



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

We have been so impressed with the children's learning this week. Their keenness to learn and try different things is wonderful.

Willow Class has continued their Carnival of the Animals topic by reading the story of Elmer. They have been working out 1 and 2 more and less than a number and writing numbers and number sentences. They have been baking cookies, reading the recipe and measuring. They have also been looking at changes in nature and talking about the seasons.



In Beech Class the children have been using the Great Pet Sale book to learn more about money by buying pets or books and finding change. They have been writing their own diaries of an animal after reading the very funny book, Diary of a Wombat. In science they have finished learning about microhabitats in the school grounds and in computing they have been tinkering with Stikbot, an animation programme.

Holly Class have celebrated Holi! Next Thursday Hindus around the world will be celebrating the spring festival of Holi. Holly class have been learning about the story behind Holi and how it is a religious festival of good overcoming evil. Part of the celebrations involve throwing

paint over each other as a reminder that God created colour to make the world a beautiful place to live in. They cheered our scarecrow up (and kept parents happy) by throwing paint at him!



World Changers - Mia in Holly asked the class a big question this week, "If you could change one thing in the world what would it be and why?" There were a range of answers and these were some: ★ Plastic – it's killing the animals in the sea; ★ Animal cruelty; ★ Weapons – lots of people are getting killed; ★ English language – it's just so tricky! ★ Vegetables – should be marshmallows; ★ Peace and happiness – too many bad things are happening in the world.

Silver Birch have started writing stories based on what they have learned about World War II. Mairi blew us away with this story start: *Scars are beautiful. They say "I have survived." They tell their own story, and speak of their own accomplishments. Then there is another type. Scars for life. They live inside you, and mark you forever. They whisper to you day and night. Then the scars of death. They tell your life in a story, and stay with you for eternity. These are the most powerful scars of all.* Wow! It certainly makes you want to read on.

Whole School Challenge

As part of our work on helping children to develop excellent learning behaviours and a growth mindset we have launched a whole school challenge. Children have the opportunity to learn to either juggle, stack cups or perform tricks with a diablo for the rest of the term during break times.



By learning a new skill this will help develop their understanding of the need to practise, practise, and practise more, to be good at something and that they **can** do it!



Please encourage your child to keep going, not give up, and to practise! Many thanks to the Friends of Bolney for buying these wonderful resources.

World Book Day

On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating World Book Day by inviting family and friends into school to share a book from 2.15 – 3pm. The children will be in their house teams and dressing up as a book character is optional for all.

Easter Celebrations

We have two celebrations this year: an Easter Egg Hunt and the Stations of the Cross.

The Friends of Bolney are very kindly buying Easter Eggs for every child for the **Easter Egg Hunt**. This will be on the last Friday of term – the 23rd March at 2.30. Parents are welcome to join us; refreshments will be available while the children take part in hunting raffle tickets in the school grounds to exchange for an Easter Egg. The older children will help the younger ones.

The Stations of the Cross is an exploration of the final day of Christ through art work and readings. This will be held on the last afternoon of term, 29th March at 1.30. Please join us for this exciting event when the children will be working in their house teams so siblings are together. Some of our amazing artists are creating ten images depicting Christ's final day. These will be placed around the school grounds for each house team to view and listen to a bible reading and a reflection on what it means for us today. We will sing two hymns and Father Keith will lead us in prayer. The teams will also be completing a class based activity when not journeying around the school. The Friends of Bolney are providing hot cross buns and drinks. All family, friends and members of the community are welcome to join us.

Staffing

We are looking forward to Mrs Burton returning to work next week. We are very grateful to Mrs Harvey for being an amazing teacher and looking after Holly class so well. Holly class have also been amazing; they have worked really hard and continue their fantastic attitude to their learning. Mrs Carly Penn is joining us on Monday as our Sports Teaching Assistant. She will be based in Holly class and will join the children at lunchtimes to further develop active play.

Health Reminder

Please return to Zoe any more Template B forms from the recent letter about administering medicines.

To reduce the chance of illness spreading please do not send your child to school for 48 hours after the last incident of sickness or diarrhoea. This is in line with medical recommendations and significantly reduces the spread of any bugs.

Standen House Fundraising Event

Standen raised a fabulous £108 for the Alzheimer's Society on Wednesday 7th February. Well done to Ava, Rory and Floss for organising this and to everyone for supporting this so well.

Friends of Bolney

Thank-you for supporting the bake sale. Delicious bakes were sold quickly. Please join the Friends of Bolney at their next meeting on Tuesday 27th February at 8pm in school. The Friends have kindly bought a set of blue t-shirts and fleece-lined rain tops to use at sporting events which make us look really smart. Here are our sports ambassadors, Anna and Danny, modelling them.



Many thanks to the Friends of Bolney for all their support.

Netball League

Our last three netball league matches were played this week. We won one match and lost two, though the last match was very close. The netballers have worked hard at developing their skills and teamwork – well done to all.

Parent Consultations

Thank-you for booking times to meet with teachers. Please wait in the library for your appointment where you can look at your child's books, the teacher will come and

get you. Please keep to the allocated 10 minutes. If there needs to be further discussions the teachers are happy to make another appointment with you.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Sonny for showing respect by being good and Mrs Halliwell for showing love through making us laugh.



Amber for showing love and respect by being kind to others and Chloe for showing love and respect in worship.

Other key dates

Parent Consultations

Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th
February 3.15 – 6.15
Afternoon meetings:
Beech and Silver Birch on
Tuesday 27th February
Holly on Monday 5th March
Willow on Wednesday 7th March

End of spring term

Last day Thursday 29th March

Start of summer term

Monday 16th April

Sports Day (morning)

Wednesday 20th June at 9am

Y6 Service at Worth Abby

Tuesday 10th July 10.45

Y5/6 production

17th and 18th July (evening)

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School