



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

We have had a very busy and very long half term – it is the longest one in the year. The children and staff have all been amazing and I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe half term break.

Willow Class

In Willow Class we have been reading *The Colour Monster*, all about emotions and feelings which helps us to understand ourselves. We have continued with phonics activities; talked about sounds and letter names, capital letters and when to use them. We talked about vowels and consonants and have tried blending sounds into words. Our sounds this week have been g, o, e, c and k. We've looked for words that start with these sounds and tried writing our focus sound correctly. We have been looking for shapes like rectangles, squares, circles and triangles and tried describing them. We have made pictures using shapes.

We're all ready for a well-deserved rest and are all looking forward to our new play area after half term.

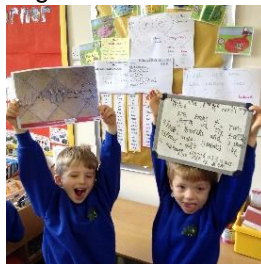
Diwali

A huge, huge thank you to Nanya, Rohan's Mum, for talking to our class about Diwali this week. The children have heard the story of Diwali, of Rama and Sita, and how Diwali is celebrated. They made rangoli patterns with coloured rice and sand. Nanya and Rohan made ghughra for the children and staff, sweets made with coconut and cardamom. We have continued by colouring in rangoli patterns and making rice and diva lamps.



Beech Class

Beech Class have continued to explore poetry in English. The Year 2's learned how to write a Kenning poem by playing around with nouns and verbs. We wrote Kennings about all sorts of subjects- footballers, penguins and motorbikes!



Year 2 also wrote instructions for how to play and build our dolls house. We discussed imperative verbs (bossy verbs) and the use of command type sentences. The children have loved playing with the doll's house and making furniture and characters. The Year 1's have been tinkering on iPads using the app, Puppet Pals. The children had to create a scene, two characters and record a conversation between the two characters. They then tried to design a comic strip using their characters they had made for the doll's house.



In maths we have been continuing to use our place value knowledge to move into adding numbers and recalling number facts within 100. We have used our maths eyes to find maths inside pictures, investigated rules and designed our own Rangoli patterns using shapes and symmetry. In Character Matters we have been talking about how we encourage each other in different ways. Encouragement can lead to resilience because we have support to achieve our goals. In science we carried out an investigation using different materials to find out which material is best for muffling sound. We found out that the bubble wrap is pretty good!

Holly Class

This week we have been learning about Diwali. We read the story and discussed the meaning and its importance to Hindus. We then rewrote the story to retell it to Beech class. The children worked so hard to consider how to make it an exciting story for the other children, they also drew pictures and made picture cards for the younger children to order.



We continued the Diwali theme by making lanterns – light being the key theme of the story. Remember to put any candles in a glass before placing them in your lantern! In PE we worked on pivoting and combining movements in netball games. In DT we have begun to design mosaic tiles. In maths we investigated multiplication; using multilink to make 'stairs' and considering what the differences were between different size 'stairs'. We even rearranged the stairs to make squares – thus learning why 4×4 and 5×5 etc are called square numbers!

Silver Birch Class

Over the last two weeks, we have been exploring poetry. The children have written some amazing poems based on the sinking of the Titanic. They were given some options of different perspectives: passengers that were lucky enough to escape on a lifeboat, passengers left on board the ship and for a real challenge, written in the first person from the ship's point of view. As they were writing, the children were clear in how they wanted the reader to feel so made sure that they selected phrases

and sentence structures to support this. In maths, we have now come to the end of calculations. We have covered a range of different methods: grid method for multiplication, expanded column method for multiplication, bus stop and chunking for division. The children confidently applied these methods to a range of different word problems. In science, the children have written in role as an electron to explain to others what happens when a circuit is complete. This was a brilliant opportunity for the children to showcase all that they had learnt over the half term. We have also been designing our own SOS messages using buzzers based on the SOS messages that were sent the night the Titanic sank.

Thank-you

We are delighted that the children who were poorly in Silver Birch following their residential trip are now all back at school with rosy faces. Thank-you to everyone for following the additional precautions we put in place, we are so pleased that there has been no spread of the E.Coli bug in school. The source of the E.Coli is still being investigated by Public Health England. Over the half term the school is having a 'deep clean' just to be extra safe.

