



Newsletter

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Newsletter
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Dear families,
May I start by welcoming families old and new! It has been so lovely to have the children back in school and to see them rekindling old and making new friendships. Willow Class have settled amazingly well and all the classes are already busy working on their Autumn projects and finding out about this term's big questions. Our school values of love, respect, honesty and resilience are the focus for this half term and we will be exploring these in worship by learning some of Aesop's Fables. Celebration Assembly has started again and everyone is welcome to join us in the hall on a Friday at 8:55. Don't forget to come to our Meet the Teacher sessions week commencing 15th September. Check the website for more information.

Willow Class

Reception children are off to a flying start in reception and have settled well! We have started our Castles and Homes topic and big question Who Lives There? We have looked around the school and met our year 6 buddies. We are already playing outside in the big playground and even the field. We have been playing games to encourage turn taking, listening and learning names. We have drawn Self Portraits and tried writing our names. We have got the hang of routines like school snack and lunchtime. - We have practised for the fire alarm and

changed for PE lessons – twice! We have shared lots of stories, like Pete the Cat and his New Shoes and Pete the Cat and his 4 Groovy Buttons, Dear Zoo, A Pocketful of Kisses and The Colour Monster. We have coloured in our own Colour Monster and talked about favourite colours and made Pockets full of Kisses for our special people. We are looking forward to welcoming our families as guest readers soon.



Beech Class

We have had a fantastic start in Beech Class. In English, we have been designing and writing sentences about dragons...first we wrote a sentence about a dragon Mrs Martin made, then we drew our own dragons and wrote about them! We have had fun forming our letters and using full stops at the end of our sentences. Additionally, the year 2's have been practicing our new letter formation in handwriting, it looks beautiful!

In RE, we are exploring why Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year. we read the book 'David gets in trouble'. This book is about choices that David makes and

how he realises he needs to say sorry. We

learnt the 4 steps Jewish people take when they say sorry (repent).

1. Stop what you are doing
2. Regret what you did (be sorry for what you did)

3. Tell God about it out loud (repentance)
 4. Plan how to not do it again
- We made actions for each step.



In History, we have been exploring medieval castles and what they looked like. We learnt new words like drawbridge, portcullis and battlements! We then labelled our castles.

Holly Class

Holly class have started the term with our key question "What have the Romans ever done for us?"

We considered why it would be useful to learn about a civilisation that started thousands of years ago in a different country. We have begun to explore and find out bits about the empire and we have looked at timelines to work out where in history we are studying.

We looked at the founding of Rome in English. We learned

about Romulus and Remus and we acted out parts of the story to help us learn it. We are retelling it and trying to add more detail and description to our first attempts.

In maths, we've made a great start to the year with lots of place value practice. The Year 3s have got to grips with large numbers and the Year 4s are showing confidence with partitioning and thinking flexibly.

In art, we've designed Roman helmets. These have been put on display with a photo of each child so our Roman display board is now looking fierce. We've also begun to design mosaics inspired by Roman designs.

In science, rocks is proving a popular topic. We have already had lots of minerals, rocks and precious stones being brought in to share and we have enjoyed learning about types of rocks and how they are formed.

Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have had a great start to the new year. We started by discussing our new characteristics, Team Leaders and Friends and our big question; 'What makes a good friend? We have a Friendship Tree in the class where the children can write their suggestions about friendship. Our first English lessons were all about poetry and we used a Pie Corbett poem, 'What I didn't do on the summer holidays' as our focus. The children used their imagination producing some entertaining poems. We have then moved onto watching a film called The Deadly Menace, a short film that is also a poem but was used as an advert for the 2014 Winter Olympics. We are learning lots about figurative language and the effect on the reader.

In maths, we have been exploring Place Value. Every morning we start with a slide that consists of a combination of grammar and maths tasks helping us to become more confident with SATs style questions. The start of our lessons focuses on arithmetic questions and we discuss the most efficient methods for working out calculations using numbers up to 1,000,000.

Science has been about properties and changes of materials and we have discussed how important the properties are for different purposes. We will be investigating changes in materials as well as considering what material would be best for insulation when we start to look more into Shackleton, the Explorer who we will be finding out about in our history, art and geography lessons.

Our learning for life lessons started with some games and questions like, 'Remember an event or time when you felt really scared, but you did it anyway' and the children mentioned lots of vertical water slides! We will be starting our unit of Being Me in My World where we discuss goals for the year and rights and responsibilities in our World. In P.E, we have played many team games as we are a new team again. We will be moving onto Dance after half term and will send a date nearer the time for you to come and watch our final lesson.



WhatsApp Groups

We are very keen to ensure that all families are part of the class groups and other school groups such as the walking bus and FoB. Each class has a representative who can add information and



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additional to any MCAS messages that we send out. If you are unsure who your class rep is, do let us know.

Uniform

Thank you for supporting the school uniform policy – the children have returned to school looking very smart! Just a reminder that bracelets are not allowed in school. This is for safety reasons but also as we don't want them lost or broken.

Wraparound Childcare (before and after school)

This successfully started on Monday 8th September and is being run by Miss Lucie Nevludova. For bookings and further information please see the website.

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/wrap-around-childcare-for-bolney-c-eps-pupils/712320>

Clubs

You will no doubt be aware of the after school clubs that are available but we also run lunchtime clubs which are lead by either adults or our older children. Some of these you will be asked to sign up for in advance: Young Voices for example but the others are ad hoc: chess, book club, art, Hotline and writing for pleasure. If your child is keen to attend one of these, they (or you) can

let their class teacher know. We aim to ensure that there is a rota for the clubs that fill up so that everyone gets the opportunity to attend.

St Mary Magdalene Church news

There is a burial taking place on Friday 19th September at 3pm. The church would be grateful if parents could find alternative parking on this afternoon if possible. Please also be mindful that the burial will be happening directly at pick up time.

Parking

You may have noticed the new fencing along the field by carpark. This is to ensure that cars do not encroach onto areas where the children may be playing. Please do be mindful when reversing as two of the posts have been dented already!

Diary Dates:

See the website calendar for important dates:

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

Please also take time to look at our website, which has a lot of information that you may wish to see, including class pages.

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/home/223209>

**Ms Lofthouse and all staff at
Bolney CEP School**

Friends of Bolney NEWS:

We hope everyone had a lovely summer! We would like to welcome all of the new families joining Bolney school this year and give you a little information about Friends of Bolney CEP – our school's PTA (Parent Teacher Association).

We are a registered charity run by a group of volunteer parents, carers, and teachers, working together to raise vital funds to support and enrich the educational experience of all our children.

From helping to fund workshops, coach contributions for school trips, Bushcraft equipment, a whole school trip to the Pantomime and play equipment to organising fantastic events like the the Bolney Summer Blast, Colour Fun Run, and Quiz Nights – everything we do helps build stronger links between home and school.

Whether you have an hour to spare or big fundraising ideas to share, we'd love for you to get involved. Every little bit of help makes a huge difference!

To find out more or join us, come along to our next meeting or email us at friendsofbolney@gmail.com.

Have a great weekend!
Friends of Bolney