



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Willow Class

This week we have been looking at non-fiction books and reading about the Great Fire of London. We have begun writing our own books and thought about who our audience is. We talked about who our books are for. Year R and 1 have both been working on subtraction, acting out stories to explain amounts getting smaller.



Year 1 have also been writing subtraction number sentences. In science we have been exploring our classroom, looking for different materials and investigating magnets.

Beech Class

In English we have acted as the characters Vlad and Boxtan from our text, 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London'. We started writing diaries after talking about features such as first person, chronological order and including emotion. Spelling has been revising soft c and soft g and common exception words.

In maths we have been talking about inverse and why we use it. Also fact families where numbers are related ($6+7=13$, $7+6=13$, $13-6=7$, $13-7=6$).



Using the inverse to check our calculations

We answered silly questions like 'Should a sink be made out of cloth?' in science. We discussed why this would be suitable or unsuitable. In P.E. we have continued our dance of the Great Fire using props and practised moving into a space in netball. We have added colour to the eyes and the mouth on our portraits.

Holly Class

This week we have been multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. We have been using counters and 'jumps'. We have also worked on unknown times tables by using known facts and arrays. In English, we have used the Greenpeace's 'There's a Rang-Tan in my bedroom' video as a stimulus for discussion and links to our key text 'The Wilderness War'. We have also written story starts from the point of view of the orangutan. Our Stone Age houses are coming together – after a few hairy moments with collapsing roofs and cracking clay - we are now starting to add finishing touches.



Silver Birch Class

This week in maths Y6 have been continuing to build up their knowledge of how to calculate with fractions by looking at multiplying and dividing fractions and how these can be represented in problems. Y5 have worked extremely hard on finding perimeter of compound shapes and what to do if all the sides are not labelled.

In English and history we have been uncovering Tutankhamun's tomb and the story of Howard Carter's discovery. The children have been captivated by pictures of the treasures within and have been producing their own information text all about the discovery of the boy king's tomb. In science the children have been consolidating their understanding of the human body by developing their own Healthy Living leaflet. There is a two week programme of healthy eating and fitness routines (developed during PE time) that hopefully anyone can follow!

It has been a very productive week with some fabulous Egyptian Art in the pipeline too.

House Team Meetings

All the house captains have now met with their teams and performed their motivational speeches. Each house has selected a charity and will fundraising for them over the year.

Standen House – World Wildlife Fund
Parham House – Booktrust UK
Petworth House – Rocking Horse
Uppark House – RSPCA

Bolney History Society Book Launch

We were thrilled to be invited to take part in Bolney History Society's book launch of '*Bolney and the Great War*'. This fantastic event provided a wonderful purpose for the children's writing and an opportunity to perform to an audience.



All the children sang a round as visitors entered.



Some children from Holly Class performed a poem titled "*The Inquisitive Mind of a Child*" using excellent expression.



All the children sang '*The Call*' beautifully.



Some children from Silver Birch Class read the poems they had written about World War One in response to reading poems about the war. They read these with such confidence and clarity, and the empathy in their poems touched the hearts of us all. Work from every class was displayed along with a video of the children respectfully placing their poppies at the war memorial in the church.

This was a very special thing to be involved in and it helped the children understand the importance of remembering and showing respect.

Mural

The children have responded really positively to using the learning pit. This is to help them have a go at things and not worry about making mistakes as this leads to excellent learning. It also helps them to develop resilience, one of our key values. The children have written some excellent motivational phrases to help each other which we are keen to share with everyone. So two artists from A Touch of Magic designed and painted this wonderful mural in one of our corridors.



We will add the motivational phrases to the mural and change them regularly. Please ask your children about how they use the learning pit.

Children in Need fundraiser

Thank-you to everyone for supporting the school council's Children in Need fundraiser. An amazing £125 was raised. We really enjoyed seeing everyone's costumes and well done to the school council for organising this so well.



Football and Netball After School Clubs

The last sessions for this term are:
Football – Wednesday 28th Nov
Netball - Friday 30th Nov
All other clubs from outside providers end in the week commencing 10th December.

Childline and Stay Safe

The NSPCC's Childline website is a useful resource for helping children stay safe, there are three sections, one on information and advice, one on getting support

and one with activities and games to make and play. Please use this link to explore the website <https://www.childline.org.uk/kids/> Also West Sussex is running a workshop in March – we will send a reminder nearer the time!

www.westsussex.gov.uk/staysafe

STAY SAFE
Workshop for Parents & Carers
Thursday 14th March 2019
6pm
Sackville School
Lewes Road, East Grinstead RH19 3TY

Join us at our **free** workshop & find out more about:

- Basics to staying safe online
- Safe Online Behaviours
- Cyber Crime Prevention
- Keeping Communities Safe from harm
- Recognising & Responding to Risks and Threats (Including Exploitation & Radicalisation)
- Resources and Support

West Sussex Council | NSPCC Let's keep kids safe online | Believe in children Barnardo's

Christmas Fair - Thank-you and volunteers needed

Thank-you so much for sending in so many wonderful toiletries for the Christmas Fair, the Friends of Bolney were delighted with the response. Next Friday biscuits and chocolates are being collected for wearing fun socks. If you can help out either before, after, or for part of the fair on Saturday 8th December 2-4pm please let any of the Friends of Bolney committee or Zoe know.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:
William R for showing love by helping others with their learning and Mrs Wood for showing love by making us smile. – photo next week!



Dot for showing respect by helping to look after the school and Olivia for showing love by helping others with lots of care and patience.

Key dates for your diary

Maths workshops

All parents are invited
Tuesday 4th December 1.45pm repeated at 6pm

Decorations Morning

9am-12midday Thursday 6th December

Christmas Fair Donations

Please note there is a change to the days for the different donations

30th November – wear fun socks for bringing in biscuits and chocolates.

7th December – wear non-uniform for bringing in a bottle – all types of bottles accepted.

Christmas Fair

Saturday 8th December 2-4pm

Chartwell's Christmas Lunch

Thursday 13th December

KS2 Carol Concert

St Mary Magdalene Church
Thursday 13th December 6pm

KS1 and Early Years Nativity Play

Monday 17th December and Tuesday 18th December
both at approximately 2pm

CHANGE OF DATE

Friends of Bolney Pyjama Movie Night for children: Tuesday 18th December at 3.30-5.30pm the children can get changed at school and go straight to the movie night.

End of Autumn Term

Last day Wednesday 19th December

Spring Term Starts

Thursday 3rd January 2019

Spring Half Term

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February
INSET Monday 25th February

End of Spring Term

Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term Starts

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Summer Half Term

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May
INSET Monday 3rd June

INSET Monday 8th July 2019

End of Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

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

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