It is imperative that any child who has sickness or diarrhoea must by symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school. This is so key in preventing any bacteria being spread. We will continue with the good handwashing, please continue to promote this at home as well. Thank-you again for your support with this.

Harvest Service

Here is a report about our Harvest Service written by our Y6 reporters, Katie and Rhudi.

Yesterday we held our annual harvest festival. Each class showed or did something to worship harvests. First Beech shared some poetry, then Willow did a wonderful song about conkers then last of all but not least Holly Class did a play about trees.



Throughout the festival Silver Birch did lots of readings.

Lots of people and family came to support and watch our incredible harvest festival. We sang two songs as a school (Cauliflowers Fluffy and Harvest Samba). We also sang a

song as a community, Autumn Days, which was very pleasant.



The year sixes walked their Reception buddies up the church to deliver their food.

This food will soon be taken to the Haywards Heath Food Bank. These donations will be a great help to the poor, who don't have this kind of thing or can't afford it.



Thank you for supporting us at the harvest festival and for all the lovely donations.

BIG Soup Share

Gardening Club have been busy peeling and chopping vegetables and herbs they have grown to make a wonderful minestrone soup to share.



They then served the soup to all the school and to some parents.



Lots of people really liked the soup and thought it was very tasty. Well done to our gardeners for all their growing and help in keeping our school grounds looking so lovely and colourful. Gardening club will start up again in the spring.

Friends of Bolney

Bake Sale

Thank-you to the Friends of Bolney for giving up their time to run a bake sale and thank-you to everyone who donated and bought the yummy cakes and biscuits. Every penny helps!

Willow outside classroom

We are delighted that the resurfacing of Willow's outside classroom will take place next week with a new climbing frame being erected. We are extremely grateful to the Friends of Bolney for their magnificent fundraising and to everyone for supporting them.

Open morning and Open afternoon

Our Y6 children did a fantastic job showing prospective parents around the school on Wednesday. The parents said lovely things about how confident and polite the children are and how proud they are of their school which is wonderful to hear from other people.

In the afternoon children in all classes shared their learning with their families, there was such a lovely buzz around school. Thank-you for coming to look at the great progress they are making.

Bonfire and Fireworks

Bolney Under 5's are holding a firework display on Friday 1st November. The judging of the guys is at 6pm at the Eight Bells, after this there is a torchlight procession to the cricket field where the bonfire will be lit at 7pm followed by fireworks. There will be hot food, drinks and illuminati for sale.



Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Jack for being kind and caring, Eva for showing love, Amelia for being thoughtful and Mrs Kenny for showing love.

Online Safety

Here's a reminder about all the online safety resources we have shared this half term. Please have a look at one or more of these:

For useful tips on how to keep your child safe:
<https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/using-technology-safely-checklist.pdf>

A Guide to Keeping Your Child Safe Online:
<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12312/parent-carer-guide.pdf>

Online grooming – what to do if you suspect something:
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

How to navigate the online world safely:
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends>

Further resources for all age groups can be found from their home page:
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Dates for your Diary

Half Term

Week commencing 28th October
with an Inset day on Monday 4th November

National Curriculum Expectations meeting for parents

All meetings start at 6pm
Year 1 and 2 - Wednesday 6th November (separate for each year group)
Year 3 and 4 - Tuesday 12th November
Year R - Tuesday 19th November
Year 5 and 6 - Thursday 21st November

Silver Birch trip

Wednesday 20th November

Friends of Bolney Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December 2-4pm

Willow and Beech Class Nativity

Monday 16th December

and

Tuesday 17th December both at 2pm

We will let you know when tickets are available.

Sharing Learning

Wednesday 18th December at 2.30pm

School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th December

All the school eat together and Chartwells serve a Christmas dinner

KS2 Carol Service

Thursday 19th December

At 5.30pm in St Mary Magdalene Church

INSET days 2019-2020

Monday 4th November 2019

Monday June 1st 2020

Monday July 6th 2020

Monday July 20th 2020

(so we finish the school year on Friday 17th July)

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School