



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Willow

Over the last 2 weeks children have read *The Egg and Bedtime for Monsters*. We have written poems based on the monster in *Bedtime for Monsters* and we have put the story events in order from the Egg. We wrote instructions group, to teach a newborn dragon to fly.



In maths Year 1 have been adding and subtracting numbers to 20 and using number bonds to 10 to help them. Year R have been adding on 1 and 2 more and making repeating patterns. We have been moving like explorers in dance on Tuesday PE and doing gymnastics in Thursday PE. We have been learning about different time periods and what the world was like and the different dinosaurs that lived during these times.

Beech

In Beech class we have learned about the Jurassic period and which dinosaurs lived then. In art we have started to design our dinosaur islands and have painted our sea! In English we have planned our stories and looked at how to hook

the reader by writing a good beginning. We have also enjoyed looking up words in a dictionary and finding out whether they are verbs, adjectives or nouns. In maths we have continued to explore dividing and multiplying but within problems and we also estimated an answer to a calculation and placed it on our empty number line in the hall. In dance we become fierce meat eaters and gentle plant eaters. We started gymnastics and have learned how to do a bridge, plank cartwheel and different jumps.

Holly

This week we have been looking at the relationship between fractions and decimals in maths. We have used our knowledge of equivalent fractions to help us turn $\frac{4}{10}$ into 0.4 and $\frac{6}{100}$ into 0.06. We have also been working hard to crack our times tables! In English, Mr Pitt started by planning very badly for an Amazon rainforest trip. The children then made their own lists of must-have equipment and wrote persuasive guides for survival in the rainforest. We have also conducted our own experiments in science. We changed conditions for mustard seeds in order to test what helps them to grow effectively. Some surprising results occurred when the one left in the dark desk drawer grew the most... We are still unsure exactly why that was! Most excitingly, we had a brilliant visit from Zoolab and we were lucky enough to meet some of the animals found in the rainforest such as snakes, tarantulas, giant snails and cockroaches! We all

learned some amazing facts – did you know a snake has 410 bones in their body?



Silver Birch

Silver Birch have delved more into their topic over the last couple of weeks. They have looked into Anglo Saxon crime and punishment and formed court sessions in class to decide apt punishments for crimes committed. It is clear that the children have very strong moral compasses - some children were sentenced to having two hands cut off because they stole a chicken! In science, the children have investigated the effects of air resistance. The class were given a range of different materials and had to create parachutes that would successfully land an egg. There was only one casualty out of the six eggs!



In English sessions the children have begun to create newspaper reports about the Lindisfarne invasion. It has been interesting to see the different approaches to the editing process and the children have been diligently

acting on ways forward that we have been given.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 5th February the children will be doing various activities relating to permission and consent for using the internet. We will be exploring different scenarios that children could be placed in when using the internet. Please ask your child to share what they have learnt. Here is a link to some activities you can do at home. You can also find the link on our website in the online learning section.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>

Here are two safe search engines for children: Swiggle - <https://swiggle.org.uk/> and Kiddle - <https://www.kiddle.co/>

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. All the children are invited to come to school in a costume linked to a book. We will have a variety of activities throughout the day including inviting the local community to come and read with us. We will send more details nearer the time.

Our Library

We would like to extend the use of our library to all our parents and we want to add a section for adult reading books for parents to borrow. If you have any suitable books to help us start this, please leave them in the office. The Friends of Bolney have kindly bought us two new bookcases to display more books. Parents with their child/children can use library after school until 4.15pm each day for quiet reading or doing home learning together. If you would like to use the library please enter the school via the front entrance so you can sign the visitor's record book as we need to know who is in school. During this time children must stay with their parents in the library.

Twitter

We now have two Twitter accounts – one that is closed for parents and staff only – so we can

share children's fantastic learning with you - you have to send a request to be a member of this group as it includes photos of the children. The other account is open to everyone so we can promote our wonderful school. This account is also on the home page of our website.

The closed group name is: @BolneyCEPrimary – please request to join this group. The open group name is: @Bolney CEPS Do follow us!

Operation Encompass

We are taking part in a new operation with Sussex Police called Operation Encompass. This has been designed to provide early reporting to schools and colleges of any domestic abuse incidents that occur in which a child was present ordinarily resides at the incident location or with an involved party. A letter about this has been sent with this newsletter.

Cross Country, New Age Curling and Boccia

Here is a photo of our three intrepid cross country runners who ran in the Mid Sussex district finals a couple of weeks ago.



They all ran extremely well in very wet and muddy conditions across a challenging course. Jonathan finished with a brilliant fourth place and will now represent Mid Sussex in the county finals in March.

Here is Zeta's report from Monday 28th January:

A group of year 6, 5 and 4 children played Boccia and New Age Curling at the Triangle. We were split into two groups, a group of three and a group of four, to play these games, we learnt lots of new skills. The year fours played Boccia first while the year six and five children played curling, around half way we

swapped. At the end we got some certificates then we were told that our teachers were looking for someone to get a medal for showing good sporting spirit, the person who won it was Henry.



Trips and Visitors

Tuesday 26th February Horsham Museum dinosaur workshop for Beech and Willow class

Friends of Bolney

Have you saved the date for the Bolney Ball? It looks to be a great event on April 27th at the Rawson Hall. Tickets will be available from the Friends of Bolney committee or Zoe.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Daisy and Unity for showing love and respect by being a good friend



Ryan for showing love and respect by being helpful and Felix for showing love and respect by being a good friend.

Key dates for your diary
Friends of Bolney Bake Sale
Thursday 14th February 3pm

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

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