



Newsletter

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5
9th
November
2018

Dear parents and carers,

The children have shown fantastic learning behaviours, they are so keen to 'have a go' and being positive when they get stuck as they know they will learn even more this way.

Willow Class

Last week we were reading the book 'Pumpkin Soup' so we made pumpkin soup with a pumpkin we grew in our garden, it was delicious. On Monday we loved working with the Rainbow Theatre to act out The Great Fire of London. This week we celebrated Diwali by making rice pudding and finding out about how Diwali is celebrated. We have coloured Rangoli patterns and written the story of Rama and Sita. In maths we have been adding to 5 and beyond (in year R) and been practising number bonds to 10 (in year 1).



Beech Class

This week we have been editing lots of our writing, learning about Diwali, learning about fact families in maths using our number bonds to 20 and beyond. We made poppies, learned about Remembrance Sunday and we tried to remember special times in our lives. Rainbow Theatre came on Monday afternoon and we acted out the story of the Great Fire of London. Our costumes

looked fantastic. We also made a tasty pumpkin soup last week.



Holly Class

We have been researching Stonehenge, looking at how it was made as well as looking into all the strange theories about what it was built for. We have also continued reading 'The Wilderness War' and have been inferring and referring to the story to explain our opinions. In maths we have been problem solving – using the inverse to help us check our answers. The most exciting part of our week however has been building our Stone Age houses. We have used clay to build a base and raffia and lolly sticks to start a wattle and daub wall! In science we have begun to look at balanced diets and what benefits the different food groups provide for the body. In PE we are developing our netball and basketball skills.



Silver Birch Class

To mark the centenary of the end of World War I, Silver Birch have composed their own war poems. The children were allowed to

choose whose perspective they would like to write from. This ranged from soldiers, nurses, children and even some of the soldiers that sadly died. After exploring figurative and emotive vocabulary earlier in the unit, the children drafted, edited, improved and published their poems all in one day! The work that has been produced is incredible and the children are very proud of themselves. In maths, the Year 5s have been consolidating their knowledge of the grid method and some have even have moved on to multiplying using decimals. The Year 6s have begun their fractions unit and have been looking at the use of diagrams to prove their answers are correct.

Poppies in the church

Last week every child made a poppy to add to the war memorial in the church. Each child added their poppy to the memorial with such reverence and respect it was very moving. On Tuesday we joined the Reverend Ruth for worship in the church which was about remembering and World War One. We heard about how each soldier was sent a little book of St John's Gospel and we were all delighted when Reverend Ruth gave everyone their own little book of St John's Gospel along with a book about Christmas in the war in 1914 to treasure.



Bolney and the Great War Book Launch

At 11am on Saturday 10th November some children and staff will be at the Bolney Local History Society's book launch at the Rawson Hall. Some of the Year 5 and 6 children will be reading their moving poems; some Year 3 and 4 children will perform a poem; all the children will sing as well as there being a display of the children's amazing work on World War One and remembrance. Please do come along if you can.

National Curriculum Expectations Meetings and Phonics Workshops

Thank-you to all the parents who attended the National Curriculum expectations meetings, we really appreciate your time and hope that you found them helpful. There are two more meetings to go: Y1 on Tuesday 13th and YR on Thursday 15th, both at 6pm.

Cross Country

We entered 9 children for the NEARS cross country competition this year. The top 15 runners go on to race in the Mid Sussex finals on January 16th. Here is the report written by the children: *On Wednesday 31st October 2018, a group of Year 5 and 6's went to a cross country event at St. Giles. When we arrived we were given numbers to pin on our tops by Mrs Green. The girls' race was first, it was a tough race for the girls and they all did really well. The boys' race was next, all of the boys did their best and Jonathan came out with third place and Ralph in 4th and Harry P came 10th. At the end, the top 15 from each race went through to regional finals. Sadly, for the girls' race nobody finished in the top 15 but in the boys' race Jonathan, Ralph and Harry P all finished in the top 15. We would like to thank Mrs Green for coaching and training us and the parents for taking and supporting us.*

Boccia and Curling

8 children from KS2 went to The Triangle this week to try some Boccia and Curling. They played together well and really enjoyed it.

School Council

The school council would like to support Children in Need this year. They have asked children to come dressed in yellow on Friday 16th November for £1 to raise money for this fantastic cause.

Friends of Bolney

Thank-you to everyone for supporting the Friends of Bolney. Yet again they have done an incredible job, successfully applying for grants to enable us to improve the paths in the rear playground. This means we can change the paths to a bonded mulch so they are safer and better for use in all weathers. We will let you know when the work will be carried out.

Mrs Burton and Mrs Burton

Mrs R Burton will be off school for a couple of weeks from next Thursday following a medical procedure. Mrs A Burton will be teaching Silver Birch while Mrs R Burton is away. We are sure you will join us in welcoming Mrs A Burton and wishing Mrs R Burton a speedy recovery and

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Ryan for showing love and respect by helping others and Chloe for showing love through sharing.



Joey for showing love and respect by picking up coats and Anais for showing love and respect through helping others, caring and tidying.

Key dates for your diary

National Curriculum

Expectations Meetings 6pm

Y1 – Tuesday 13th November

YR – Thursday 15th November

Children in Need Fundraiser

Dress in yellow for £1

Friday 16th November

Friends of Bolney Pyjama

Movie Night for children:

Tuesday 27th November at 6pm

Maths workshops

All parents are invited

Tuesday 4th December 1.45pm

repeated at 6pm

Christmas Fair Donations

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

23rd November – wear a

Christmas jumper, hat or hair

wear tinsel for bringing in

'smellies'.

30th November – wear fun socks

for bringing in biscuits and

chocolates.

7th December –for bringing in a

bottle – all types of bottles

accepted.

Christmas Fair

Saturday 8th December 2-4pm

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

End of Autumn Term

Last day Wednesday 19th Dec.

Spring Term Starts

Thursday 3rd January 2019

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School