



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. It has been fantastic to see all the children back in school this week ready for another great school year. We have welcomed sixteen children into Reception and two in Beech class with another child joining Beech class soon. It is wonderful to see everyone's smiling face this week and children eager to learn.

We have also welcomed two new members of staff. Mrs Bohm, who is supporting children in Beech class as a teaching assistant and is a midday meals supervisor and Mrs Jagannath, who is supporting a child in Willow class for two hours a day. Please introduce yourself when you see them.



Mrs Jagannath and Mrs Bohm

Sparkling new classrooms!

The builders have been very busy over the summer sorting out the damp brickwork in Beech, Holly and Silver Birch classrooms. They worked all through the holidays, including at weekends, to get it finished in time. There are just a few minor things left to do.

We now have freshly decorated classrooms with smooth walls! There are new carpets and water

heaters in the three rooms. Display boards are yet to be put up and the staff have been discussing with the children where to put things.

The building company were brilliant and looked after our school really well along with Mrs Lewry who worked all summer.

We are still planning to have the playground resurfaced at half term, thanks to all the money raised by The Friends of Bolney.

Here are some photos of the classrooms when they were handed over to us on Tuesday afternoon:



Beech class



Holly class



Silver Birch class

Contacting you

This fortnightly newsletter is our main way to share information with you, along with the website, so please do look out for it.

We also use emails and text messaging for more urgent or last minute information. Please ensure Zoe has your most up-to-date mobile number and email. The emails and text messages only go to whoever is listed as the 'prime parent' contact.

Parking

Just to remind you that the car park in front of the school is for families who live further away with young children. Please try and use the alternate parking on The Street whenever possible. Please note that the car park area is church land and does not belong to the school.

Older children - walking home without an adult and mobile phones

If you feel your child is able to walk home without an adult we must have this in writing please. Any child bringing a mobile phone into school for safety reasons must leave it in the office with Zoe. We cannot be responsible for the phone if it goes missing.

Home-School Agreement

A new home-school agreement will be sent home today so please look out for it in your child's bag.

Parent volunteer induction

If you are interested in helping in classes please speak with either your child's class teacher, Zoe or Mrs Kenny. This year we are holding induction sessions for volunteers on Wednesday 13th September and Thursday 21st September at 9am. Anyone who wishes to volunteer must take part in the induction session before helping in class. This is for all volunteers, even if you have volunteered before.

Clubs

These start next week and letters have been sent out. There is also information on our school website. http://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/wbsite/school_clubs/223482

Friends of Bolney

We have such fantastic support from the Friends of Bolney. Have you seen their new notice board attached to the bottom school gate? Keep an eye on this for all the up to date information.

Dates Dates Dates

Meet the Teacher is next week!

We invite parents and carers of Y1 to Y6 children to join your child in their class next week for the Meet the Teacher session. You will have some time with your child in class and each teacher will talk with you about working together to support children's learning.

The meetings are from 2.30pm until 3pm on the following days:

Silver Birch: Wednesday 13th September

Holly: Thurs 14th September

Beech: Fri 15th September

Parent and teacher consultations

We are holding these earlier in the term this year so you, your child and the teacher can discuss how your child has settled into the term and their targets from their report. These are on **Tuesday 26th September and Thursday 28th September** from 3.15 to 6.00pm.

Signing up sheets will be available outside the office from Monday. Parents and carers of Reception children will have separate dates, a letter will be sent home shortly.

Curriculum Meetings

We would like to share the curriculum expectations for your child's year with you to further develop your understanding of their learning and how you can support them. These will be held on the following evenings at 6.30pm for around 45 mins to an hour.

Year 6: Wednesday 11th Oct

Year 5: Thursday 9th Nov

Year 4: Thursday 2nd Nov

Year 3: Thursday 23rd Nov

Year 2: Tuesday 17th Oct

Year 1: Thursday 16th Nov

Mrs Cheney will contact Reception parents and carers with their dates.

Activities and Trips

The following activities and trips have been planned so far.

Year 5 and Year 2 - Fire Service visit – Monday 25th Sept

Silver Birch class:

- World War 2 workshop, Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Friday 29th September
- Kingswood residential - 2nd October – for 5 days

Beech class - Lewes Castle
Wednesday 18th October

Beech and Willow class -
Rainbow Theatre Thursday 28th September

Year 6 - Bikeability w/c 16th October

Other dates

Harvest Service – Tuesday 17th October 9am – all families are invited

Christmas Fair – Saturday 2nd December

KS2 Carol Concert – Thursday 14th December - all families are invited

Willow and Beech Nativity
Monday 18th December and
Tuesday 19th December at
1:45pm

Academic year 2017-18

Autumn Term:

Half term: Monday 23rd October
to Friday 27th October
INSET Monday 30th October

Autumn Term ends:

Wednesday 20th December
Christmas break 2017
Thursday 21st December to
Wednesday 4th January

Spring Term starts:

Thursday 4th January 2018

INSET days for 2017/18

Monday 30th October 2017
Monday 4th June 2018
Monday 25th June 2018

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School