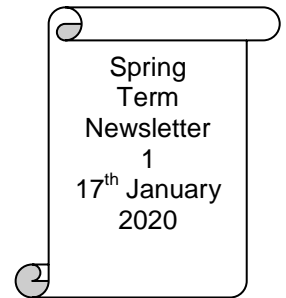




Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

We have had a brilliant start to this term with lots of marvellous learning going on and lots of enthusiastic children showing our values beautifully.

Willow Class

Over the last two weeks we have started our new topic Here, There and Everywhere. We have read 'What the Ladybird Heard' and drawn plans of the story with labels. We read 'The Book Wolf', all about a naughty wolf who loves eating books. He learns to read the words and is a reformed character! Winston, a wolf puppet, is now living in Willow Class and will start visiting homes soon. We wrote about a packing list for Winston and thought what he would need for home visits. We have talked about and measured time and used the language of time. We have been



adding 2 numbers together to make 5. Some of us went further and tried to make 7 and 10 and we have all had a go at drawing our ideas in maths.

Everyone has had chance to take part in Show and Tell, enabling all children to speak and be listened to in a small group and ask questions of classmates. We have been working on our fine motor skills including cutting skills this week.



Beech Class

We have had an amazing start to the spring term and have started our topic Here, There and Everywhere. The excitement started with Sunny and Scratch (meerkats) arriving with their toothbrushes to our school. The second week started with a trip to

Drusillas Park so we could show Sunny and Scratch where some other meerkats live. The children loved learning about endangered animals and exploring the park with each other. In English we have been writing a postcard back to Sunny and Scratch's family to let them know they are safe and having a wonderful time here in Bolney. In maths we have been exploring equal and unequal groups in multiplication and the children have started to make links to their times tables that they are learning when on TT Rock stars. In geography we have found out about the UK and used Google Earth to find Bolney and some important geographical features such as the church, a leisure centre and a Tesco! This week the Year 1 children travelled to Haywards Heath library to meet Louisa - a librarian - who showed us the huge variety of books that are available to borrow (FOR FREE!).

We were very excited to be issued with our library cards and then spent time choosing books to take home. We can keep them for up to 3 weeks (renewing them if we want to keep them longer) and can take up to 20 books out next time we visit.



Another librarian, who used to teach Key Stage 3, recommended the 'e-information' site that West Sussex libraries offer which she recommended for Key stage 2 and above. <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/elibrary-electronic-library/einformation-online-reference-library/> It is jam packed with links to

online journals, encyclopaedias, e-magazines, e-comics, e-audiobooks which can all be downloaded FOR FREE! Children just need their library card number to log in.

Holly Class

We have started the term and our new topic 'What a disaster!' by learning about and discussing the wildfires in Australia. The children have learned how fire starts and how the brave firefighters are able to combat forest fires. In English, we have started our next class reader 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and used 'Journey' by Aaron Becker as a writing prompt. It is an incredibly detailed book and we have focused in particular on a drawing of a magical, turreted and complicated city built on an island. The children have imagined what is inside and planned tour guides in order to persuade people to visit. In maths, we have focused on fractions. Year 3s have represented fractions in different ways and have been introduced to the term 'equivalent' using fraction walls to find some. Year 4s have built on this and are looking at fractions greater than one. They have also begun to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. Our topic in science is 'states of matter'. The children have learned about the properties of solids, liquids and gases using terms like 'particles' to describe the differences. We have also looked at non-Newtonian fluids - the annoying substances that don't really fit in the solid or liquid category! The children had fun pouring the liquid but also discovering it acts like a solid when hit or poked!



Silver Birch Class

The class have been very excited to begin our topic based around World War II. To begin with, the children explored different aspects of the war before looking at how the war began. In English we have listened to a range of radio broadcasts delivered by different people of importance, analysed their formality and considered how they help reassure the British public at this time. From this, the children will be writing with own speeches before recording them. In maths, Year 5 has completed their unit of fractions and their oak leaf for this week was well deserved. They have shown such resilience and are so desperate to be challenged. Year 6 have completed looking at percentages and considered their methods very carefully. Our science topic this half term is space. The big questions we have been considering are: 'Why do we feel dizzy?' and 'What is in-between Earth and Sun?'. All of our work is towards being able to give in-depth answers to these. Over the last two weeks, we have just concentrated on the relationships between the Earth, Sun and Moon.



The children have investigated the size ratios using round objects to represent them.

Forest School has started!

