



# Newsletter

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## Dear parents and carers,

It is lovely to see the children being so enthusiastic about their learning. After mistakenly taking Willow class to the hall instead of to Beech class today, one child said, "It's okay to make a mistake." which was followed by another child saying "We learn when we make mistakes." They are so right and so brilliant! I was delighted to see our work on how we learn being shared.

## Willow

We have been reading "Harry and the Dinosaurs say Raaa", about Harry's trip to the dentist. We have been acting out the conversation between Harry and his dentist and writing it too. Year R have been weighing and comparing objects, using the language of weight, such as lighter and heavier. Year 1 have been counting up to 50 objects accurately, representing tens and ones using different resources such as ten frames, Diennes cubes and Numicon as well as practising writing numbers in words to ten. We had a fantastic visit from Horsham Museum. We got to handle artefacts such as fossilised squid tubes and sea urchins. We got to dig for bones, excavating carefully with brushes. We learnt about Iguanodons and Mary Anning, and got to hold fossilised Iguanodon bones. They were surprisingly heavy!



## Beech

Horsham Museum came to visit us on our first day back. The children had so many questions and enjoyed handling fossils and becoming fossil hunters! We have been learning about the different theories of how the dinosaurs became extinct. We had a debate and had to explain why we thought it was one theory or another. In D.T. and science we have been exploring objects and pneumatics! The children were trying to work out how this investigation linked to the making of our volcanoes and islands. In English we have been editing and writing up our work in neat, giving us the opportunity to show off our handwriting. In maths we have been exploring fractions within word problems and how to show halves and quarters different ways. We also used equipment to demonstrate finding a fraction of a quantity. In dance we acted out the last scene of extinction and the children had to show their travelling skills learned in gymnastics.



All dressed up for World Book Day.

## Holly

This week we have shared the book Varmints. We described the fantastic illustrations, acted out scenes and discussed character emotions. We have begun to plan and draft diaries from the point of view of the main creature.

In maths, we have continued to focus on properties of shapes. We have discussed the types and differences between triangles and



have also looked at symmetry. Mr Pitt is still waiting for an answer to the question 'how many lines of symmetry does a circle have?' For World Book Day, we shared our favourite stories from as early as we could remember to current choices. We then presented our drawings and explanations as a 'reading journey' page.

## Silver Birch

Silver Birch have been incredibly busy over the last couple of weeks! Last week, the class hosted their art exhibition to showcase all of the Egyptian artwork.



On display were the children's masks, mini sarcophagi and royal hats. In preparation, the children created leaflets to help guide visitors around. Each class that

visited were amazed by the standard and listened intently to the information they were given.



This week, the children conducted a science investigation that show their understanding of the difference between the terms 'weigh' and 'mass'. At first the children found it tricky but, after some very practical examples involving cuddly toys and balls, they were able to explain very clearly. The class then used Newton metres to measure the mass and weight of different objects.

### World Book Day

We had a fantastic day on Thursday celebrating reading. the focus was on sharing stories and the children were asked to share stories at different times to different people and pets! There were some magnificent costumes and we started the day with a talk about reading and a parade.



The classes did different activities during the day as well as shared reading in house teams.



Our thanks to the Friends of Bolney for funding the opportunity

for every child to listen to, and work with, author Jo Simmons today. Jo commented on what a dynamic school we are - and that was at 9am! - and by 3pm she was able to comment on the fantastic contributions the children had made to discussions and what brilliant questions they asked.

It was lovely to see so many books being purchased after school and if you missed out, but would still like one, we do have a few copies of each title left although they will be unsigned.

### Worship and Lent

We are using a resource from the Diocese of Chichester to explore Lent over the next few weeks called "The Remarkables". Linked to this is a resource with lots activities for home, called The Incredibles. A link to this can be found on our website:

[https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/collective\\_worship/322362](https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/collective_worship/322362)

### Netball tournament

Here is Daisy's netball report: *On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March we went to a netball tournament at the Triangle, it was very challenging. We played 7 matches and won 3 of them. We think the 'man' of the match should be Mia for always trying to get into a space. We would like to thank Mrs Green for coaching us and parents and carers for transporting us.*

As always the children showed great respect and sportsmanship and represented the school really well.

### Fundraising for Zoe's friend

Thank-you so much for supporting the school council's idea to raise money for the Transverse Myelitis Society following Zoe's fantastic fundraising by completing the Brighton half marathon. We raised £113. In assembly to day Edward read a lovely email from Zoe's friend thanking the school.

### Trips and Visitors

We have two exciting visits arranged for this half term. Kieran's mum, in her role as a vet, and a veterinary nurse will be talking to the children next week about their work, the skills they

use and how these link with what the children learn at school. We thank Mrs Barton very much for starting our visits from local people to share work experiences.

The artist and presenter Alison Lapper MBE is visiting us on March 26<sup>th</sup> to talk with the children about her life. A big thank-you to Mrs Brunt for organising this.

If you would like to come and share your work experiences with the children please let Zoe know.

### Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



The whole school for being the best they can be



and to Willow class for good listening.



Ollie and Max for showing love by being kind.

Here are the missing photos of the previous awardees:



Jack and Freddie



Harry and Mrs Wood

### **Key dates for your diary**

#### **Parent Teacher Consultations**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 3.15 – 6.00

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 3.15 – 6.00

Willow and Beech class - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 1.15 – 2.45

Holly and Silver Birch class - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1.15 – 2.45

#### **Bolney Horticultural Society Spring Show**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – we are entering our bulbs!

#### **Maths Parents Workshops**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 1.30 to 2.45 and again from 6.00 to 7.15pm

#### **Friends of Bolney Easter Egg Hunt**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm

Parents and younger siblings welcome

#### **End of Spring Term**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### **Summer Term Starts**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

#### **Easter Service**

St Mary Magdalene church

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 2.15pm

#### **Friends of Bolney - Bolney Ball**

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April

at the Rawson Hall

#### **Summer Half Term**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

#### **Sports Morning**

- whole school

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June from 9.15am

#### **Worth Abbey Y6 leavers service**

Y6 parents are welcome

11<sup>th</sup> July at 10.45

#### **End of Summer Term**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

#### **2018-19 Inset Days**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

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

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