



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

This half term has gone by so quickly. We hope you have an enjoyable break over the next week. The children are back in school on **Tuesday 26th February**.

Willow

We have continued our dinosaur topic work by 'Dancing with Dinosaurs' in PE. We thought about how the dinosaurs of long ago would have moved across the land and sky.

It was lovely to enjoy the sunshine in our outdoor area today - we even spotted a Red Admiral butterfly whilst digging for worms to make worm soup (they were all safely returned to the soil at the end of the day!).



Recently in RE we have been talking about how we are all precious and that God loves every one of us and that he wants this love to be shared with others to make the world a better place. Today we revisited the golden rule of 'Do for others what you want them to do for you' and thought about what we **do** to **show** others that we love them. We help others when they fall over, we play with others and we help others when they are stuck with their work are just a few of the things we can do.



Beech

In Beech class we have finished learning about the time line of dinosaurs and we researched the Cretaceous period. In art we have added some real sand to our islands as our coasts and coves.



In English we have written, edited and started to write our stories in neat. In maths we have been exploring fractions- learning about halves, quarters and thirds as well as understanding unequal and equal. In dance we become sea and air dinosaurs, gliding, swooping and diving. In gymnastics we practised rolls and jumps. We shared our fantastic home learning- such an amazing effort from the children!



Holly

This week we have been writing stories, poems and newspaper articles inspired by a picture. This was for a West Sussex writing competition. The children could write whatever they wanted, of whatever genre. We used the book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner as our inspiration. The children worked really hard to independently plan, draft, edit and top copy their pieces of writing. We are really pleased with their stories. In maths, we have looked at the vocabulary used to describe shapes. We have also looked at angles, drawing and recognising acute, obtuse and right angles as well as estimating the number of degrees in the turn. In topic, we learned about the different biomes across the globe, we researched the regions covered by each biome, as well as some of the plants and animals found there. Our home learning projects were brought in and shared. There was a brilliant range of work on display – all showing great effort, creativity and a love of learning. We really enjoyed sharing and talking about our projects.



Silver Birch

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have drafted, proof read, edited and published their newspaper articles about the Lindisfarne Invasion. Their finished products were typed and they considered their layouts carefully. They all look very professional. This week, the children have also been preparing for West Sussex's Writing Competition. The only brief the children were given was to use a picture as a starting point. There have been a wide range of genres that have been presented and we are really impressed with the quality of the stories. In maths, the Year 5s are still continuing their work on fractions but they have really deepened their understanding of complex ideas. The Year 6s have almost finished their algebra unit and are now confident to solve a range of equations. Once again, we have had some fantastic home learning brought in - though we have come to the conclusion that the children wouldn't make particularly scary Viking warriors!



Sports events Indoor Cricket

Six of our cricketers played in a Mid-Sussex tournament. They played four games and though they did not win any the games the results became closer as they went on. The team played really well and tried very hard and all the cricketers are looking forward to more games in the summer.

Basketball and Badminton

As part of our membership with Mid Sussex Active (a sports partnership that supports schools) we are able to take part in their new festivals. These are designed for children to learn skills in a specific sport that they may not have tried before or played much. We are ensuring that every child in KS2 gets the chance to

represent the school in at least one sporting event over the year so these events really help us to do this. Some year 5 and 6 children played basketball last week and some year 3 and 4 children played badminton this week. All the children really enjoyed it and learnt new skills.



Mrs Harvey shared in assembly today that the Rawson Hall can be hired for Badminton if you fancy a game as a family.

Safer Internet Day

For Safer Internet Day each class completed some activities about permission and consent for using the internet. They explored different scenarios and discussed whether consent was needed for them. There were some fantastic discussions and conversations by the children about their use of the internet. They showed they understood the importance of consent and upper key stage two were very aware of why it is important that there are age limits on some games and films. The British Board of Film Classification's website <https://www.bbfc.co.uk> is really useful to help choose age-appropriate films, videos and websites.

We said we would remind you about the free Stay Safe workshop for parents and carers. It is at Sackville School on Thursday March 14th at 6pm. West Sussex County Council has produced a guide for parents & carers called, 'Guide to Keeping Your Child Safe Online' found at: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/12312/parent-carer-guide.pdf> and further information can be found at: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/staying-safe-online/>

Keeping Children Safe

If you have arranged for another parent or carer to collect your child/children at the end of school or if you are running late please can you let the school know. We can only let children leave with other parents or carers if we have been notified.

Our School Vision

We hope you have had time to read our revised vision that was sent home with the children. It is also on our website: https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/vision_and_values/223478 Please do speak to any members of staff if you have any questions about it.

Working Together

If you have any ideas for how we can work together more to support the children's learning please share them with us. We will also put a suggestion board by the gate.

Trips and Visitors

Tuesday 26th February Horsham Museum dinosaur workshop for Beech and Willow class. We are very excited that the artist and presenter Alison Lapper MBE is visiting us on March 26th to talk with the children about her life. A big thank-you to Mrs Brunt for organising this.

Easter Service

As Easter is at the end of our Easter holidays this year we are holding our Easter Service in the church on Tuesday 23rd April at 2.15 – family and friends are very welcome to join us.

Friends of Bolney

Thank-you very much for supporting the Bake Sale this week with lots of delicious cakes and bakes! Thank-you to the Friends of Bolney for their time in organising this.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to: Harry and Mrs Wood for showing love and Unity for showing love and Freddie and Jack for showing respect. We will put their photos in the next newsletter!

Key dates for your diary

Spring Half Term

Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February 2019

Inset Monday 25th February

Silver Birch Art Exhibition

The afternoon of Wednesday 27th February

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March

Parent Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 12th March 3.15 – 6.00

Thursday 14th March 3.15 – 6.00

Willow and Beech class - Monday 28th March 1.15 – 2.45

Holly and Silver Birch class - Tuesday 19th March 1.15 – 2.45

Bolney Horticultural Society Spring Show

Saturday 23rd March – we are entering our bulbs!

Maths Parents Workshops

Tuesday 2nd April at 1.30 to 2.45 and again from 6.00 to 7.15pm

Friends of Bolney Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 4th April at 2.30pm

Parents and younger siblings welcome

End of Spring Term

Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term Starts

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Easter Service

St Mary Magdalene church

Tuesday 23rd April at 2.15pm

Friends of Bolney - Bolney Ball

Saturday 27th April

at the Rawson Hall

Summer Half Term

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019

Sports Morning

- whole school

Thursday 20th June from 9.15am

Worth Abbey Y6 leavers service

Y6 parents are welcome

11th July at 10.45

End of Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

2018-19 Inset Days

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