THE BOLHAM BULLET
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'Together We Aspire, Together We Achieve'

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who attended the Harvest Supper last Friday and the members of FOBS who worked hard to ensure there was plenty to eat. FOBS play such an important role in the life of the school by raising money for extra resources as well as providing a social setting in which our families can meet and have fun. The committee work hard throughout the year to host a range of events such as the Harvest Supper, Christmas Fayre and of course the ever popular end of term BBQ. The team are however always in need of new members and there will be a meeting in school on Wednesday, 18th October at 2:30pm to discuss future events and ways in which FOBS can continue to support the school. Even if you think you can't help out every time, please come along, as the more people we have, the less just one or two people have to do all the time. In the words of the well- known supermarket- 'Every Little helps.'

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Browning for all her hard work as one of our mealtime assistants. Mrs Browning will be finishing in her role as MTA after half term and the school will now be advertising this vacancy. If you would like more details, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the office for further information. Please note that a job share would be considered for this position if you do not want to work all week.

Denise Woodgate

DIARY DATES

23rd October – 27th October – Half Term Holiday
2nd November – Meeting for Class 4 Parents re: Residential visit to Barton Hall
6th/7th November – Parents' Evenings
7th November – Tempest Photography in for School Photographs
10th November – Remembrance Service
17th November – Children in Need 2017
24th November – 28th November - Scholastic Book Fair Open to Children
30th November – Bolham Primary School's Open Evening for New Parents
2nd December – Lantern Parade
6th December - School Christmas Lunch
14th December – School Christmas Carol Concert at St Peters - 6.30pm
Last Day of Term – Friday, 15th December
1st February – School Nurses in to Measure Heights and Weight of Reception & Year 6
6th February – Safer Internet Day
24th March – Red Nose Day (Saturday)
2nd July – Tiverton Challenge for Year 6
3rd July – Year 6 Sample Day at THS
4th July – Year 6 Workshop Day at THS
5th July – Year 6 Sports for All Day at THS
13th July – Sports Day
20th July – Reserve date for Sports Day

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

HEADLICE!

We have had several cases of head lice reported to the school office this week. Please could everyone check their children over the weekend and treat as necessary. Thank you.

REMINDER PARENTS' EVENING LETTERS

Parents' Evening Letters were sent home with the children earlier this week, (a copy of these letters can be found on our school website under 'Key Information'). Please can we remind parents to fill in and return the reply slip to the school office by Wednesday, 18th October. Thank you.

CLASS 4 PARENTS' MEETING – RESIDENTIAL VISIT TO BARTON HALL 2018

We will be holding a meeting for parents regarding next year's residential trip to Barton Hall for the children in Class 4. Parents are invited to meet with Mr Dickinson on Thursday, 2nd November at 3.30pm. Thank you. (Maths Club will not take place on this date).

REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS – SCHOOL TIMES

We have noticed that some children are arriving to school late and causing a disruption when going into their class. We would like to remind parents that children should be dropped off to school at 8.45am – please do not leave your child unsupervised before this time, as there is no teacher on duty in the playground. The bell rings for morning registration at 8.55am. **Please could we also ask that parents enter the school grounds via one of the gates into the playground rather than the school reception area. Thank you**.

SWIMMING SESSIONS

The last swimming session for children in Year 4 will be on Tuesday, 17th October.
Swimming sessions for Year 3 will commence after half term, beginning on Tuesday, 7th November.
Please note: there will not be a swimming session immediately after half term on Tuesday, 31st October.

TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER - ARRANGEMENTS – TUESDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER

Our school photographer will be coming on Tuesday, 7th November. This year we would like to request that Bolham pupils with siblings who attend another school arrive at 8am to have their photographs taken first and then pupils with pre-school siblings arrive at school at 8:30am. Thank you.

AFTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

The last session of after-school Football Club will be next Wednesday (18th October), the sessions will re-commence on Wednesday, 8th November.
Please note: there will not be an after-school football club session immediately after half term on Wednesday, 1st November.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH – WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER

We would like to inform Parents/Carers that we will be having our school Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, 6th December. We will inform parents of the food choices for the Christmas lunch, as soon as our Kitchen Manager has finalised the menu. **If your child will not be having the Christmas Lunch please can you let the school office know, so we can give our Catering Manager an idea of numbers. Thank you.**

REMINDER - PAYMENT OF SCHOOL MEALS (KS2)

Please note that all dinners must be paid for in advance

We would also like to remind parents that payment for school meals can be sent into school on a weekly basis (in advance) to avoid building up a debt, or you may choose to pay termly/half termly. The cost of a school meal is £2.45. If you require Dinner Money envelopes, they can be collected from the school office. Cheques must be made payable to 'Devon County Council'. Thank you for your co-operation.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

A special mention to Holly Chappell for being inspired by her reading book and creating a sock puppet at home.

Class 2

A special mention to Hugo Lathwell for imaginative work in Literacy.

Class 3

A special mention to Coen Marks for helping keep us organised.

Class 4

A special mention to Ella Howe for supporting others with their learning.

LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

Esme Parker: For her fabulous retelling of the Gingerbread Man with stick puppets she had made. Well done!

Class 2

Holly Atkins: For tackling some very tricky Maths this week.

Jacob Ogilvy: For an excellent 'can do' attitude in Maths this week.

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Class 3

Ruben Mortimore: For fantastic writing bringing all his learning together and checking for errors.

Grace Cottrell: For great effort in all her learning and the confidence to share with the class.

Class 4

Sam Frost: For showing an improved mind set towards his learning.

Alfie Coker: For his focus on his learning particularly in Maths and English.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TIVERTON MUSEUM EVENTS
21 to 28 October 2017
Museums at Night,
Thursday, 26th October
For further information see www.tivertonmuseum.org.uk
Leaflets available from the School Office

MID DEVON SPORTS DEVELOPMENT
Football Roadshows
Dates: 23rd, 24th & 25th October
Venue: Heathcoat Primary School, Tiverton, Age: 5-12 year olds
Time: 9:30am – 3:30pm (Coaches on site from 9am if you wish to drop off early, Price: £12 per day, £20 for two days & £25 for three days.
Children will need to bring a packed lunch along with snacks for Mid-Morning and Afternoon.
Or ring Paul on 07977 041674 or email mdsd@live.co.uk Please make cheques payable to MDSD.

FOBS NEWS

Next FOBS meeting will be on Monday 16th October, 8pm Hartnoll Hotel. We will be discussing how we will build on the success of the Digger Bucket Challenge, Music at Bolham and the Christmas Fayre. All welcome.
Or if you can't make the evening meeting join us: Wednesday 18th October, 2.30pm, at Bolham School
More members needed.