



Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers,

Half term is upon us already and we hope we have a sunny bank holiday weekend. Have a very enjoyable and safe week. See you on Tuesday 5th June.

Willow Class

We loved making and eating our own bread and butter this week. It didn't work the first time when we used single cream so we tried the next day with double cream instead. The class loved it and it was a great way to model resilience! Our tadpoles have started to grow back legs and we wrote the next instalment in our tadpole diaries.



Our new play blocks arrived on Friday and we love them! Many thanks to Friends of Bolney for making this possible!

Beech Class

We have been sequencing stories in Year 1 while Year 2 have been watching videos and reading articles on pollution and the impact of too much plastic. This will help them with writing their own articles which is next. Mr Seward kindly visited us last week to talk about his farm and the products they produce. After finding out about how wheat grows and is harvested we enjoyed making bread and eating it!



In maths the children in Year 1 have made clocks and explored time. Year 2 have been revising their use of estimation, multiplication and division.

Holly Class

Holly Class had Professor Snape (Mr Pitt) come and visit them to teach potions. They practised their skills of measuring liquids using scales and had a lot of fun doing it!



In science, the children have evaluated different materials ahead of making sound proofing headphones. They have tested their creations by creating their own investigations.



Silver Birch Class

This week Silver Birch have been solving problems related to money, planning and budgeting. The children have worked hard to plan parties with very specific food requests, spot problems with bills and designed and costed theme parks. In English we have finished our Greek God fact files. We paid careful attention to the final presentation, taking influence from some of our favourite non-fiction texts such as 'Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls'.



We also investigated saturation points and reversible/irreversible reactions in science.

Year 6

We have been very impressed with how all the children in Year 6 have approached all their tests. They were calm and determined all week; they concentrated hard and stayed focused throughout, demonstrating excellent resilience. Well done to them all. They are working hard on their writing evidence now!

Summer Garden Party

This year's summer garden party to raise funds for Hope House and Hope Academy in Haiti is on July 4th at 2pm. Children from Silver Birch will run stalls and the Friends of Bolney will provide refreshments. We are excited that Yvrose from Hope House will be here so please join us for this fun party.

Celebration of Learning afternoons

The children do so much wonderful learning we want to be able to share it with you more. As there are not set times for a parent and teacher meeting this term we thought it would be nice to invite you into class for your child to share their learning with you. These will be held between 3pm and 4pm on:

- Tuesday 10th July for Years 1, 3 and 5
- Wednesday 11th July for Years 4 and 6
- Thursday 12th July for Years R and 2

Please just come to your child's classroom any time between 3pm and 4pm.

Maypole Dancing

KS2 children have been trying out maypole dancing with Mrs Beart and Mrs Forster and some of them will be dancing at Village Day. The children really enjoyed it and showed our values well. Many thanks to Mrs Beart and Mrs Forster for giving up their time to do this.



Attendance

We are concerned about attendance at school. It is expected that children's attendance should be between 96-100% allowing for minor illness. Obviously if children are ill they should not come to school and we appreciate this. It is also important that children remain off school for 48 hours following vomiting or diarrhoea to reduce the risk of this spreading. However not all absences are due to illness and we want the children to miss as little of school learning as possible so please ensure your child is in school if they are well enough. Your child's current attendance record has been sent home today.

Eco Council's Home Recycling Challenge

WE DID IT! We had 100% of the Home Recycling Challenge sheets returned. Bowie has done a fantastic job in reminding everyone to return their sheets. Thank- you very much for your support and your recycling!

Village Day Programme Illustrations

The chosen illustration to go on the front of this year's Village Day programme is by Faith for a wonderful representation of how reading helps you grow.



Thank-you to all those who entered these wonderful drawings will be included in the programme.

Royal Wedding Tea Party

We had a fabulous tea party to celebrate the royal wedding. We had great fun wearing our homemade hats and enjoyed the snacks and drinks.



The children demonstrated our values really well with some great sharing and caring. It was wonderful to be joined by so many of our volunteers who also wore hats.

Home learning

Please remember that if there are any queries about home learning to talk with the class teacher. This enables the teachers to provide specific help or advice for your child.

Stations of the Cross

There was a short article about our amazing Stations of the Cross in this month's Faith in Sussex magazine. We were delighted to see this and we thank Father Keith for sharing this special event.

Developing Disability Awareness

On Tuesday 12 June Enable Me, a charity who promotes disability awareness, is holding workshops in school with a number of exciting activities for all the children. Please see their website for further information:

<http://enablemeproject.org.uk/>

Car Park

We have noticed with the warmer weather that more children are playing outside the gate after school which is lovely. However we are concerned about the safety of any children playing around the cars, especially if on scooters or bikes, along with the risk of cars being damaged. A member of staff's car has been scratched whilst in the car park. Please ensure your child is playing safely on the grass away from the cars.

To remind you again about using the car park, as you are very aware the space is limited and we do ask that only parents with pre-school children or those with a disability use the car park. Please can all other parents park in the Rawson Hall or other available parking on The Street and walk into school.

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)

We have been working hard to ensure we are GDPR compliant and hope you received a letter this week with our privacy notices.

Values trophies

The values trophies were awarded to:



Poppy for being kind and Harry for helping others.



Faith and Martha for showing respect when helping others with their learning.

Key dates

Summer half term

Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Inset Days

Monday 4th June
Monday 25th June

Holly and Silver Birch class trip to The Observatory Science Centre at Herstmonceux

Wednesday 6th June

NEARS schools Year 5 Big Sing

Ardingly College Chapel
Parents can hear the children sing at 2pm

Mid Sussex Science Fair

Year 5 at Clair Hall
Friday 15th June

Parent Reading Workshops

Early Years and KS1 parents
Monday 18th June 2.15 to 3pm.
KS2 parents Thursday 21st June
3.15 to 4pm

Book Fair

Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th June after school

Non-uniform day

Thursday 28th June
Wear your home clothes for the day in exchange for donations for the Village Day tombola

Village Day

Saturday 30th June

Summer Garden Party

Wednesday July 4th at 2pm

KS2 Science Fair

Afternoon of Friday 6th July

Celebration of Learning afternoons 3-4pm

Years 1, 3 and 5: Tues. 10th July
Years 4 and 6: Wed. 11th July
Years R and 2: Thurs. 12th July

Sports Day (morning)

Wednesday 20th June at 9am

Y6 Service at Worth Abby

Tuesday 10th July 10.45am

Y5/6 production

17th and 18th July (evening)

Classes meet their new teacher

Thursday 19th July

Extended Celebration Assembly

Friday 20th July at 9am
Please join us for the last celebration assembly of the year, where we will be presenting the annual awards to the children

Leavers' Service

St Mary Magdalene Church
Tuesday 24th July at 9am

End of summer term

Last day Tuesday 24th July

Start of autumn term

Tuesday 4th September 2018

2018-19 Inset Days

Monday 3rd September 2018
Monday 29th October 2018
Monday 3rd June 2019
Monday 8th July 2019
With one day to be confirmed

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

Have an enjoyable half term.

Mrs Kenny and all staff at Bolney CEP School