



# Newsletter

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Newsletter

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## Dear families,

It is wonderful to have all the children back in school. They have done brilliantly this week, settling back into class so well and enjoying being with their friends and class staff. We are really impressed with how quickly they have settled into the daily routines. We hope that you are all able to return to your normal school day routines too.

Relinquishing the role of teacher this week may have evoked a range of feelings for you. We are aware that you may feel a sense of loss due to the reduced interaction in your child's daily learning and progress. We are considering ways in which we can bridge this gap and keep you in touch with the happenings in school. Restrictions mean that we are not currently able to welcome you into school but we are looking at alternatives, eg using Twitter more.

## Team building and meeting with every child

This week each class has been working on team building exercises as well as a variety of other learning.



*Making towers together in Beech Class*



*Holly Class working together to see how high can they raise the cup.*



*Silver Birch class investigating how much friction is caused by different materials.*



*Willow Class getting ready for one of their erupting volcano investigations*

We have prioritised time to ensure that each teacher has the opportunity to meet with each child on a one to one basis to gauge how they feel about the return and to help us identify any need.

## Coronavirus Prevention Measures

It is so good to see that the coronavirus rates are much lower locally and even though the rate is expected to rise with some of the restrictions being relaxed it is hoped that the rise will be limited and not as rapid as before. It is important that we continue with our measures to help reduce the risk of virus transmission. Thank-you for wearing masks when you come to the school and for maintaining the 2m distance. Due to the staggered start and end of the school day please remember to leave the area outside of school as soon as you have dropped off and collected your child / children to reduce congestion. Also please keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell.

## Possible illness

As in the autumn term we are aware that some people do not show the three symptoms of coronavirus to start with: high temperature, continuous new cough and loss of taste / smell. Some can have a headache, aching muscles and joints or vomiting and/or diarrhoea. If your child has any of these symptoms please keep them at home and speak with us if you are unsure of the cause.

### **Parent and teacher consultations**

We are holding meetings between parents and teachers on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April between 3.20 and 6pm.

There will also be an additional hour on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May for Holly Class from 3.20pm as there are more children in that class. These will be held using the video call on Microsoft Teams. We will send you the link to an electronic booking system to arrange the time before the Easter holidays.

### **Red Nose Day**

School council are planning some fun activities for the children to do on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March to raise money for Red Nose Day. A £1 donation from each family is very welcome, these will be collected on the gate. Please see the attached poster.

### **Printer and Scanner**

We have been kindly donated a Dell printer and HP scanner by a Bolney resident. If any family would like either of these please speak with Zoe.

### **The Friends of Bolney**

The Friends of Bolney continue to support us brilliantly. We have restarted the reading dog and Forest Schools, both of which are funded by them and we have ordered some new headphones for use across the school. There is a virtual Friends of Bolney meeting tbc on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm – please look out for the link to join it.

### **Colts Cricket**

Bolney cricket club will be running All Stars and Dynamo cricket this year and registration will soon be going live. Sessions will run every Friday from May 21 - July 9, 5.30-6.30pm on the cricket field. £40 for the 8 week season. Find out more and pre-register your interest by following this link <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Spring Term**

Ends Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

#### **Summer Term**

Starts Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Ends Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

#### **Summer Half Term**

Week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> May

#### **INSET days 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**