



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

As we have been enjoying the lighter mornings and evenings along with seeing so many bulbs flowering and plants starting to bud, the children continue to amaze us with all that they do.

Willow

This week we have been writing a lot in Willow Class. Year 1 are still writing their dinosaur books and wrote their own "Harry and the Dinosaurs" stories, having planned them. We have all written facts about ourselves, in preparation for writing a biography next week. Year R have been comparing, ordering and writing numbers to 20. Year 1 have been comparing and ordering numbers up to 50. We started talking about seasons and clearing the garden ready for growing vegetables. We have been planting out bulbs.



Beech

In D.T. and science we have been exploring objects and pneumatics! We used our new P.E. equipment to investigate how air travels to move a ball and we measured how far the ball travelled.



In English we have been planning our biographies and discussing that biographies are factual and while we can include our opinions, we need to keep to the facts about Mary Anning.

We have been encouraging the children choose a book to continue to read quietly and independently to build their reading stamina.



In maths we have been exploring money. We counted, made totals, gave change and solved problems. Please talk about money to your children and give them opportunities to pay for things. Mr Pitt led P.E. this week and did team games, which the children loved.

Holly

This week we have been writing poetry based on rainforest animals. We looked at funny poems by Paul Cookson and discussed how and when to rhyme and when to use repeating phrases as well as similes and metaphors to create humour. In maths, we have focused on finding the perimeter of shapes. We revised strategies for addition such as rearranging the order and using number bonds to calculate mentally. In topic, we applied some of our science knowledge of food chains, habitats, climate and biology to create our own rainforest animal. The children had to reason and explain why their creature was suited to live

there and could borrow parts from different animals to create their own. In drama and PSHE the children had to act out scenarios and discuss problems.

Silver Birch

In maths this week, the children have begun their shape unit. It has been very impressive to see how much knowledge the children have remembered. So far, we have covered creating nets and constructing angles.



In English, the children have been creating a Viking retelling of Beowulf. As the Vikings were notorious for the tales of blood, guts and gore, the children have taken this as a perfect opportunity to explore their use of descriptive language. The work that the children have produced has been to a high standard and it has been lovely to see the children eager to edit their retellings further in order to make them even better. In topic work, the children have been creating their own Viking realms out of clay. They researched what the existing realms in Viking mythology were and used these for inspiration for their own. There has been a range: a realm for lost long ships, a realm to determine if your soul is good or evil and a realm for fallen soldiers. Next week, the children will be painting them to really bring them to life.

Improving our back playground

Following the work on the back playground last week all the paths are now covered with a bonded mulch. This has made the paths much safer to run and play on and it means we can use this playground in all weathers. We are extremely grateful to the Friends of Bolney for securing grants to fund this, including a donation from the Parish Council. We would also like to thank the Bolney Volunteers, some parents and staff for giving their time and energy in clearing the paths to ensure they were ready for all the work.



Fabulous Visitors

Last week Kieran's mum, in her role as a vet, and a veterinary nurse talked with the children in KS2 about their work and the skills they use.

The children asked so many questions and loved finding out about the school subjects that help with these roles, how you need to understand people, communicate clearly, problem solve and be resilient no matter what happens.



We also had a visit from Brighton and Hove Albion last week, who led an assembly on disability awareness and how people with different disabilities play football.

This week Mr Petru Balan talked to the children in Silver Birch about being a fitness instructor. The children were fascinated by how he became an instructor and how he changed what he wanted to do. When asked what they learnt from the talk they said you can still be as success even if you

don't get the job you want, don't get fixed on one job, and again, how you need to be resilient.

We really appreciated Mrs Barton, Ms Whitfield-Mervin and Mr Balan giving their time to talk with the children.

Next week we have the artist and presenter Alison Lapper MBE is visiting us to talk with the children about her life. A big thank-you to Mrs Brunt for organising this.

If you would like to come and share your work experiences with the children please let Zoe know.

Worship and Lent

We are using a resource from the Diocese of Chichester to explore Lent over the next few weeks called "The Remarkables". Linked to this is a resource with lots activities for home, called "The Incredibles". A link to this can be found on our website:

https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/website/collective_worship/322362

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank-you for attending the parent teacher consultations this term, it has been wonderful to share all the brilliant things the children have been doing. Thank-you for adding your comments to the children's books, the children have loved this and we really appreciate it. We are planning some open sessions next term and will let you know about them after Easter.

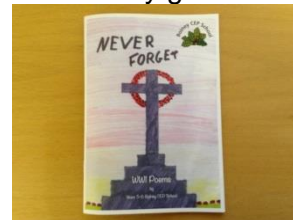
Maths workshops

Please remember the maths workshops for parents are on Tuesday 2nd April at 1.30 to 2.45 and again from 6.00 to 7.15pm. In these Mrs Burton will be sharing the approaches we use for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Never Forget

We are delighted to announce we have created a booklet of the World War One poems Silver Birch wrote as part of their learning about World War One. The booklet was made possible by Image Creative Design in

Bolney and the Friends of Bolney, we are extremely grateful to both.



If you would like to purchase a booklet for £5 please see Zoe.

Netball Club

Next Friday is the last netball club of the season.

Football

Our football team played other NEARS schools in a tournament this week. We will include their report in the next newsletter.

Bolney Horticultural Society Spring Show

This is tomorrow afternoon, if you would like to enter an exhibit it needs to be there between 2 and 3pm. The show starts at 3pm and children do not need to be members to exhibit. The children's class for ages 4 – 11 is a pot or vase of daffodils or narcissi. We have entered some as a school.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Ava-Rose and Maisie for showing love by being kind.



Jago for being a good friend, showing love and Mrs James for showing love and respect by helping and being kind.

Key dates for your diary

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