



Newsletter

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Dear families,

We have now settled into our daily routine at school and we are finding that the children are able to concentrate for longer periods of time. On Monday (28th) we have an INSET day for staff training so school is closed to children. We are looking forward to Year R staying with us all day from next Thursday.

Class learning

Willow

In Willow Class Year R have been busy learning the names of our peers, practising writing our own name and counting up to 10 objects amongst other things. This week we read Freddie and the Fairy! (all about talking clearly) and played games that encouraged turn taking and co-operation. Year 1 have been reading and acting out the story of the Gingerbread Man and writing story plans for the story. In maths we have continued practising writing number words and have been working out 1 more and 1 less. In

science we have been sorting materials. In PE we have been working on football skills, trying to control



the ball with different parts of our foot around objects and passing to a friend.

Beech

Beech Class have been enjoying learning about castles. We have found out what materials are used to build them, who lived in them, and the many different parts. The children have enjoyed sharing our text 'Small Knight and George' and we have been drawing and writing

about characters Small Knight could meet and we designed our own dragons. In art we have taken our pencil for a walk just like Paul Klee.



In maths we have explored two digit numbers as well as using number tracks to learn many different number sequences. Our PSHE sessions have been about belonging and feeling welcome in a new class and starting a new year. We also talked about our responsibilities in class and at home.

Holly

Holly class are incredibly excited about their new topic 'The Tudors'. We started by discussing the Battle of Bosworth and held our own re-enactment of the battle where Henry Tudor (played by Arthur) was victorious over King Richard III (played by Jessie). We have just started planning our news reports about the battle and will be recording them.



As well as looking at the battle, we have begun looking at the six wives of Henry VIII. This week, we were discussing which wife we felt had the worst situation - there was a lot of divided opinion. In maths, we are continuing to look at place value and have been making the most of

the good weather by learning through active games. Once we have made sure our place value is secure, we will begin revising calculation methods. As part of our science, we have been looking at the digestive system. The children have been very keen to use the correct scientific vocabulary and have begun investigating the different food groups.

Silver Birch

Silver Birch have been learning all about ancient Egypt. We have learned how archaeologists go about excavating tombs and what decisions and difficulties they face when trying to recover precious artefacts. We have also learned lots about the afterlife and how the Egyptians believed a part lion, part crocodile and part hippo beast waited to devour the hearts of those unlucky souls that failed the heart weighing ceremony. In English we have been reading 'Pharaoh's Fate' about a plot to poison Ramesses II. We have written fact pages about the Valley of the Kings where pharaohs were buried and have also begun writing warning letters to Ramesses - warning him about the plot and updating him on potential suspects!



In science we have been learning about the circulatory system. We have explored what is in blood - through the medium of fruit cocktails! Raspberries represented the red blood cells for example. Do ask the children if they can remember what the marshmallows, squash and sprinkles represented. In maths we have been focusing on

place value, rounding and addition and subtraction. For music/computing we have started to make our own rock masterpieces using GarageBand!

National Poetry Day

We will be celebrating this day on Thursday October 1st with some poetry activities. This year's theme is vision. Please visit this website for some poems to share.

<https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/>

Every Mind Matters

You may have heard about this initiative from the NHS about looking after children and young people's mental health. Please visit this website to find out more.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

Working together in partnership

We feel so privileged that we know each family in our school, it is very special. Please remember that we are more than happy to talk with you about any issue that affects children in school. Just let us know if you need to chat with us, either through Zoe or with a member of staff on the gate.

Collecting children from school

Please inform us at school if you need another family to collect your child from school. Either a quick phone call or email to Zoe is best so we can ensure the safety of all of the children. We cannot let children leave with other families if we have not had any notification of the change.

Car Park

PLEASE can you **ONLY** use the car park if you have pre-school children or a particular need. There is parking in the village for other families who do not walk to and from their home. If our safety concerns continue with will need to limit the car park use. Thank-you very much for your support with this, we just want to ensure the children are safe to and from school.

Friends of Bolney Fundraising

The Friends of Bolney are planning some wonderful things to help support the school. On Wednesday October 14th the children will be doing a **sponsored walk** around the field. Please support this as much as you can. We sent forms out this week.

On Monday 16th November there will be a **non-uniform day**. Children can come to school in clothes of their choice in exchange for a donation which will be collected on the gate.

Monthly Newsletters

Whilst we have less activities happening in school and lots of extra work due to all the coronavirus prevention measures we will be sending the newsletter out monthly instead of fortnightly. If there is any urgent information between newsletters we will email you. The photographs of the values trophy 'winners' will be put in the gallery on our website each week instead of the newsletter.

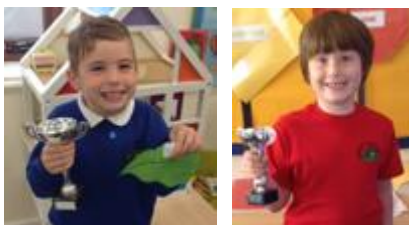
In addition to the general newsletter we will be sending a new monthly online safety newsletter to keep you up to date with safe approaches to being online.

Wakehurst Place

Wakehurst Place is hosting an exciting Gruffalo event from the 17th October - 1st November 2020. If you would like to attend please pre booked online: <https://tinyurl.com/getsmart-gruff>. Information was sent with this newsletter.

Values trophies

The values trophies went to:



JJ for being helpful and Logan for showing kindness.



Finley for being friendly and welcoming.



Gabe for showing kindness.
Eddie for being helpful and Chloe for showing kindness.



Josh and Jack for being kind.



Dates for your Diary

FoB Sponsored Walk

Wednesday October 14th

Autumn Half Term

Week commencing 26th October with an INSET day on Monday 2nd November

FoB Non-uniform day

Monday 16th November

Last Day of Autumn Term

Friday 18th December

INSET days 2020-21

Monday 28th September 2020
Monday 2nd November 2020
Monday 22nd February 2021
Monday 7th June 2021
Monday 5th July 2021

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School