Year 6 have begun their Forest School sessions. To say that they enjoyed their first session would be a complete understatement! The children were met by the instructors, Anna and Hayley, who gave them a range of activities to take part in. These were designed to give children chance to think about what they would like to cover in later sessions. Creating wooden medallions and fire-lighting were particular favourites. Year 6 are already eagerly awaiting their session next week.



Many thanks to Friends of Bolney who have funded these sessions - it is an amazing opportunity for them! Also thank-you very much to everyone who has donated

equipment for this, we really do appreciate it.

Street Dance

To help promote exercise as a good way to keep mentally healthy as well as physically healthy and to help develop teamwork, concentration and co-ordination Y5 and Y3 are taking part in street dance, forming a year group crew with a specialist street dance teacher – they have had two sessions so far and they love it! Both year groups will perform their dance at the end of term.

Cross Country

Unfortunately the wet weather meant that the NEARS cross country competition was cancelled twice. So each NEARS school has been allowed to enter two Y5/6 children into the next round of the competition which is next week. We wish our runners lots of luck with this and hope it is not rained off!

Young Voices

Lots of our KS2 children are going to the Young Voices concert next Thursday at the O2 arena. This is an amazing event to attend and a fantastic venue to sing in. The children have worked really hard at learning all the songs and are excited about going. As they will be returning so late in the evening the children are able to come to school by 10.45 on both the Thursday and the Friday. This will not affect their attendance as it is part of a school trip. We look forward to hearing all about it!

FREE Digital Online Safety Awareness Session

Please join us for this session run by West Sussex on Thursday 19th March from 6-7.30. You will need to book a place for this – please see the letter sent with this newsletter.

Parent Teacher meetings

Please see the diary dates at the end of the newsletter for this term's meetings to discuss your child's progress. As this is so near the end of term there will not be a sharing of learning on the last Wednesday of term (there is one on February 12th at 2.30). We will let you know when the time sign-up sheets are available.

Easter Celebrations

This year we are really lucky to have Liz Styles create an Easter prayer space for the children to experience. This will be on Thursday 2nd April. The Friends of Bolney are organising the fun Easter egg hunt which will be on Wednesday 1st April at 2.30 – please join us.

Childline's Calm Zone

Childline have created a new area on their website with a number of useful activities to help children with being calm. Please do have a look. <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

Friends of Bolney

The fantastic support with enrichment and learning resources continues which is so brilliant – thank-you to everyone for all that you do.

How you can help:-

✓ Sign up to Easyfunding and Amazon Smile – the donations from these soon add up.

✓ If you have any unwanted Christmas presents please leave them with Zoe.

✓ We have been asked to list some stationery items we would be very grateful for. If you have or can buy any of the following please leave them with Zoe:

glue sticks	pencils – HB/2B/4B
A4 paper	felt tips
sticky tape	sticky notes
highlighters	pencil sharpeners

Friends of Bolney Ladies Night

Please join us at the school on Thursday 27th February for ladies night. There will be gorgeous shopping, beauty treatments and a fashion show, as well as licensed bar and canapés. Tickets just £6 to include a glass of fizz.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Mrs Kenny for showing love and Liam for showing love and respect.

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term

Half term Monday 17th February
Return to school 24th February.
End of term Friday 3rd April

Tuesday 21st January
RSPB workshops Y1-Y6

Wednesday 23rd January
KS2 Young Voices concert at the O2

Wednesday 12th February
Sharing learning 2.30

Thursday 13th February
Book and Bake Sale 3pm

Thursday 27th February
Silver Birch trip

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March
3-6pm parent teacher meetings all years

1-3pm meetings:
Silver Birch – **Monday 16th**
Holly – **Tuesday 17th**
Willow – **Wednesday 18th**
Beech - **Thursday 19th**

Thursday 19th March
Digital Online Safety Awareness Session 6-7.30
For parents only

Wednesday 1st April
Easter Egg Hunt 2.30

Thursday 2nd April
Easter prayer space

Summer Term

Starts Monday 20th April 2020
Half term Monday 25th May
INSET day 1st June
Return to school Tuesday 2nd June
End of term Friday 17th July
INSET day 20th July

Wednesday 17th June
Sports Day morning 9-11

Y6 Leavers' Service
Worth Abbey - Parents invited
Thursday 9th July am

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July
Y5/6 production at the Rawson Hall

Friday 17th July
Leavers Service 9am
St Mary Magdalene Church
Parents invited

INSET days 2019-2020
Monday June 1st 2020
Monday July 6th 2020
Monday July 20th 2020
(so we finish the school year on Friday 17th July)