



Newsletter

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Dear families,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..

With just over a week left of the Autumn Term, classes are busy finishing off assessments and project work, learning lines for the nativity play and songs for the Carol Service. Over the last term, we have been retelling the story of Joseph and linking parts of it to the colours of the rainbow. The children were challenged to remember all the colours in Joseph's coat (according to the song, 'Joseph's coat'). See if your child can tell you!



During our recent Teams morning, groups made angels for the church's 'Visiting Angels' display and they have pride of place by the altar.



There is a huge array of beautiful angels in church – do go and take a look if you are passing. The children noted how they are all unique: just like the angels!

It is a busy week next week so check out the dates at the end of the newsletter and on the website for more information.

Christmas Fair

This was a fantastic success and a huge thanks go to all the children who planned, organised and ran stalls on the day. The children were a credit as always and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the responsibility. Help from staff members and parents was greatly appreciated, as was donations of raffle prizes, tombola prizes and cakes by all. It really was a community effort and having the fair during the school day meant that every child could enjoy the experience too. It will be interesting to see how much money was raised.

Sports Crew

Our newly trained sports crew, ready for action!

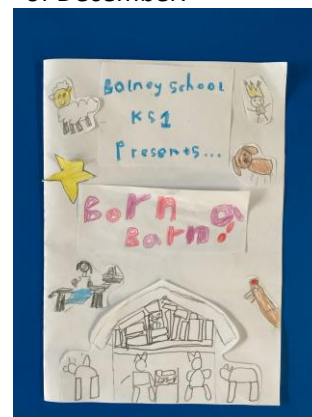


Willow Class

In Willow Class, we have been reading traditional rhymes and stories, like Goldilocks and The 3 Bears, The 3 Little Pigs and The Big Bad Wolf and alternative versions like The 3 Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig. We have drawn the characters and our own ideas for the setting. We have learnt more new sounds. In maths we have been combining numbers to make 5. We have been practising controlling footballs and tennis balls and been negotiating space safely in PE. We have been talked about our families and about how we can demonstrate friendship in Learning For Life. We have been practising for the Nativity and are looking forward to showing you next week.

Beech Class

Our two weeks have been taken over by nativity rehearsals! We have had so much fun learning our lines and practicing songs. We are so excited for the performances on the 16th and 18th of December.



We have also been revisiting all of our maths learning from the term. We have been adding, subtracting and making shapes.

Holly Class

In Holly, we have started writing our non-chronological reports on the Stone Age. We have been learning about paragraphs and when to use adverbs. We have also remembered to include conjunctions in our writing.



In maths, we have been working on the grid method. We were even allowed to draw on the tables!



Science has been really fun as we have been experimenting with eggs. We have predicted what we think will happen to eggs that have been left in different liquids. We have eggs in water, orange juice, vinegar and coke.



Silver Birch Class

In English, we have been continuing to enjoy the text 'The

secrets of the Sun King' and we agreed that Chapter 13 was the best yet. Extremely emotional-ask your child what it was all about.

We have used the text to write a diary from the point of view of Oz, a young boy who gets to experience a trip to Egypt with his friends. Firstly, we used the text to discuss what we knew about Oz. What kind of boy was he? What clues were there in the text that would help us empathise and be able to write as Oz. We have also used our own reading books to find examples of speech, brackets and hyphens- all grammar and punctuation skills we are learning about.

In November, we wrote Haikus about Remembrance Sunday and used poppies to display these- here are some examples:



Maths has been all about fractions or assessment! We have been looking at methods for calculation in Year 6 and the best approach to a problem. Year 5's have started fractions and have shown great confidence in prime, square and cube numbers

In science, we have continued our new project of Forces. We discussed what is meant by the different forces and this week we will be exploring air resistance.

In art, we have finished our sarcophagus coffins and they look amazing. We will take pictures of these and put them in our project books, the children will get to bring them home with their mummifying dolly peg inside!

Thank you to the tarmac fairy who filled in the big hole in School Lane! The upkeep is an ongoing issue that we are still trying to solve so this kindness is hugely appreciated!

Diary Dates:

KS1 Nativity – Monday 16th and Weds 18th December @ 2pm

Whole School Panto –

Tuesday 17th, please bring a large snack in for your child on this day.

KS2 Carol Service – Wednesday 18th – 6:30pm

Xmas lunch – Thursday 19th

Last day of term – Friday 20th @3:15pm

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>

We wish you all a very restful Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 6th January.

Ms Lofthouse and all staff at Bolney CEP School