



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

In Silver Birch, the children have been writing stories based on Shackleton's experiences in the Antarctic. Some of the children have been using a new word processing programme to write their stories.



In maths, they have been calculating with fractions and converting improper and mixed number fractions. Their amazing art has been displayed in the hall; do have a look when you are next in there.



Holly Class have almost finished their Mamma Mia unit in music. They have practised improving on the glockenspiels and analysed the meaning behind the song. This week, the class tried playing glockenspiels and singing at the same time. Not an easy skill to master!

As part of Beech's superhero work they have been talking about catchphrases and deciding on their own superhero's catchphrase. They have started to design part of their superhero's costume in Design and Technology as they have investigated suitable materials to use in science. There is now a Superhero Rescue Centre in the role play area ready for their missions to save their world.



Willow have been making superhero masks, their own superhero characters and writing fantastic sentences about their superheroes. They have been reading about superheroes, like SuperDaisy and her battle against peas.



They currently love junk modelling so please send in any clean, dry boxes.

House Team Charities

These are the charities each house is going to raise money for:
Parham – Sussex Caring Pets
Uppark – Carers Trust
Standen – Alzheimer's Society
Petworth – British Heart Foundation

Parham house are holding the first fundraising event (there will be one each half term). This is on Wednesday 13th December for Sussex Caring Pets. For £1, children can come to school dressed as an animal. There will also be a second hand book sale after school. If you have any books to donate please leave them in the office.

Car park safety

Many thanks to everyone who is parking on The Street and walking through the church grounds to school to reduce congestion in the car park.

In case you are not aware the car park and the field does not belong to the school. However as we use it so much we maintain some aspects of it. Over half term we paid for the edge of the field to be repaired from car usage. Now it is going into the wetter winter months can cars park more at an angle please. Can the 'shorter' cars stay on the tarmac and only longer cars place their wheels on the field if needed. Please avoid driving on the field.

We would like to look at our travel plan with a group of parents. If you are interested in helping with this please let Zoe know.

Handball

Some year 4, 5 and 6 children went to a Handball Festival. They split into two teams and really enjoyed the afternoon. Here is one of the team's reports written by Harry P and Kieran:

On the 3rd of November Harry P, Matthew, William R, Kieran and Unity went to Warden Park to do a handball festival.

There were 12 stations to help us learn different abilities in handball to get a good chance to win are matches at the end. In the matches at the end the final scores were 0-0 against Warden Park Academy and 3-0 to Birchwood Grove. Our man of the match was Kieran who helped the team all the time.

Our favourite station was where we had to run to the first cone and then the second cone and then the third cone and then run back to the starting cone and grab the ball and take three strides and take a shot.

In case you were wondering how to play handball here's how to play:

1] You're only allowed to take 3 steps while in contact with the ball.

2] You cannot bounce the ball.

3] If your opposition throws the ball out, it's your teams throw in.

We would like to thank the parents and carers for bringing us and Mrs Wood for supporting us all the time.

Cross Country

Ten children went to St Giles CEP School for the NEARS cross-county competition on Tuesday. It was a muddy and challenging course and they did really well. Overall we came second and second in both the girls' race and in the boys' race. Two of the girls, Anna and Izzy ran so well they are through to the next round of the competition. Well done to all those who took part.

Coats

Please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day now the weather is more changeable. We do insist on them being outside for playtimes unless it is raining hard.

Decorations day – help needed

On Friday 1st December we will be making Christmas tree decorations to put on the Christmas tree in the hall. The tree has very kindly been donated by Bolney Nursery and will be delivered in that week. The children will take their decorations home at the end of term. We make the decorations over a morning in house teams. If you are available after celebration assembly on December 1st to help please let Zoe know.

Understanding Your Child, The Solihull Approach

We sent letters home in October for the fantastic opportunity to access an online course called 'Understanding Your Child' developed by a team of registered professionals working within the National Health Service in the UK. It is highly recommended and is all about emotional health and well-being. Please ask Zoe if you would like another letter as it contains the code for this course so it is free.

Values trophies

Values trophies this fortnight were awarded to:



Ava for showing love and respect by helping others and Zach for showing respect by tidying up.



Bowie for showing respect through helping in PE and football club and Liam for showing love and respect by being helpful.

Friends of Bolney

Many thanks to the Friends of Bolney for enabling us to buy superhero capes for role play and coloured overlays to support editing in writing. They have also agreed to raise money to improve the rear playground! Thank-you!

Activities and Trips

The following activities and trips have been planned so far.

Holly class – Fishbourne Roman Palace Monday 27th November

Other dates

Curriculum Meeting

The final curriculum meeting for this term is for **Year 3 parents on Tuesday 21st Nov** at 6.30pm for around 45 mins to an hour.

FOB Christmas Fair – Saturday 2nd December 2-4pm

Parham House fundraising – dress up as an animal and book sale – Wednesday 13th December

KS2 Carol Concert – Thursday 14th December at 6pm - all families are invited

Willow and Beech Nativity

Monday 18th December and Tuesday 19th December at 1:45pm

Academic year 2017-18

Autumn Term ends:

Wednesday 20th December

Christmas break 2017

Thursday 21st December to

Wednesday 3rd January

Spring Term

Thursday 4th January 2018 to

Thursday 29th March

Spring Half Term:

Monday 12th February to Friday

16th February

INSET days for 2017/18

Monday 4th June 2018

Monday 25th June 2018

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

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School