



Newsletter

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Dear families,

The Easter holidays have come around so quickly; the end of term has been busy with our Easter Service in the church, a fun egg hunt organised by FoB and the completion of our Spring Term projects. I have had the pleasure of seeing (and tasting!) some of the fantastic homework that has been created this term and would like to thank families for their support at home.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Easter break and look forward to the excitement that the Summer Term is sure to bring.

Willow Class



We have come to the end of our **Here, There and Everywhere** topic, thinking about *Where In The World Are We?* and *How Will We Get There?* We read *Mr Gumpy's Outing* and recapped all the sounds we have learnt so far. In maths we have talked about number bonds to 10 and 3d shapes. We have finished our paintings inspired by native Australian art, using Spring colours we have observed

instead. We enjoyed building our own Easter Garden for the Easter Service and sharing the Easter Story. Winston Wolf has set off on his travels again this week.



Beech Class

Beech Class have written some brilliant alternative versions of the fairy tale 'Sleeping Beauty'. We began by building the different scenes from the original story and using our 'mini me's' to orally retell with our friends. The children then decided which part of the story they were going to change and designed their new scene.



As a class, we looked at noun phrases and how they can be used to give the reader more descriptions of the settings or characters.

Holly Class

We have finished our Spring Team Players Project all about the Maya Civilization and we have learned so much. This week we learned about one of the most important items to the Maya people, Maize, and about the God of Maize. Please ask your child to tell you something they now know.

In English we have been typing up our top copy of our fantasy portal stories as well as finish the Land of Roar text. I am extremely proud of the children's engagement in the reading of this text and their enthusiasm to read the next book. In maths we have been measuring using a ruler and a metre stick as well as learn about area and perimeter.



We discussed how knowing our times tables helps with this aspect of maths too! We also used lolly sticks to help us explore division with remainders.



In Science and Computing we continued to complete our fact files about skeletons and muscles. We used techniques taught in our desktop publishing lessons to try to create the most appealing fact file.

In art the children carefully finished their Dan Fenelon inspired work. They have produced such amazing quality pieces which will be displayed in the hall.



I am really impressed with the excellent amount and quality of the topic grid home learning tasks. We shared all our work with each other and gave out lots of smilies for Team Points. The children loved giving out their home made chocolates! Thank you!

Silver Birch Class

In Silver Birch we have been rounding off our history focus on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings by considering when people first considered themselves “English” and why. We looked at people that labelled themselves English – like Bede the historian and debated whether the Roman-Britons, Saxon settlers, Vikings or Normans would have called themselves English. Lots of us agreed that England was definitely ‘a thing’ by the Norman times with many of us agreeing England first formed at

some point in the Saxon – Viking era. We discussed what makes someone English and there was lots of consensus that it is a combination of language, culture, choice of identity as well as where you may be born. We have been finishing our class reader – The London Eye Mystery and it has kept us interested right until the end. The children have lots of excellent theories – backed up with good references to the story as to what has happened to key character Salim.

The Year 6s have been busy with SATs preparation and have responded really well to the challenge (or endurance) of doing practice papers. We are gaining confidence and experience with the test structure and the children should be proud of their hard work. We just need to keep going!

The year 5s have shown lots of confidence as they have *rounded* off their decimals unit with rounding of decimals! It has been encouraging to see the fractions work from earlier in the term paying off, as well as the strong place value understanding.

Although PE has been rained off and inside on a few occasions it has given us a chance to develop table tennis skills which everyone is enjoying. We also developed some circuits and some very impressive targets. Some of the children managed a ‘wall sit’ for well over 5 minutes! In RE, we have been working hard towards the Easter service, with lots of positive attitudes and willingness to take on lots of lines and roles in the service.



Our home learning has been exciting with a range of constructions, codes and art to share. As always we have enjoyed sharing recipes – Eddie’s flapjacks and Elliott’s soup went down nicely!



Easter Tomb

Amber, Max and Leo thoroughly enjoyed their time in church this week preparing the Easter Garden and tomb for display. As we entered the church we noticed how bare it looks during this time of preparation and waiting. We are grateful to Reverend Michael and the churchwardens for suggesting that the tomb be displayed earlier than usual, so that it may be admired and enjoyed during our Easter service. Please do pop in to church – it is always open between dawn and dusk – to see the tomb and consider this time of lent.



Gardening Club

Our hardy group of gardeners from Holly class met for the first time this year to set about

planning and planting for the summer months ahead. We recycled newspaper and made some excellent paper flowerpots in which to plant sunflower seeds from last year's seed head. This week we have planted broad beans, onions, and peas and are already thinking ahead to what else we might need to plant now so that we can share our BIG SOUP again in October!

Football Finals

Well done to the football team who got to the ESFA Regional finals and had to travel to Thamesmead!



Thank you

Thanks to Mr Seward (Governor) for bringing in his Tractor for all of the children to have a go in!



Friends of Bolney

Many thanks to the FOB for arranging the annual Easter Egg Hunt.



Polite Request

Please ensure that priority in the car park is given to families with KS1 children and / or those with younger siblings. Don't forget the walking bus runs every Tuesday and that there are always places to park on The Street.

Your donations may save a life!

The Bolney cricket club would like to purchase a defib for the school and club to use, to be placed at the school outside. They need to raise up to £1200 for this. They have had some donations and are at £170 but still need many more donations

if you can, or would like to sponsor it!

[Defibrillator donation page - Bolney Cricket Club shop \(pitchero.com\)](#)

Summer Cricket – book now!

Friday evening fun run by our (very) local village cricket club. Costs are £40 for the 8-week course. All Stars cricket is for 5-7 year olds (although we have taken nearly 5's before) and Junior Cricket is for 8-11 year olds. To find out more email bolneycccolts@gmail.com



Diary Dates:

Easter Holidays: Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April, back to school Monday 17th April

See the website calendar for lots more dates:

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/calendar/223211>

Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School