec: KS2 Carol Service 6pm (KS2 Children back to school for 5.30pm)

See the website calendar for important dates:

<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>

Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School



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RAWSON HALL 10th BIRTHDAY PARTY:

A huge thank you to everyone who supported last Saturday's celebration at The Rawson Hall—by coming along, buying raffle tickets, bidding in the auction, donating prizes or donating delicious desserts. Your support means so much.

A special thank you to Michael for catering with such fantastic food, and to the Rawson Hall team for all their hard work and for inviting FOB to be part of the event. We'll share the final fundraising total next week!

MAGIC SHOW:

The children had a brilliant time at Magic Marty's amazing show this week! Thank you for supporting FOB throughout the year so we

can continue providing enrichment and fun activities for the children.

AFTER SCHOOL SALE:

Well done to the Year 6 pupils who organised Tuesday's after-school sale and raised an impressive **£112.30** for the school! It's wonderful to see the children getting involved. If any pupils would like to run their own fundraiser for the school, please speak to FOB or Ms Lofthouse to share your ideas.

Still to come this term...

CHRISTMAS FAIR! – Friday 5th December, 2:30–4pm

- **Game Stalls:** Unlimited-play wristbands are available from the school office – £5 each, or £6 including a visit to Father Christmas and a gift.
- **Raffle:** Tickets went home this week in book bags. We have lots of fantastic prizes—thank you to all donors for your generosity! More tickets are available from the office, by email (friendsofbolney@gmail.com), or on the day.
- **Volunteers needed:** Setup, Café, Bottle Tombola (supporting Year 6), Elf/Santa's Helper, and Clear-up. Please sign up here if you can help, we are still in need of lots of helpers: volunteersignup.org/FYR_L3

SCHOOL DISCO! – Friday 12th December

- **KS1 (Years R–2):** 4:30–5:45pm
- **KS2 (Years 3–6):** 6–7:15pm

We need enough adult volunteers for both discos to go ahead. If you can help, please sign up here:

- KS1: <https://volunteersignup.org/LMQ79>
- KS2: <https://volunteersignup.org/PBTP4>

Thank you and have a great weekend!
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