



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

The children have settled well into their learning and have really enjoyed some exciting events over the past couple of weeks. Here is some news from each class:

Willow Class

We have started the Incredible Me topic, talking about our bodies, our senses and how we have grown and changed since we were babies. Our Y1 children have been counting and sorting in maths and explaining our reasoning.



We are continuing to help our new Reception children settle by being good role models.



Beech Class

We have been writing stories where we are the main characters because we are incredible. We have been editing, checking our common words and trying extremely hard with handwriting. In maths we have been using Dienes blocks to make two-digit numbers, using part whole

models and tens frames to show different ways of making that number.

In science we have been learning about blood and why we have it. We are also learning how to be safe using our senses.

We have sketched our noses, eyes and mouths ready for our self-portraits. Colour mixing is to come next to find our skin colours.

Holly Class

We kicked off the term with a brilliant trip to Butser Ancient Farm where we learned about Stone Age fence making, pottery, walls and houses and lots more.



In English, we have written fact pages after researching woolly mammoths. In art we have decorated the walls with cave art style paintings.

We have worked on number lines and estimating in maths and in science we had lots of fun learning about the digestive system (in as much disgusting detail as possible!)



Silver Birch Class

Last Monday, Silver Birch had a visit from The History Man. He gave the class the opportunity to

explore Egyptian history for themselves which included: role playing as a pharaoh, mummifying each other and playing games that were played at the time.



The children said they learnt so much and they will be using this information to help them solve the mystery of who is trying to poison Rameses II in our English text 'Pharaoh's Fate.'



Lego Coding workshop

Last Tuesday the children in Y1 to Y6 had a fabulous workshop using Lego and coding.



They designed fairground rides using Lego and then used the coding software to make the rides move, light up and create sounds. The children were so engaged and really enjoyed the challenges they were set.



Nick, the expert who led the sessions was very complementary about how well the children listened, applied themselves and behaved.

Meet the Teacher and Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank-you for attending the Meet the Teacher meetings this week, we hope you found them useful. Thank-you also for signing up for the Parent Teacher Consultations which are on Tuesday 2nd October and Thursday 4th October from 3.15 until 6pm. Please contact Zoe if you have not yet got a slot.

Home Learning

The home learning topic grids will be sent home today for Y2 - Y6. We have tried to ensure there is a range of activities linked to their current topic to suit every child. If you have any additional activity ideas please let either your child's class teacher or Zoe know.

Student Teachers

We have two student teachers joining us this year. They are both completing their PGCE course at the University of Sussex and will be with us from Monday until Easter. Mr Whittington will be with Willow Class and Ms Forman will be with Holly Class. Please do welcome them when you meet them.

Help is Needed Volunteers

If you would like to help with reading or in class please do let Zoe know, this can either be on a regular basis or just occasionally. Some more volunteers would be really helpful.

Horticultural Society Summer Show

We so enjoyed creating animals from fruit and vegetables for the Horticultural Society Summer Show. We were delighted that a

number of children entered their own creations as well as the ones we entered from each class.



We were lucky enough to win some prizes:

Willow Class: 2nd prize
Beech Class: 1st and 3rd prizes
Silver Birch Class: 1st and 3rd prizes. Our Gardening Club got 3rd prize for their home-grown potatoes. Beech class's entry, created by Jago, won the Violet Guinness Cup for the best exhibit in the children's class.



We received a lovely email from the Horticultural Society who thanked us for our enthusiasm and support and we look forward to doing more exciting things with the society.

School Governors

Mr Peter Sutton has stepped down as Chairperson of the Governing Body this week and Mrs Faye Heath-Lay has been voted in as the Chair. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mr Sutton for all the hard work, support and commitment he has given to the school over the last six years in this role. Mr Sutton remains a governor and will support Mrs Heath-Lay in her new role. We thank Mrs Heath-Lay for being our new Chair and thank all the governors for their continued support and challenge of the school. If you would like more information about the role of the governors please speak with Zoe. Parent Governor vacancy letters were sent out this week, if you are

interested please complete an application form.

Parent Survey

Many thanks to all who completed the Parent Survey last term, we had a fantastic response. Actions from the survey findings will be discussed at our next committee meeting.

Friends of Bolney

The continued support from the Friends of Bolney is fantastic. Again this year the Friends of Bolney are donating money towards coach costs for school trips, paying for the reading dog, topic books, enrichment activities like the Rainbow Theatre and the Science Dome as well as other requests and curriculum and essential resources. We are very grateful for all this support; it makes a huge difference to us.

This term there are 4 events:
The **AGM** Tuesday 9th October at 8pm in the Eight Bells
Bake Sale: Thursday 18th October at 3pm
Pyjama Movie Night for children: Tuesday 27th November at 6pm
Christmas Fair: Saturday 8th December 2-4pm

On the three Fridays leading up to the Christmas Fair children will be asked to bring in different items for the tombola and stalls.

23rd November – wear a Christmas jumper, hat or hair for bringing in a bottle – all types of bottles accepted.

20th November – wear fun socks for bringing in 'smellies'.

7th December – wear tinsel for bringing in biscuits and chocolates.

If you can help at any of these events please let Zoe know. If you can't help, please support these events as best as you can.

Do you use easyfundraising? This raises money for the school when you shop online at no extra cost to you.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofbolney/>

You can also sign up for Amazon Smile – you go to

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk> then select Friends of Bolney CEP as your chosen charity. Certain purchases made via the link will raise a donation, but you do need to use the link every time you

shop. If you have a shortcut to Amazon on your phone, it might help to reset it to the Smile link.

Plastic Milk Bottles Tops Wanted for the Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice

Please save the tops from your plastic milk bottles and leave in the bin inside the church door (St Mary Magdalene). We can raise funds for the children's hospice by collecting these for future sale and recycling.

Members of our congregation regularly deliver to the collecting point in Chichester.

It is worth noting that these tops cannot be recycled through our local bins. Please wash the tops before donating and do not leave any other type of milk bottle top. Thank you from St Mary Magdalene Church

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Mia for showing love and respect through good teamwork and Rosie for showing love and respect by being kind to others.



Oliver for showing love and respect by tidying up and helping others and Jago for showing love and respect by being kind and respectful.

Key dates for your diary

Harvest Service

St Mary Magdalene Church
Tuesday 2nd October 2.15pm All families are welcome to join us in this service led by the children.

Bikeability

Y6 every afternoon in the week commencing 24th September

Adventure Day

KS2 cross curricular adventure day Monday 1st October

Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs
Tuesday 2nd October

Friends of Bolney AGM Tuesday
9th October at 8pm in the Eight Bells

Friends of Bolney Bake Sale:
Thursday 18th October at 3pm

Autumn half term

Monday 22nd October to Friday
26th October 2018

INSET

Monday 29th October

Open Morning

Wednesday 1st November 9.30-
12midday

National Curriculum Expectations Meetings

Y1 - Wednesday 31st October
Y2 – Thursday 1st November
Y3/4 – Tuesday 6th November
Y5/6 – Wednesday 7th November

Phonics Workshops

Tuesday 6th November 9am
Wednesday 7th November 6pm

Maths workshops - TBA
W/c 19th November

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End of Autumn Term

Last day Wednesday 19th
December 2018

Spring Term Starts

Thursday 3rd January 2019

Spring Half Term

Monday 18th February to Friday
22nd February 2019

End of Spring Term

Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term Starts

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Summer Half Term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st
May 2019

End of Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

2018-19 Inset Days

Monday 29th October 2018
Monday 25th February 2019
Monday 3rd June 2019
Monday 8th July 2019

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

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