



Newsletter

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Dear families,

We seem to be speeding towards the end of term quite quickly with just three weeks left! Everyone continues to do so well, it is so lovely to see the children come to school with such big smiles. As you know, England is coming out of the national lockdown on Wednesday 2nd December and, in West Sussex, we will be going into Tier 2 restrictions. Here at school, our preventative measures remain the same. We ask you to continue to keep your child/ren at home if any household member has any suspected COVID-19 symptoms until a negative test is confirmed along with continuing the social distancing outside the school gate when dropping off and collecting your child/ren. Please leave the school vicinity straight away to leave space for others during the staggered start and end to the school day. Thank-you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Class learning

Willow

In Willow we have invented our own superheroes and thought what our powers should be and made masks for them. We read,

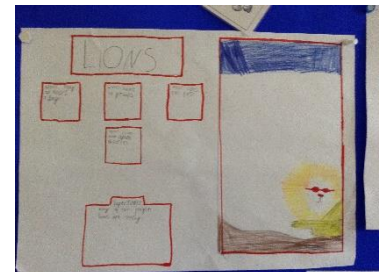


learnt and recited the poem If I Was a Superhero. Year 1 also read about extraordinary animal

superheroes with Mrs Harvey. Year R have created and continued patterns in maths and worked on counting to 10, recognising numbers to 10 and writing numbers to 5. Year 1 have worked on number bonds to 10 and addition, concentrating on counting on from one of the numbers rather than starting at zero each time. In our PSHE sessions we have talked about similarities and differences between friends, bullying, what it is and what it is not; that it is repeated, deliberate and is unfair. We have talked about to do if you are worried. In RE we have shared stories of Jesus' miracles before thinking about the birth of Jesus. To help the children make connections between adults and babies they also looked at photos of our staff as babies! We have shared stories about real superheroes, such as Nelson Mandela, Sir David Attenborough and Tamara De Lempicka.

Beech

We have enjoyed our Superheroes topic so far. We have designed our own superheroes and villains. We talked about opposite adjectives like fast and slow as well as using superlatives like small and smallest to describe them. In addition, we have written some information pages about animal superheroes. The children had to research an animal to find out all about its super characteristics.



In art we have been learning about Andy Warhol's Pop Art style. We have taken black and white photos of ourselves and everyday objects ready to add bright colours to create our versions. Also, we have looked at the five patterns in nature and used Andy's Pop Art style to recreate our version of that too! We have been recapping on our number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 finding patterns to help us. We learned about using inverse to check calculations too. In science, we investigated how to make secondary colours using food colouring, water and paper towels! We had to use our prediction and observation skills for this.



The children are enjoying our superhero dance where they are solo dancers, then duo dancers, leading into becoming a superhero squad! We have discussed how it is good to be different in our PSHE sessions and how we can help each other to solve problems.

Holly

During our science sessions, we have begun looking at the different teeth that we have and the reasons why. To show their understanding, the children all successfully created a set of teeth made out of clay - they were incredibly accurate! The



children are able to speak knowledgeably about their creations using the correct scientific vocabulary. In our topic sessions, we have looked carefully at each Tudor monarch, evaluate who we felt was the greatest ruler and justify our reasons with the evidence we have looked at. It is looking like Elizabeth I is winning this due to her grit and determination to see off all kinds of enemies. It has been so wonderful seeing the children's ability to hold discussions develop and how deeply they think of their answers. We will be looking at the Spanish Armada in the coming weeks which the children are incredibly excited about.

Silver Birch

Silver Birch have been writing short stories based on a funny animation featuring a camel and a hidden, moving pyramid. We have also imagined the difficult life of a pyramid builder – discussing how people were called away to work on these projects for years at a time. We are now writing diaries from the perspective of one of these workers. In maths, we have focused on square, cube and prime numbers, finding factors and prime factors, multiples and

using BODMAS to solve problems. In geography we have been focusing on rivers. We have been learning the key vocabulary to describe parts of the river – like source, meander, tributary and confluence. We have also discussed why rivers are so important to humans and why we often choose to settle on floodplains. Our RE unit on pilgrimages has led us to the story of Saint Bernadette, coincidentally her story also involves a river!



Investigating decimals in pairs

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank-you everyone for engaging with us for the Parent Teacher Consultations. It is a shame we could not do this face to face and hope that you found the new online booking system and using the phone or Microsoft Teams easy. As always, if you have any concerns about your child please contact your child's teacher.

Water Bottles

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.

Children's safety in the car park

As you know children's safety around cars is very important. We realise that people are trying to keep to social

distancing, however, please can you come nearer to the school when collecting your child so your child does not need to walk by a number of cars unaccompanied. Also can you ensure your child stays with an adult when near parked cars, it is very difficult to see them, especially when the car park is very busy. Again we ask that **ONLY** parents with pre-school children or a particular need (as discussed with Mrs Kenny) use the car park. Please park at an angle to optimise the space to pass parked cars.

Governors needed

Have you considered becoming a parent governor? We have two vacancies, and are looking for parents who can give some of their time to this important and rewarding role. If you are interested, please contact Zoe or complete the forms we have previously sent by email.

The Friends of Bolney

We are very touched by your fantastic generosity and support for the wonderful events and activities the Friends of Bolney are putting together to raise money for the children. The non-uniform day and cake competition raised £200! Liz Styles judged the anonymised entries and chose these for their wonderful autumn colours and design. Here are the winning entries:

KS1 – Scarlett



KS2 – Mia



Many thanks to Clare's Cake Boutique and Liz Styles.

Father Christmas is coming!
Please return forms by Friday
27th November.

The Christmas raffle has
fantastic prizes including an
Apple Watch and overnight stay
at The Piggery, Tickets to be
returned by Friday 11th
December, draw takes place
Monday 14th with winners
contacted afterwards to choose
their prizes.

Please join **Bolney School
Virtual Fair** on Facebook.

**YOU ARE ALL AMAZING!
THANK-YOU SO MUCH YOU
ARE MAKING A HUGE
DIFFERENCE TO US!**

All things Christmas!

Christmas Cards

Children are very welcome to
bring Christmas cards to school
for others. We will place a post
box outside the school gate
each morning from Wednesday
2nd December. All cards need to
be posted by Friday 11th Dec so
we can quarantine them before
handing them out in the last
week of term.

Christmas Tree

We will still have a Christmas
tree in school in the hall and will
ensure all children will use the
hall to see it. As always, each
child will make a decoration for
the tree, which will be sent
home at the end of term.

Christmas productions

As we cannot do a KS1 nativity
and a KS2 Carol Concert in the
church this year, we have
planned some alternatives
which will be recorded to share
with you. Willow and Beech
class will each perform a
separate Christmas story. Silver
Birch and Holly are creating an
alternative carol concert. They
will use some recordings of
previous carol concerts so you
can sing along at home.

Christmas celebrations

Each class will have a Christmas
celebration afternoon in the last
week of term.

Unfortunately there will be no
cooked Christmas lunch or
Tinsel Trot this year.

St Mary Magdalene Church Services

Due to the current Coronavirus
situation, we have reluctantly
taken the decision to cancel
some Advent and Christmas
services at St Mary Magdalene.
Please see the attached note
about church services.

Diary Dates

Final day for Father Christmas
forms by Friday 27th November

Final day for Christmas cards in
school Friday 11th December

Friends of Bolney Christmas
Raffle Draw Monday 14th
December – final day for tickets
to be returned
Friday 11th December

Last Day of Autumn Term
Friday 18th December

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.**

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