



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

As we near the end of term it is so lovely to see how the children have grown in their learning since September. They have worked so hard at everything and are excited about next week!

Willow Class

In Willow Class we have finished our sock puppets and had adventures with them.



We have described them, imagined what they are like and what they like doing. We have now started writing about our puppets. We have been practising for our Nativity lots! In maths we have been using the language of length and comparing the lengths of objects. In phonics we have moved on with phase 3 sounds, learning consonant digraphs qu, ch, sh, th and ng. Next week we'll be doing our Nativity on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. We will be having our marble jar treat on Thursday 19th December. See Home Learning Books for details.



Beech Class

Beech Class have been very busy this week! We have written diaries in role as Traction Man, written instructions for making our sandwiches for our Teddy Bear's picnic and designed new costumes for Traction Man to wear. We used our instructions to make different sandwiches for our Teddy Bear's picnic. The children proudly showed parents our finished pictures of our toys and shared sandwiches.



We performed our Magic Toys dance and it was brilliant.



In maths we have been adding and subtracting using number lines and revising counting in tens. Our Nativity practises are going well and the children are extremely excited about the dress rehearsal on Monday!

Crafty Fun!

Year 1s have been busy designing and making finger puppets over the last two weeks. We have based them on characters from the traditional tale of 'Puss in Boots' and will be using them to perform the story next week. We read a non-fiction

text to help us and then used our bossy verbs to write instructions so that we remembered the order we needed to do things in. We are very proud of our creations.



We have also enjoyed the magic of pompom making today and were fascinated to see a 2D circle transform into a 3D sphere! I hope they look lovely hanging on the Christmas trees.

Holly Class

This week in English we have been writing diaries based on our experiences as Icenii villagers. We focused on creating lots of tension by describing what we could see, hear, smell or feel before the Romans invaded. We made our diaries into booklets, complete with character pictures, maps and explanations about our village. There was some excellent, tense and beautiful writing from all the children. In maths we have recapped calculations and place value. We also looked at multistep problems and how the bar model can be a helpful way to work out what steps to take.



In RE we begun to create our Incarnation inspired artwork and in DT we continued to build our Roman chariots.
In PE we worked on paired balances, creating sequences and transitioning between movements as part of gymnastics.
We studied soil types in science and considered why soil is so important for life. We compared the 'ingredients' of soil to a hot chocolate – can you remember what each ingredient represented?



Lastly we discussed how different plants like different conditions and how farmers and gardeners in particular need to learn about their soil.

Silver Birch Class

Throughout the last couple of weeks, Silver Birch have been building up to writing their survival stories. So far, we have considered our settings and main characters. The children have thought really carefully about what they want the reader to think and feel with their stories while discussing which vocabulary and sentence structures will help them achieve the desired effect. In maths, the Year 5s have continued to work hard on their fractions unit. In order for them to show their understanding, most children have opted to use bar models which helps them visualise the calculations that they are trying to solve. The Year 6s have begun their decimals unit and have been trying to challenge themselves by asking questions. Like most good questions, their questions led to even more questions! But it really made them apply their knowledge of other areas of maths to help them answer.

Christmas Fair

Thank-you to everyone for your fantastic support with the Christmas Fair. It was a huge success! It was so lovely to see previous pupils and their families as well as lots of people from the community. So far the fair has raised a magnificent £2,600 with Silver Birch class's stalls raising £169.13 which is all amazing! A massive thank-you to the Friends of Bolney for all their hard work that made this such a wonderful success.

Tinsel Trot

Please do join us for Tinsel Trot on Monday. We will sing carols around the village ending up in the 8 Bells with singing and mince pies. We meet outside the school gate at 3.10.

Christmas Performances

The children have been working hard on their preparation for their performances next week. There are still some tickets left for Tuesday's performance of the Nativity Play with YR, Y1 and Y2 children, Monday is now full. You do not need a ticket to attend the KS2 Carol Service in the church on Thursday at 5.30. We look forward to you joining us for these special performances.

Being Safe at Home

Please have a look at this useful webpage on the Think U Know website, there are many useful tips and help:

[The Internet of Things: 9 ways of making your connected home more secure](#)

This link is also very helpful on the CEOP website.

[Seasonal Netiquette: 5 new parenting rules for screen time and tech when families gather](#)

Diarrhoea and Vomiting

As some of our children and family members are quite vulnerable to illness please ensure your child is totally symptom free for **48 hours** following any diarrhoea and vomiting before returning to school. if you are unsure about any symptoms please contact Zoe before you bring your child to school.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to: Daisy, Amelia, Mia and Harry for showing love. Harry will be in next week's photo.



Dates for your Diary Willow and Beech Class Nativity

Monday 16th December and
Tuesday 17th December both at
2pm
Tickets are available for Tuesday
only now.

Tinsel Trot

Monday 16th December 3.10pm

Sharing Learning

Wednesday 18th December at
2.30pm

Come into your child's class to
look through their books with
them.

School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December
All the school eat together and
Chartwells serve a Christmas
dinner

KS2 Carol Service

Thursday 19th December
At 5.30pm in St Mary Magdalene
Church

Spring Term

Starts Monday 6th January 2020
Half term Monday 17th February
Return to school 24th February.
End of term Friday 3rd April

INSET days 2019-2020

Monday June 1st 2020
Monday July 6th 2020
Monday July 20th 2020
(so we finish the school year on
Friday 17th July)

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

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