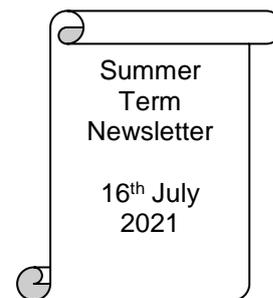




Newsletter

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Dear families,

It is so lovely to see the sunshine at last and we hope that it lasts through to the holidays. As we enter the final week of the year we are looking forward to spending time with all the children before they move on.

Willow

In Willow class we have been answering the questions we posed at the start of our Creative Thinkers topic. We have been reading Yucky Worms and finding out more amazing facts about worms. We have made clay models of our chosen minibeasts. In maths Year R have been sharing collections into 2 equal groups. Year 1 have been focusing on partitioning numbers into tens and ones up to 100. We have been very busy with our science; we talked about seasonal weather, tracked shadows and released our butterflies. We have dug up the last of our potatoes and the children are deciding what to do with them next!



Beech

Beech Class have had a busy two weeks. We started this week by incorporating some mindfulness into our timetable and we have enjoyed a session each day when we come to school first thing in the morning. This has helped us relax and focus and be ready for our

learning. In maths we have been exploring fractions, building shapes and also found maths in pictures by looking for shapes, counting objects and spotting patterns.



In English we have started story writing. We discussed ways of gripping the reader by thinking of super starting sentences. In art we have used washable markers, water and coffee filters to design beautifully coloured butterflies.

Holly

This week the children have reached the final stage of their work in preparing their Mayan play. Teams have successfully worked together on a scene each and have done everything from: script writing, prop and costume making, scenery, acting, directing and filming! The children have thoroughly enjoyed this mini project that was planned with the children and led by Mrs Turner. We hope to be able to share the film with you once it has been put together.

In maths we have worked on estimating when calculating and making sure our written methods for the four areas of calculation are secure.

In our Jigsaw session we talked about gender stereotypes and then

designed duvet covers for boys and girls which we decided could be owned by either sex!



We recognise that we are all unique and have different likes and dislikes unrelated to whether we are boys or girls.

Silver Birch

Silver Birch have been focusing on our production – ‘Let The Games Begin’. We have been working hard to perfect our lines, add intonation and body language to make our characters more realistic as well as making props.

In maths we have been revising decimals and finding as many possibilities to a problem as possible. There have been some great conversations and explanations in class. We did not know exactly how many possibilities there were to a problem but by the end of the lessons most of us had reached an agreement by checking systematically.

In English we have continued our insect and sustainability theme and recorded persuasive news reports detailing why people are considering insects as a food. We also put all our climate knowledge and understanding of renewable and unrenovable energy sources to good use by

planning our own tropical island – with 100% sustainable energy!

House Team fundraising event

Many thanks for your generous donations for the house teams' charity – Kangaroos. The house captains made a short video for all the children to explain the event.



The children had great fun doing skipping and jumping activities and creating colourful kangaroos.

We raised £109!



Thank-you.

Big Butterfly Count

Please join the [Big Butterfly Count](#), this nationwide citizen science survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment. This runs from Friday 16 July to Sunday 8 August and it would be great to get lots of children involved.

Gardening News

Gardening club enjoyed a varied penultimate session of: flower arranging (with weeds), potting-on our successfully cultivated chocolate mint cuttings and harvesting our crop of Charlotte and King Edward potatoes, which we took home to eat. Next week we have been invited to



visit Mrs Pym's beautiful garden that runs alongside the school drive. Mrs Pym is a very keen gardener and we are hoping to learn from her as well as enjoy the beauty of her garden.

Thank you to Mrs Glew for all of her



hard work in planning, resourcing and leading our sessions – we are very grateful to her.

Covid preventative measures from 19th July

Following the changes to the Covid response by the government starting of the 19th July, we are leaving all of our arrangements as they are for the last week of term. We want to give everyone the best chance of not needing to self-isolate going into the holidays! Everyone has done so well with this and we thank you for all of your support.

Arrangements for returning to school in September

All being well, we are planning to return to normal arrangements in September. This means classes can mix again so school start and finish times will return to the gate opening at 8.45 for a 9am start for everyone. KS1 will finish at 3pm and KS2 at 3.05pm. The children can have playtime together and everyone can eat in the hall. Children are to wear their uniform and have their PE kit in school everyday. Good handwashing will need to continue along with good ventilation. After school clubs will start after the first week. We will let you know when you are able to attend celebration assembly on a Friday.

Please continue to keep your child at home if they are unwell and let us know if they have any possible Covid symptoms.

Slow and careful driving

Please drive slowly and carefully on the lane to the school. There is restricted view from the pathway at the top of the lane, which is used by children daily.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As the extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, falls within half term West Sussex County Council have announced that schools will finish on Thursday July 21st instead of the July 22nd.

Diary Dates

Budge Up

Monday 19th July from 9.30am

Y6 awards and Leavers' Service

Y6 families only

Friday 23rd July, 9.15am

Summer Term

Ends Friday 23rd July

Autumn Term

Children return on Monday 6th September 2021

INSET days 2021-22

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 3rd September 2021

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Monday 4th July 2022

Additional holiday day

In lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee extended bank holiday
22nd July 2022

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

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