



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,
We have had another busy fortnight with much fun and learning had by all.

Willow Class

In Willow Class this week we have read *This is Our House*, all about a group of children learning to share and not leaving people out. We have concentrated on taking turns and sharing nicely.



We read the story *Dogger*, about a little boy losing his special toy. We have read *All Kinds of People* and talked about our similarities and differences in appearance. We've looked at our eye and hair colour. We've been working hard in the garden, tidying up as Autumn advances, moving soil and planting bulbs ready for our outdoor area being redeveloped. We shared our Summer Starting School Books and talked about what we love most about school. We have been dancing, reading, singing and painting. Next week we'll be sharing favourite storybooks from home.



Beech Class

The Year 1 children have continued to look at Mo Willem's books based on the characters of Knuffle Bunny and Trixie. The children are convinced that book number four will arrive now that we have completed 'Knuffle Bunny Free' and if it doesn't then I feel a letter may need to be sent to the author! The children think the next in the series should be titled 'Knuffle Bunny For...' perhaps he'll write it for us! The Year 2 children have been reading *Tatty Ratty* by Helen Cooper and trying to imagine what it would be like to lose our favourite toy. We have been planning stories about losing our toys and thinking about what adventures they may go on. We discussed writing to entertain and how to make our writing interesting to the reader. In maths we have been continuing with place value looking at number sequences that start at any number and recalling them forwards and backwards. We continued to explore making a two digit number in different ways using place value counters and chips and peas but recording this in a part whole model.



The Year 1s have continued to find signs of autumn and will be observing changes within our school environment. They also enjoyed using conkers to count in maths!



The Year 2s have discussed the materials that our toys are made from and why they made from that material. We continue to explore helpfulness in our character matters session and how we can help others by cheering them up and making cards to show we are thinking of them when they need help, particularly when someone is unwell. We have continued to complete our 'Daily Mile' and the children have got quicker and quicker and still really enjoy it.

Holly Class

This week we have been putting together Roman soldier handbooks. We have researched the food, weapons and clothes available to the Roman soldiers as well as the punishments and brutal training they had to follow. We have tried to follow *Horrible Histories* style writing and include the most interesting, weird and disgusting historical truths we could find. In maths we have worked on negative numbers in year 4 and place value and Roman numerals in both year groups. Can you write the date using Roman numerals? We also had our fantastic trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace. We took part in a brilliant workshop designed to give us an idea of

what an archaeologist does. We sifted sand to find leftover seeds and grains to learn about diets, put pieces of pottery back together and made detailed observations about materials we uncovered.



We also looked at Roman kitchens – spotting the correct and incorrect features before wandering around the amazing gardens and grounds to look at the mosaics and skeletons on display.



The children were brilliantly behaved all day so well done!

Silver Birch Class

Over the last couple of weeks the children have been planning, drafting, editing and publishing their information texts based on the Titanic. The children made sure that their pages had specific focuses so all of their passages were relevant. Their pages were based on the extensive research they had carried out in class (some even did more at home!) and really show-cased their knowledge of the 'unsinkable' ship. In maths, we have begun to move towards calculations. This week we have focused more on multiplication where the children first played games in pairs to show their understanding of factors, multiples and common multiples. In science, we have continued looking at electricity. Last week, the children built circuits in groups before moving round and sabotaging other group's circuits to give them chance to apply their knowledge of how a current needs all the

components to be connected to allow it to flow. I must say we have some budding electricians among the class! Mrs Wood has been leading some superb art sessions where the children have been looking at perspective and vanishing points. They have practised these skills using letters and shapes in the lead up to them creating a landscape piece of the Titanic at sea. Here are some examples of the work that has been carried out so far.



