



# Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year to you all, we hope the new year has started well. As always it is a delight to see the children return to school ready for a new term.

As we start the new term, we have started new topics, which is always exciting.

The children in Silver Birch Class are studying World War Two, on Monday they came to school dressed as evacuees and brought in artefacts from the time. Mr Pitt and Mrs Wood also dressed up in clothes of the time and they all looked the part.



Some of the children had completed their own research over the weekend which they shared with the class. On Monday they are visiting Newhaven Fort to learn more about World War Two.



The topic in Holly Class is extreme weather and they have started this with looking at tornadoes and hurricanes. They have been looking at what happens in a tornado by creating a representation of them in water bottles filled with water, a tiny amount of washing up liquid and glitter. The glitter enabled the children to see what happens to objects in the high winds.



They are busy researching facts about tornadoes and hurricanes and their home learning is finding out about extreme weather happening in the world now.

Beech and Willow classes are using Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saens to start their topic on animals.

The children in Willow class have been reading animal stories, based on the Noah's Ark story. They have enjoyed setting up and playing in their Vet Role Play Corner. They have been estimating and counting to 10, to 20, and beyond and developing strategies for counting larger groups of objects accurately. They have been paying each other compliments and talked about how they made them feel.



Children in Willow class planting bulbs.

Beech are researching animals for their non-fiction writing and looking at the habitats of animals. In maths they have been exploring shapes and will be looking at money next. Please give the children chance to look at money with you, especially the values of coins.

## Staffing

We are really pleased that Mrs Harvey is able to teach Holly Class while Mrs Burton is recovering from a medical procedure that took place yesterday. Mrs Burton is doing very well and will soon be home resting. We hope Mrs Burton will be back at the end of February and I am sure you will join us in wishing her a smooth and speedy recovery.

## Home Learning

After trying out the new home learning policy for a year we have made a couple of changes to it. Please do have a look at it on our website. [https://bolney-pri.eschools.co.uk/cms\\_manage/edit\\_page/223934](https://bolney-pri.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/223934)

If you have any queries then please speak with your child's class teacher.

### School clubs

We have some club changes this term with two new clubs – drama and dance. Unfortunately the karate instructor is unable to carry on due to personal circumstances so there is no karate at the moment. We have asked if there is another instructor available and will let you know if one is found.

Due to some unavoidable commitments there is no Wednesday football with Mr Pitt for the 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January. It will start again on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

We have the following after school clubs:

Monday: Brighton and Hove Albion football Y1-Y6

Tuesday: Creative Club Y1–Y6

Wednesday: Drama Y1–Y6

Football Y4/5/6

Band KS2

Thursday: Street Dance Y1-Y6

Friday: Netball KS2

Mrs Nagendra also runs the school choir on a Thursday lunchtime and ukulele groups on Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes.

Mrs Harvey leads the cross county club on Friday lunchtimes when the weather allows.

Two lunchtime clubs have been set up by Y6 children for KS2 – there is a coding club on Mondays starting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and a creative writing club which started this Tuesday. We are thrilled that the children have used their initiative to start these clubs.

### Fitbits

We have noticed a number of children are wearing fitbits. We ask for them not to be worn to school at present and will discuss this with governors at the next meeting and let you know if the children can wear them to school.

### Values trophies

This week's values trophies were awarded to:



Noah for showing love by being kind to others and Isla for showing resilience through working hard.

### Friends of Bolney

The next meeting for the Friends of Bolney is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 9am at the Eight Bells. Please do join us if you can.

### Key dates

#### Parent Consultations

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 3.15 – 6.15

Or an afternoon when you can meet the teacher with your child:

Beech and Silver Birch on

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Holly on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Willow on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Letters will be sent home about this.

#### Sports Day (morning)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 9am

#### Y6 Service at Worth Abby

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 10.45

#### Y5/6 production

evening performances

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

and

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Time to be confirmed

### Academic year 2017-18

#### Spring Half Term:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

#### Spring Term ends:

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

#### Summer Term starts:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

#### Summer Half Term:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

#### Summer Term ends:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

#### INSET days for 2017/18

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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

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