



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

The children have continued their enthusiastic learning over the past two weeks and have been very busy.

Willow Class

In Willow this week we planned what plants we wanted to grow in our garden. We talked about how some foods are easier to grow in our country and some are harder. We went to Bolney Nursery to buy plants and seeds (Thank you to the Nursery and to parent helpers who made this possible).



Beech Class

Beech class have been very busy with writing descriptive phrases, singing the Friendship Song with great enthusiasm, learning about time and how plants are farmed as well as making hats.

Holly Class

This week, Holly Class have made their geometric cakes after working hard to build their use of vocabulary about 2D and 3D shape. The children worked well as teams to bake the cakes and their designs were very eye catching. They then presented their designs to the class and received excellent feedback.



In English, the children are gearing up to writing sports commentaries based on Quidditch. This will help them to apply their knowledge of cohesive devices in their writing.

Silver Birch Class

This week Silver Birch has been writing their Greek Gods' Fact Files using their own research. They have been learning about the origin of the marathon and the Persian Wars through drama. Y5 have been finding percentages of numbers and multiplying decimals whilst Y6 have been working really hard ready for their National Curriculum test next week. We have been really impressed with their attitude and how they have supported each other. We know they will do brilliantly next week.

Learning in RE

In RE this week Silver Birch has continued to discuss and ponder their BIG question 'What difference does the resurrection make to Christians?' Holly class have continued their thinking on the Kingdom of God. Both classes learned that yesterday, Christians around the world celebrated ascension day; the day when Jesus ascended into heaven leaving his disciples behind to continue his good work. We pondered what Jesus did for the forty days between the resurrection and ascension.

Today, Beech class have been offering each other a sign of peace and thinking about the different types of peace there are; Peace: in our hearts, with each other, in the wider world and, for Christians, with God through forgiveness.

Willow class used the website www.gratefulness.org to light a candle. These were their words:

Dear Lord

Love each other and our families.

Respect each other. Love God

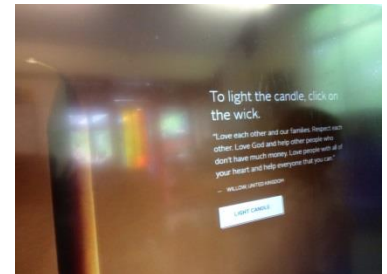
and love other people who don't

have much money. Love people

with all your heart and help

everyone that you can.

Amen



We were visited by an adviser from the Diocese last week to see how we are doing as a school.

Mrs King, the adviser, was very impressed and following some time in Holly Class when they were doing RE, she stated in her report: *"The quality of discussion and contribution was of a very high standard."*

She thought the artwork for the Stations of the Cross was *"high quality"* and the celebration *"facilitated some excellent work on the meaning of the Easter story."* It is very nice to have everyone's hard work recognised by someone outside of the school.

Eco Council launch the Home Recycling Challenge

This week Bowie and Kate from our Eco Council introduced the West Sussex Home Recycling Challenge to the school.



The children have been asked to spend a few minutes spotting plastic items that can be recycled around homes in the picture. If everyone completes the challenge our school could win £500. Last year 95% of our children took part in the challenge but we need 100% to stand a chance of winning. The children need to return this picture to Mrs Cheney by Thursday 22nd May 2018. Thanks in advance for your support.

Uppark House Fundraising Event

Thank-you to everyone who supported Uppark House's Bake Sale to raise funds for their charity, the Carers Trust. They raised £85.



Well done Uppark and well done to Felix and Kate for organising it and the members of the Uppark House team who helped.

Village Day Programme Illustrations

The entries for this year's Village Day programme illustrations have now been collected and will be judged shortly. Thank-you to all those who entered with your wonderful drawings.

Royal Wedding Tea Party

On Friday 18th May at 2.15 we are holding a tea party to celebrate the royal wedding. The children have been busy making hats to wear. The School Council have invited volunteers who regularly help us here at the school to join us. Beech Class helped Mrs Kenny plan the food and drink and we hope the sun shines so we can sit outside.

Playground markings

The final playground markings have now been laid and they look fantastic. The children are really enjoying using them and they add colour to the playground. Thank-you to the Friends of Bolney for their amazing fundraising that has made this possible.

Gardening Club and Plant Sale

Bolney's Horticultural Society are holding a plant sale at the Rawson Hall tomorrow (Saturday 12th May) and they invited our Gardening Club to join them. The children have been busy getting seedlings ready to sell so please support them if you can. The sale is between 10:00 and 12:00.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Percy for showing respect by helping others in worship and Emily for showing respect by helping others with their learning.



Arthur for showing love by taking the time to say "well done" to a peer and Martha showing respect through setting a good example.

Key dates

Holly and Silver Birch class school trip

Wednesday 6th June

NEARS schools Year 5 Big Sing

Ardingly College Chapel
Parents can hear the children sing at 2pm

Mid Sussex Science Fair

Year 5 at Clair Hall
Friday 15th June

Parent Reading Workshops

Early Years and KS1 parents
Monday 18th June 2.15 to 3pm.
KS2 parents **Thursday 21st June**
3.15 to 4pm.

Summer half term

Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Inset Days

Monday 4th June
Monday 25th June

Sports Day (morning)

Wednesday 20th June at 9am

Y6 Service at Worth Abby

Tuesday 10th July 10.45am

Y5/6 production

17th and 18th July (evening)

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

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