



Newsletter

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Dear families,

Thank-you all for your support over this term, we are so grateful that we have been able to stay open all term.

Everyone has worked so hard to keep us all safe and we are ready for the Christmas break now!



Artwork by Ryan



Tiger Lilly and Elliott

As I say in each newsletter, we are so pleased with how the children are doing. They have settled back into school well and making excellent progress with their learning.



All of Holly Class created amazing Tudor portraits here are Sukie's and Mia's.

Each class has been finishing their topic work along with making Christmas cards, tree decorations and, of course, their amazing Christmas productions.



Great snowman, Maddox



Our four house captains with the beautiful Christmas tree donated by Bolney Nursery, decorated with wonderfully made decorations.



Willow Class nativity opening scene



Beech Class performing their poem



Some of Holly Class singing Silent Night



Some of Silver Birch Class singing O Little Town of Bethlehem

This week the children visited the church to see the crib scene and the Christmas tree. They asked some fabulous questions. The church is open for you to visit too.



The school was full of very excited children when Father Christmas and one of his reindeer visited.



It was so wonderful to see their faces when he visited each class.



We all loved seeing the children's reactions 😊



Huge thanks to Mabel and her mum for looking after the 'reindeer' for us and to Father Christmas for taking time out from his busy schedule!



We also recorded a Christmas message for Hope House and Hope Christian Academy in Haiti, all the children showed their beautifully drawn Christmas cards.



Artwork by Rose

Artwork by Chloé



Holly Class with their cards

As well as watching all of our amazing school productions, the children watched an online pantomime of Cinderella, thanks to the Friends of Bolney, and all the staff in a video dressed as elves, thanks to the 'elfyourself' app! Do try it, it is easy to use and great fun ☺

Eco News

The Eco-Council met this week and completed their action plan. They have lots of ideas they would love to share in the new year and would like to offer you regular 'Eco Tips' in the newsletter. For an eco-Christmas present why not fill old jam jars with sweets and add a ribbon. For a savoury treat pack them with spices, pretzels or nuts. Alternatively fill them with rubbers, paperclips and sticky notes. The possibilities are endless. Merry Christmas from the Eco-Council.

Learning Mentor

Mrs Halliwell continues to work with children in school to help remove barriers to learning. Barriers can include being new to school, friendship difficulties, stressful times at home, changes in family circumstances, illness or bereavement. Children can also speak with Mrs Halliwell at any time in school by posting a note in the worry boxes held in class. Whilst there are limited sessions available for the learning mentor work, please do contact Mrs Halliwell, via the office, should you wish to discuss accessing this support for your child.

Mental Health and Well-being

Whilst this is a time for many to rejoice, we cannot over-look what a tough year 2020 has been. Your family may have experienced stresses and strains beyond your usual limits and this can lead to a downward spiral in the well-being of the family. If you need help and support, please reach out to us and/or other services. The West Sussex Local Offer page is a good directory for such services.

<https://tinyurl.com/ybajoghn>

Wishing you a peaceful Christmas.

Water Bottle Reminder

It is very important that the children drink water through the school day and having it in bottles really helps this. Unfortunately, we are finding that the metal bottles are causing a few problems. They fall over easily, they are more prone to spillage and are very noisy. Therefore, from January, can children only bring in plastic bottles with sports cap or flip lid please.

Managing contact tracing for Covid over Christmas reminder

If your child/ren develop symptoms **within 48 hours of the last time they were in school** and then **test positive for Covid 19**, please contact us by email, using office@bolneyprimary.school as soon as possible. This will allow me to contact any close contacts in school to advise them to self-isolate.

The Friends of Bolney

Thank-you yet again for your amazing generosity, the house captains and I had great fun picking the 23 raffle winners. There were such fantastic prizes that 1,400 tickets were sold!

Thank-you!

Our new buddy bench has now been



installed – thank you all very much!

Diary Dates

Spring Term

Starts Monday 4th January

Ends Thursday 1st April

Spring Half Term

Week commencing 15th February

Summer Term

Starts Monday 19th April

Ends Friday 23rd July

Summer Half Term

Week commencing 31st May

INSET days 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Monday 5th July 2021

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

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! See you in 2021!



Artwork by Will

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School