



Newsletter

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Dear families,

It is hard to believe that we are already eight weeks into the new school year. So much has happened already and there is so much to look forward to. We are running another Community Coffee Morning and then in the run up to Christmas, we have a KS1 Nativity, a KS2 Carol Service, the Panto trip and our Christmas Fair to look forward to. Do check the website for dates and times as we would love to see you at these events.

If you would be able to donate a prizes to the Christmas Fair, please let a member of staff know and advance warning that we will be running a teddy and a sweetie tombola at the Christmas Fair if you happen to be having a clearout over half term! More information to come when we are back at school.

If you know anyone with pre-school children looking for a primary school place, then do direct them to our open mornings on 5th and 6th November.

Miss Taylor is becoming Mrs Martin

We wish Miss Taylor, our Beech Class teacher, all of our love and best wishes on her wedding day on Saturday 26th October. I know her class are very much looking forward to seeing photos after the event!

Individual Photos

These have now been distributed to parents to order

online. The last date to order for free delivery back to school is Monday, 4th November.

Singer and Britain's got Talent TOM BALL visit

We were very lucky to have an assembly by Tom Ball this week. The children sang a song with him and talked about their Dreams!

<https://www.bolneyschool.org.uk/web/singer-and-britains-got-talent-tom-ball-visit/699066>

Harvest Donations

On behalf of the Haywards Heath Food Bank, I would like to thank you all so much for your generous and very kind donations from your Harvest Festival, we are so grateful to you all. I am pleased to tell you that the weight of the food collected was 99.80kgs, which is a fantastic amount. Thank you for supporting us in our work to give food to those who come upon difficult times. We are indeed blessed to have people like yourselves who help us provide support to local families, particularly in this time of continuing need.

Willow Class

In Willow Class we have shared stories, like *The Teddy Robber and Rama And Sita – The Story of Diwali*. We have drawn Rama, Sita and Ravana. We have talked about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Light and how it is celebrated. We made and decorated our own clay Diva



lamps for Diwali. We have made pumpkin suncatchers and talked about Autumn. In maths, we have talked about measures, using language like shorter and taller, heavier and lighter, full and empty and continued repeating patterns, making our own with 2 and 3 colours. We have played games to help with our listening and turn taking and continued on our phonics learning journey. We have talked about keeping pants and bodies private and not sharing toilet cubicles with friends. We have talked about our feelings and associating feelings with colours using an approach called Zones of Regulation (more details can be found on the school website).



Beech Class

In computing, we have been exploring how to use a laptop and safe ways of communicating online. We learnt about email and how adults use it. We sent a class email to Mr Pitt asking

about what he had for lunch! It only took him 6 minutes to respond. If we sent him a letter it would have taken days! Therefore, we learnt that email is a fast way of professionally communicating.

In maths, the Year 2s have started to explore column addition. We had fun making our own sums. The Year 1s have been adding number bonds to 10. After half term we look at numbers to 20!

In English, we were studying the text 'Traction Man'. He is a toy that goes on adventures around his owner's house. We created freeze frames and small pieces of drama to show a new adventure he could go on!



Holly Class

Holly Class have been learning about strategies we can use to solve word problems in maths this week.

Hockey skills are coming along nicely and we are loving circuits with our PE coach.

In English, we have been writing diary entries about living in our village and using our senses to describe how it feels to be there.

In History, we have been justifying the impact of the Stone Age and whether changes were big or small and why. It was lovely to see Mrs Green in school on Friday too!

Silver Birch Class

Silver Birch have had another busy two weeks since the last newsletter. The Year 6's completed their Bikeability course, some children took part in a rugby event, we've had another Godly Play session and we had an amazing visit from Tom Ball!

Our second Godly Play session started with us all watching Lucy from Wintershall telling us three bible stories. We then had the joy of making the resources for these stories whilst sharing the scripts with each other. After half term, we will share the stories with other classes.



In English, we are writing our top copies of our narratives. We used editing stations to help us edit and improve our drafts. We are planning what illustrations to do to go with our writing. We also have completed our non-fiction writing about Pharaohs. We shared these with Willow Class. They thoroughly enjoyed sharing these and in addition, they learned lots about Egyptian Pharaohs.

In science, we have been learning about the impact of drugs and alcohol on our bodies. We had to sort statements into whether we thought they linked to exercise or diet and we discovered that most connected to both diet and exercise and how they link together.

In P.E, in Hockey, the children have been making up their own games for watch other using various equipment provided. The only aspect they had to include was the use of the hockey stick and showing dribbling and passing skills. The children created some brilliant games and it was great fun!



Another exciting event that took place this half term, was a visit from Little Lifesavers, a charity that offers lifesaving sessions to children. The children sensibly took part in learning life saving skills and asked some thoughtful and mature questions. Please take a look at your child's certificate to find out more.



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

Following on from the wonderful Coffee Morning earlier this year, some of the children will be hosting another Community Coffee Morning for the residents of Bolney Village on Tuesday 12th November. The school will notify the parents / carers of the children who will be involved.

As many of the residents have been in the village for a long time and shared lots of lovely stories with the children at the last event, this time the school have decided to theme it as a Memory Morning. If you have any photos of the village, the school or village events over the years please bring them along and share them. The children will be very interested to see how the school and village have changed over the years.

Please come along and invite your Bolney neighbours!

We hope to see you there!



Bolney Cafe at the Rawson Hall is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10-4, and we're open this half term!

We serve lovely food, hot and cold drinks (including freshly ground coffee), ice cream and home made cake - all at affordable prices. And, by popular demand, our £3.50 kids menu is back, details on the poster. We are located next to a huge green field and playground, there is plenty of parking and we accept card payments. Hope to see you!

