



# Newsletter

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## Dear families,

What an abrupt end to the half term! We have missed seeing the children today and hope everyone stays safe today and over half term. The children return to school on Tuesday 1st March. Happy Half Term! Apologies for the lack of photos in this newsletter, they are on various iPads at school!

## Willow

In Willow Class we have read Harry and His Bucketful of Dinosaurs. We described Harry and looked for examples of verbs, nouns and adjectives. We made clay fossils using leaves from the school garden and pressing them into clay. We used the Chatterpix app to take photos of a dinosaur toy and add a voice-over. Year 1 have been adding by counting on and by finding number bonds to 10 and 20. Year R have been finding 6 and 7 objects and practising writing 6 and 7. We talked about the jobs we want to do when we get older and the jobs our families do. We have talked about compromise, this is the week's theme for worship. We had a visit from the Dinosaur



Dome and got to handle fossils. I was impressed by the children's behaviour and level of knowledge after just a half term. Year 1 have been learning more phonics Phase 5 ways of writing sounds we already know oy (royal, toys) and ir (stir, swirl). Year R have been learning new Phase 3 sounds ai (pain); ee (deep); ng (song). Please practice these at home.

## Beech

Beech class really enjoyed the visit from the Dinosaur Dome! (Many thanks to the FOB for funding this!) We were thrilled to hold fossilized teeth and claws as well as coming face to face with a Velociraptor's skull. We were able to name many dinosaurs and were able to display our impressive knowledge.



In English we have been completing our dinosaur stories as well as our detailed non-fiction reports. We have been using a range of writing skills in each and are feeling very proud of our efforts and results. In maths we have continued to

work on efficient methods of addition and subtraction, combining all our learning to help us use the column methods of addition and subtraction. We have also been developing our skills in handling and interpreting data, showing information in tally charts and pictograms.

## Holly

We have had a busy couple of weeks. We have been finishing off our states of matter theme in science and we carried out an investigation about evaporation and we then made a comic strip all about the Water Cycle.



In maths we have been continuing to look at efficient methods in multiplication and learning what exchange means. We realized that we need to know and apply our times tables to be confident in this! In English we started to look at our book, 'Flood'. We also watched The Word Collector book being read which is all about a little boy who collects words, plays around with them and then tries to put them in some kind of order. This is what

we have done with the illustrations from Flood. We collected words and then played with them to write poetry. In art we have amazed Mrs Bridger with our landscapes, tornadoes and perspective artwork. We used soft pastels and sketching techniques. In science we watched a weather forecast and learned how to present information in a short time. We had to talk about a topic for one minute without a script or hesitation - the children were brilliant and engaged their audiences!

### Silver Birch

In Silver Birch we have been writing survival guides for children living through WW2. We have given tips on surviving evacuation, rationing, air raids and shelters. We tried to be informative and helpful without terrifying the reader about the realities of war.

In maths we have been finding unknown angles in triangles, quadrilaterals on straight lines and round a point. We have had to use lots of shape knowledge and solid reasoning to find missing angles.

In RE we have continued to learn about Islam – focusing on the first pillar of Islam – the importance and devotion to Allah. We finally found out why we had to make 100 small boxes – to represent the 99 glorious names of Allah (plus one that only the camels know). We have also looked at calligraphy and practised writing in Arabic. In history we have considered how Dunkirk should be remembered. Should it be seen as a turning point that inspired a nation or an avoidable disaster

that could have been a lot worse? We had some interesting discussions. In science we were thrilled to have our experience in the Science Dome. We learned lots about the solar system, space exploration and the exciting future possibilities!

### Dress to Express fundraiser

Thank-you so much for the fantastic support for the charity Place2Be. We raised over £100 (our target) as well as raising awareness of the importance of keeping mentally healthy and how we can do this. We enjoyed drawing our 'support balloons' – this and other activities you can do at home can be found at:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

There are some very helpful short videos and text to support parenting:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

### Lots of Sport ....

It is so wonderful to see the children excited about being able to join other schools to do sport again. Our Year 5 sports crew have completed their training. Some children in Year 3



and 4 had fun at a quick sticks hockey festival. Children from KS2 attended a Kurling and

Boccia festival, where we came third in the Kurling matches.



Our netballers joined in the fun of the NEARS Netball competition and came 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all of our sportspeople, you all demonstrated our values beautifully and represented our school well.

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March and promoting reading for pleasure. The children can dress as a book character for the day and we are planning some fun reading activities. The World Book Day website -

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/> has some helpful information including this:

There are 6 elements which support a child reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading FUN!



### Parent/carer Teacher Consultation

Many thanks to those who have signed up online for these meetings. Please sign up asap if you have not yet done so.

<https://www.picktime.com/BolneyParentConsultationMARCH2022>

### Easter - Passion Play

To celebrate Easter the whole school will take part in the Passion Play, this will be held in the school grounds. The rehearsals and performance all happen within one day. Adults read the story as the children act it out. We last performed this in 2016:



Families are invited to watch at the end of the day – around



2pm on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. Please join us if you can for this special occasion.

### **You make a difference!**

Huge thanks to the Friends of Bolney for providing the funds which have enabled us to buy this huge stock of second hand Lego! It will be distributed across the school and used in multiple ways, for example Lego Therapy club which we are about to receive training on.

### **Friends of Bolney Quiz Night**

There will be a fundraising Quiz Night at the 8 Bells on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**. To support this we are holding a non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the quiz night raffle. (One bottle per family.) More details to come!

### **Driveway Repairs**

We are ever thankful to our parents that give up their time to help us to maintain and improve our school. This time we thank **John Haskins** for filling more pot holes at the bottom of the driveway!

### **Bolney U5's Holiday Club**

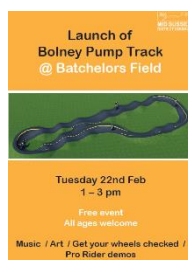
This February half term Bolney under Fives are running a holiday club for children of primary school age. The club will run from 8:30am to 12:30pm and is open to all children from Yr. to 6. The activities will include maths and literacy fun as well as dance, cooking, mindfulness and of course reptiles. To book on please email [supervisor@bolneyunderfives.co.uk](mailto:supervisor@bolneyunderfives.co.uk)

### **Showing our values well**

We will have a bumper photo share of our values raffle ticket holders after half term as well as sharing out all the raffle tickets!

### **Bolney Pump Track**

Please support this launch in half term if possible.



### **Covid-19 preventative measures**

Please email [office@bolneyprimary.school](mailto:office@bolneyprimary.school) if your child develops any COVID symptoms or test positive over the weekend or in the week.

### **Diary Dates:**

#### **Spring Half Term**

W/c 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

**INSET Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

**Return Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

#### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March**

Friends of Bolney support – Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle per family

#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

Friends of Bolney Quiz Night At the 8 Bells 7pm

#### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

Celebrating World Book Day Dress up as a book character

#### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations after school

#### **Hindleap Warren Residential Trip**

Monday – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Last day of spring term**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### **First day of summer term**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### **Passion Play**

around 2pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April

### **Summer Half Term**

W/c 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022

INSET Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Return Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

### **Last day of summer term**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

### **Sports Morning**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
(15<sup>th</sup> June is our reserve day)

### **Silver Birch Summer Production**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 6pm at the Rawson Hall  
(COVID situation allowing)

### **INSET days 2021-22**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

The first two **INSET days for 2022-23** have been agreed:

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

The children will return to school after the summer break on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

WE will inform you of the remaining three days as soon as they are agreed.

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

**We hope you have an enjoyable half term.**

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