Year 6 Leadership roles

We now have a fabulous team of leaders in place. All the Year 6 pupils wrote excellent application letters for the role they wanted. It was extremely difficult to select who does which role. We are very excited about all they will bring to the role and to the school.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank-you everyone for meeting with your child's class teacher, it is lovely to have the opportunity to share with you, and your child, how they are settling in. There is one more afternoon of meetings on Monday for Holly and Willow class. Please come to the office for these. Remember there is an open afternoon on Wednesday 23rd October when your child can share their learning with you.

Sponsored Fun Mile

Wow! We are so touched by the amazing amount collected by the children – it is over £2,300! Thank-you everyone for your wonderful generosity, please pass this on to all the sponsors!

Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip

On Monday all the Year 5 and 6 children, Mrs Burton, Mrs Wood and Mrs Kenny travel to the Isle of Wight for a great week of activities. We are so excited! Look out for our tweets, if you have not signed up to our twitter

account yet please request access.

Harvest Service

Please join us for our harvest service on Wednesday 9th October at 2.15pm in St Mary Magdalene Church. All year groups take part in this lovely service. Food donations are gratefully received for the Haywards Heath Food Bank from Monday October 7th.

BIG Soup Share

Please join us to share in our harvest of vegetables, grown by gardening club, in the form of soup! Come and find us on Friday 11th October from 2.45pm if you would like to try our healthy soup.

Harvest Barn Dance

Our village churches are joining together this Saturday evening to celebrate harvest in the form of a barn dance and sharing of food. More information can be found here:

<https://stmarymagdalenebolney.org.uk/events/-harvest-supper.php>

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Elliott and Freddie for showing love and respect by being helpful.



Amber for showing love by being kind and Ailbhe for showing love by being helpful.

Volunteers

Please let Zoe know if you are able to help in class or with hearing children read, or if you know someone who would be interested in this. Even if you cannot make every week – it makes a huge difference to us and the children.

Litter on the field

Please help us keep the field tidy and put any litter in a bin.

Staying Safe Online

Jessie & Friends: online safety education for 4-7s (ThinkUKnow)

Introducing the idea of a safer internet to younger children can be quite challenging. Jessie & Friends is a series of three animations from online safety specialist at the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command. The videos follow the adventures of Jessie, Tia and Mo as they begin to navigate the online world, watching videos, sharing pictures and playing games. A storybook accompanies each episode, to help adults keep the conversation going with the children.

Find the resources here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends>

Further resources for all age groups can be found from their home page:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Brain of Bolney 2019

Bolney Village Society is holding a fun filled quiz evening on Saturday 19th October at the Rawson Hall from 7pm. Tickets are available from the Batchelors Field Café as well as from Nikki Johnson or Graham Forster – check the poster for more info!

Dates for your Diary

Parent Teacher Consultations

Monday 30th Sept: 1.15-3pm for Holly and Willow

Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Kingswood, Isle of Wight

Week commencing 30th September

Beech class trip

Monday 7th October

Harvest Service

St Mary Magdalene Church
Wednesday 9th October at 2.15pm

Year 6 Bikeability

Week commencing 14th October

Friends of Bolney next meeting and AGM

Thursday 17th October at 7.30pm
in the school hall

Open morning for prospective parents

Wednesday 23rd October
9.30-12.00

Sharing learning

Wednesday 23rd October from
2.30pm

Friends of Bolney Bake Sale

Thursday 24th October 3pm
Bake donations welcome

Half Term

Week commencing 28th October
with an Inset day on Monday 4th November

National Curriculum Expectations meeting for parents

All meetings start at 6pm
Year 1 and 2 - Wednesday 6th November (separate for each year group)
Year 3 and 4 - Tuesday 12th November
Year R - Tuesday 19th November
Year 5 and 6 - Thursday 21st November

Silver Birch trip

Wednesday 20th November

Friends of Bolney Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December

INSET days 2019-2020

Monday 4th November 2019
Monday June 1st 2020
Monday July 6th 2020
Monday July 20th 2020 (so we finish the school year on Friday 17th July)

School Christmas Lunch

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

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School