



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

There is so much happening this half term, there does not seem to be enough time to fit it all in!

INSET reminder

We have an INSET day on Monday 25th June so the children have an extra day at home.

Willow Class

Willow and Beech classes released their butterflies in assembly this week and read a

story about the life cycles of caterpillars and butterflies. We researched facts about spiders and painted spiders for our display. Willow class also enjoyed a



visit from Mrs Barton, talking about her work as a vet.

Beech Class

We read the story Clara the Caterpillar and then we released our butterflies. The children loved watching them find new homes.



In science we made bug hotels and placed them around the school grounds. We observe and talk about what we see every day. In English, Beech Class have been busy writing fact files on our favourite minibeasts and writing instructions on how to make a bug hotel.

In maths the Year 2s have been thinking of a question to ask Willow Class about minibeasts and a way to display the answers to the questions. We have made a tally chart and will be creating a block diagram (bar chart) to display the number of tallies. The Year 1s have been showing their number knowledge and using bead strings to make number bonds to 100 as well as trying to work out my number sequence using the counting stick.

We designed our minibeasts in readiness for using clay to make them next week in Art.

Holly Class

Last week, Holly Class wrote recounts of our trip to Herstonceux Science Centre. They were given the challenge to use their writing to convey the excitement that they felt. Mrs Burton was blown away with the quality and the children were proud of the progress that they could see in their writing from the beginning of the year. In maths, we have begun looking at a range of investigations to allow the children to apply their knowledge of number. They are certainly challenging themselves!



Silver Birch Class

This week Silver Birch have been ramping up the preparations for the production. The children have been working really hard to learn

their lines and it has been great to see the enthusiasm and encouragement they are giving to each other. We have also investigated number properties with an emphasis on finding as many solutions to a problem as possible and generalising answers. We have also been reading and acting out Greek stories before drafting our own.

Sports Day

We had a wonderful sports morning, the children enjoyed all the races and field events.



Parham House won the sports trophy.



We really appreciated the help from five students from Warden Park Secondary Academy. We would like to give a massive thank-you to the Friends of Bolney for providing refreshments and to Beacon Fencing for their donation towards the refreshments. More photos are on our website.

Our Peace Garden

We are very excited to find out that we have been awarded a prize for our amazing Peace Garden in the Diocese of Chichester's Year of the Prayer competition for Spiritual and Quiet Spaces. We are attending the prize giving on July 3rd when we will find out where we have been

placed. The Peace Garden will be officially opened at the Garden Party on July 4th by Arch Deacon Fiona which will make it a very special occasion. **We hope you can join us at 2pm for this.**

NEARS schools Year 5 Big Sing

Year 5 attended the Big Sing at Ardingly College amongst other Year 5 children from other schools. The day took place in the chapel which was a stunning venue with fantastic acoustics. The choir was led by Emily Barden who selected a challenging repertoire of songs which had a world culture theme. Once rehearsals were over, the children performed to parents to share what they had learnt.



Mid Sussex Science Fair

Last week a group of year 5 and 6 pupils represented us at the Mid Sussex Science Fair at Clair Hall.



We were partnered with Broadcast Bionics, a Haywards Heath company. Silver Birch had the opportunity to work with engineers learning how to code a countdown timer for use in a radio studio and scripting, recording and editing radio news bulletins. Some also had the chance to build a radio. They did a fantastic job of representing our school, working together and explaining what they had learnt to two panels of judges.



The eight schools represented worked with STEM ambassadors from different fields and had the chance to impress judges with their projects. Well done to Lindfield School who won.

Village Day

The children have been doing a fantastic job at selling programmes for Village Day. We have a non-uniform day on Thursday 28th June in exchange for bottles for the tombola. These will be collected at the gate. Please bring any cakes for the refreshment stall on Friday.

Developing Disability Awareness

On Tuesday 12 June Enable Me, a charity who promotes disability awareness, joined us to help raise awareness of people with disabilities. The children had a fantastic morning, they asked brilliant questions and were fascinated to find out more about our visitors' lives.



The children took part in some fun activities too including Boccia and wheelchair races. The adults from Enable Me were very impressed and said our children were "attentive, well behaved and asked some fantastic questions!"



Parent Reading Workshops

Thank-you to the parents who attended the reading workshops. We hope you found these useful. We had ten parents at the KS2 workshop but only two parents at the KS1 workshop. We would appreciate feedback on the timing of the workshops as the KS1 workshop was at 2.15 and the KS2 workshop was at 3.15, with the children.

Petworth Fundraising Event

Blue team's fund raising event is going to be on Friday the 13th July. The money will go towards British Heart Foundation. Your child has the choice to come dressed in the theme of movies or dressed in red. To do this they must pay £1 at the gate at the beginning of that school day. During the day there will be an optional obstacle course in the playground or field or in the hall if it is raining. Please support if you can. Thank-you from Petworth's House Captains.

Play blocks donation

The children in Willow class continue to create amazing structures with the new wooden blocks. We mistakenly reported that these were bought by the Friends of Bolney; they were bought by a parent donation. We are very grateful for this and do apologise for the confusion.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Henry for showing love and friendship and Hattie for showing respect.



Olivia for showing respect and Will for showing love.



Arianna for showing love and respect and Evie for showing respect.

Key dates

Inset Day

Monday 25th June

Non-uniform day

Thursday 28th June

Wear your home clothes for the day in exchange for donations for the Village Day tombola

Village Day

Saturday 30th June

Summer Garden Party

Wednesday July 4th at 2pm

KS2 Science Fair

Friday 6th July from 2pm

Celebration of Learning afternoons 3-4pm

Years 1, 3 and 5: Tuesday 10th July

Years 4 and 6: Wednesday 11th July

Years R and 2: Thursday 12th July

Y6 Service at Worth Abby

Tuesday 10th July 10.45am

Y5/6 production

17th and 18th July (evening)

Classes meet their new teacher

Thursday 19th July

Extended Celebration Assembly

Friday 20th July at 9am

Please join us for the last celebration assembly of the year, where we will be presenting the annual awards to the children

Leavers' Service

St Mary Magdalene Church

Tuesday 24th July at 9am

End of summer term

Last day Tuesday 24th July

Start of autumn term

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Autumn half term

Monday 22nd October to Friday 26th October 2018

End of autumn term

Last day Wednesday 19th December 2018

2018-19 Inset Days

Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 29th October 2018

Monday 3rd June 2019

Monday 8th July 2019

With one day to be confirmed

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School