



# Newsletter

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## Dear parents and carers,

It has been so lovely seeing everyone this week. The children have returned to school with a big smile and a skip in their step. They have started their new year group with such a positive attitude and it is wonderful to hear the learning buzz around school. We have talked about how we should be in school and discussed our rules – both the written ones and the unwritten ones, like politeness and kindness. The children are following these really well.

## Willow Class

All of the new children in Willow Class have settled really well, they have met their buddies and taken home a story book as well as doing lots of learning in both the inside and outside classroom.



Mrs Cheney and Mrs Swain are really looking forward to seeing them all next week.



## Beech Class

Year 1 have been with Mrs Harvey in the mornings, doing lots of learning inspired by the book 'The Dot' by Peter H, Reynolds. They have been brilliant all week.



Mrs James has been so impressed with how independent the new Year 2 children are. They have shown really good strategies for completing their learning and have got down to their work straight away. They have been exploring what 'ish' means using the book called Ish which is all about a growth mindset and how this helps us in life.

## Holly Class

Mr Pitt has also been impressed with how the Year 4 children have returned to Holly class so sensibly and how the Year 3 children have seamlessly joined the class, settling really well. They have been doing lots of place value learning in maths and started their Roman topic by researching Roman army facts. They are off to Fishbourne Roman Palace on September 25<sup>th</sup> to be historians.

## Silver Birch Class

The children in Silver Birch have settled amazingly well. They have been exploring their topic of resilience, and researched facts about the Titanic for learning about the place value of numbers up to 10 million. All in all it has been a great start to the year!

## Bolney Horticultural Society's Summer Show

Please pop along to this year's summer show tomorrow. It starts at 2.30pm in the Rawson Hall, as well as all the exhibits there are also refreshments.

Gardening club have entered their runner beans and potatoes as well as the longest runner bean! Can you guess how long it is?



## Sponsored Fun Mile

We hope the children have lots of sponsors for The Friends of Bolney's Sponsored Fun Mile on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm. This is to help raise more funds to resurface Willow's outside classroom which is in much need of a new surface and apparatus. Adults and siblings are very welcome to join in, please support us as much as you can.

## Summer Reading Challenge

There is still time to complete West Sussex Library's reading challenge, it ends on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. This great initiative encourages reading. Participants will be rewarded with a house team point. Find out more here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

### **Meet the Teacher**

Please join us over the next two weeks for the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings where your child's class teacher will talk through the important bits about their class and how you can support your child.

Please go straight into your child's class at 2.30pm through the external door:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Holly

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Silver Birch

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Beech

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Willow

### **Parent Teacher Consultations**

From Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September sign-up sheets for you to meet with your child's class teacher will be available outside the office. These meetings provide time for you to discuss, with the class teacher, how your child is settling in and the targets from their report. All are in September:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> 1.15-3pm for Silver Birch and Beech

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 3.15 – 6pm for all classes

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 3.15 – 6pm for all classes

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 1.15-3pm for Holly and Willow

### **Sharing learning**

This year we plan to hold 'open afternoons' near the end of each half term where your child can share their learning with you. This will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.30pm for this half term.

### **Individual and Sibling photos**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September the children will have both individual and sibling photos taken in school. The order forms for these will be sent home in a few weeks if you wish to order the photos. Please ensure your child wears their school jumper or cardigan on Thursday.

### **Celebration assembly**

Celebration assembly for Y1-6 will start next Friday so please do join us at 9am in the hall if you can. Please encourage your child to share anything they have achieved outside of school, they need to let Mrs Kenny know that they wish to do this before each Friday.

Willow Class will have their own celebration assembly this term. Mrs Cheney will send home dates for these.

### **Staying Safe Online**

Please read this message from West Sussex County Council:

Technology plays a vital part within education and as our children return to school, it is important we remind them of how to keep themselves safe online within the classroom, as well at home.

- Remind your child to be careful of what they post online.
- Tell them to be secure online - use strong passwords and never share them.
- Reassure your child that if they receive unwanted messages or content, they can delete, report and block.

For more useful tips on how to keep your child safe when they return to school, click on the link:

<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/using-technology-safely-checklist.pdf>

Also check out our Guide to Keeping Your Child Safe Online:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12312/parent-carer-guide.pdf>

### **INSET days 2019-2020**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> 2020 (so we finish the school year on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July)

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

**Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School**