



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Christmas and the new year seems a while ago now, we hope you had a very enjoyable time. The children have returned to school with great enthusiasm and have settled well to their learning.

Willow

This week Willow class played the role of dinosaurs in their drama work related to the book 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' by Julia Donaldson. The story tells of a small and weedy Tyrannosaurus who turns out to be incredibly brave and clever and stands up for what he believes to be right and true. The children had great fun chanting at each other across the river and worked very well in character.



Today they discovered dinosaur eggs in the classroom and used equipment to get the dinosaurs out of the eggs.



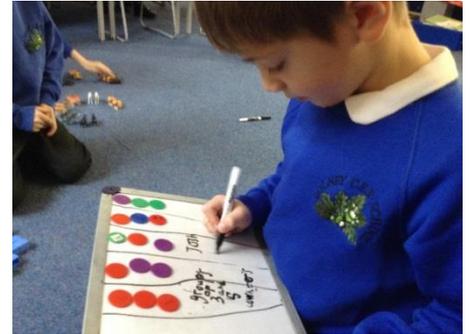
Beech

Our topic this term the 'Land Before Time', looking at dinosaurs. We have been busy learning about the time periods of dinosaurs. In science we looked at a time line and we discovered that the habitats in each time period looked very different therefore the dinosaurs who lived in that period were also different. We had the visit from the Dinosaur Dome on the 6th January where we watched a movie about dinosaurs and looked at different fossils. The children loved it.



In art we used Eddie and Maisie's selection of fossils to do some observational drawing. This was fun and challenging.

In English we have started Tom and the Island of Dinosaurs and we learned more about Tom. We have been doing whole class reading of a non-fiction text about dinosaurs and Mary Anning which we have used to find facts. In dance we become palaeontologists and dinosaurs. In maths we have been dividing and multiplying using 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We looked at bar models, division number sentences and arrays.



Holly

This week we have been focusing on fractions in maths. Year 3 have been adding, subtracting and finding fractions of amounts.



Year 4 had to find the correct fractions of ingredients in order to bake cakes. In English, we have been reading 'The Lord of the Forest' and we have planned our own stories about animals on a personal journey. We have also dissected and learned about the plants of the flower in science. This is all part of our rainforest topic. We have also started looking at using Scratch, a coding programme, to make maths based quizzes.

Silver Birch

Over the past few weeks, the children have immersed themselves into their new topic about the Vikings. In such a short space of time, the children have become experts by conducting

their own research about how the country developed as well as finding out more about some of the Viking most brutal attacks. They even quizzed a 'Viking' who visited the class! Last week, the children held a debate, based on their research, to decide once and for all: 'Were the Vikings as vicious as history has made them out to be?' By one vote, the class decided that they were. During maths sessions, the Year 5s have been continuing their fractions unit and have read 'Fractions in disguise' to consolidate their understanding on equivalent fractions. The Year 6s have been looking at how they can sharpen up their reasoning skills so that their responses are water tight. In PE sessions, the children have been filming gymnastic sequences they have been creating and evaluating them. This allowed them to make improvements to their techniques.

Sharing our vision

Last term the school staff and governors reviewed our school vision and agreed a new one. It is good practice to review the vision every 3-5 years. The vision is there to guide practice, to state what we want and aim to achieve. This is our new vision statement: *Each child is unique. We partner with families to nurture the 'whole child' – by understanding their specific emotional, spiritual and learning needs – so children flourish.*

Children leave us as fearless lifelong learners, ready to meet the world with self-confidence, curiosity and resilience. We will share this in more detail with you soon.

Saying goodbye to Father Keith

Father Keith led a memorable worship on Tuesday in church. This was his final worship with the children before he moves to his new parish. The children presented him with a book of memories, prayers, poems and drawings they had written and drawn to thank Father Keith for all that he has done for us and to remember us by. On Sunday at 10am is the Breathing Space service which will be Father

Keith's final service here at Bolney. We are sad to see him go and wish him all the very best in his new parish.

Parent Teacher Consultations

We are holding the Parent Teacher Consultations in March this term. Your child's books will be in the library for you to look through and Mrs Harvey is available if anyone would like to make an appointment to meet with her regarding any special educational needs. The consultations are on:
 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
 We will send a letter nearer the time.

Expanding Horizons and Inspiring Children – Adults Still Wanted!

We would still like the children to learn about what inspires adults and what type of things they do. If you would like to share:

- a specific experience,
 - a skill,
 - the skills you need for work,
 - and/or what you do at work,
- we would very much like to hear from you! You could talk with just a group of children or a class. Also if you know of anyone who is not a parent who would be willing to come and talk with the children please do let Zoe know.

Maths Workshops

We will be holding maths workshops for parents on Tuesday 2nd April. The workshop will be delivered twice, once from 1.30 to 2.45 and again from 6.00 to 7.15pm. In the workshop Mrs Burton will be talking through our approaches to different types of calculations. We will send a letter nearer the time so you can book a place on the workshop. Please let us know if there are any other workshops you would find helpful.

Trips and Visitors

Tuesday 29th January Zoolab will be bringing a collection of minibeasts to Holly class

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.

Bolney Village Society

Bolney Village Society are holding their AGM on Monday 11th February at 7.30pm in the Eight Bells, Bolney. All are welcome, so please go along and see what they are about. They organise Bolney's annual Village Day, OAP tea parties and other social events. Bolney has a thriving active community and the society welcome new members to help keep it going. Contact Sarah Bridger on sbridgerx@gmail.com if you require further information.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Zach for showing love and respect by being a good friend and Mia, Annabelle, Ralph and Edward for showing respect through working well together.



Henry and Mia 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

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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