

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



Dear Parents/Carers

On Tuesday 8 of our Year 3 and 4 pupils represented the school at a Tiverton High School tag rugby tournament. Mrs Beach and Mrs Hague supported the children at this event and I am delighted to be able to inform you that the team were the overall tournament winners. Congratulations go to Dylan Tron, Charlie Valentine-Marsh, Sunny Webber, William Findlay, Oliver Hanks, Carly Kelland, Levinia Tron and Oliver Slade and many thanks to Mr Williams for coaching the team after school on a Friday.

On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 5 pupils competed for their place in this year's Jaguar Challenge event. I would like to thank our governors Mrs Cullerne and Miss Rolfe for taking time to judge the team presentations. Miss Rolfe commented that 'It was wonderful to listen to them talk about their teams and roles, their investigations, designs, plans for improvements and why they thought they should go through to the regional contest. All teams were able to name the forces that might slow their cars and it was impressive to hear them talk confidently about friction, air resistance, gravity and aerodynamics. It was also great to hear about their learning, from this project. They described both practical skills, such as using the silhouette cutter, and social skills, working together effectively as a team, helping one another, listening and deciding things fairly.'

Congratulations to teams IKAT (Iga Poplawska, Kelsey Shankland, Adam Garnsworthy and Tom Lathwell), Rapid Racers (Sophie Buckingham, Libby Woodman, Alfie Coker and Harvey Ogilvy) and Lightning Eagles (Sam Bingham, Melissa Reed, Joshua Browning and Ella Howe) who will represent the school at the event which will be held at the 'New Technologies' building at Petroc on Monday, 15th May. An invitation for parents to attend will be sent out nearer the time.

Our Year 6 Rotary Youth Speaks winners will be delivering their speech to the whole school on Friday, 24th February at 10:30am. We would like to invite all of our parents along to hear them as this will help them practise in front of a larger audience.

After half term, we will once again begin our training for the Rotary Club Exmoor Challenge 2017. Mr Moakes, Chair of Governors, and Mr Chris Lines will be leading this year's practice walks. There will be a meeting for Year 6 pupils and parents on Thursday 23rd February at 3.30pm to find out more about this exciting adventure.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Cumes and the Year 1 parents for their support in transporting the children to swimming this week. Without you, the children would not have been able to complete their final week of swimming and I am extremely grateful for all your help.

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Denise Woodgate

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

TUESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY - YEAR 5 SWIMMING SESSIONS

A letter was sent home earlier this week, regarding swimming lessons which will begin after half-term on Tuesday, 21st February for all the children in Year 5 at Tiverton Swimming Pool. There will be a block of 6 sessions in total, with the last session being on Tuesday, 28th March. The children will be transported to and from the sessions by minibus. We would be grateful if you could complete the permission slip and return to the school by Monday, 20th February 2017. Thank you.

AFTER-SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

The next session of After-School Football Club will re-commence on Wednesday, 22nd February. The cost will be £10 for 5 weeks, which should be paid directly to Mr Paul A'Lee at the first session.

Thank you.

POLITE NOTICE - PARKING

Please do not park in our coach bays at 3:30pm as this blocks our school transport and makes the drivers late for their next pick up. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

SPORTS NEWS

TEAM REPORT - YEAR 3/4 TAG TEAM RUGBY TOURNAMENT AT THS

On 7th February, we had to take part in a Tag Rugby Tournament at THS on the astro-turf. There were some players we knew and some we didn't. At first we were nervous, but as we got into the games, we got more confident. Luckily we won but it was close! We all had to take part because we were a small team.

Reported by Dylan Tron, Charlie Valentine-Marsh, Sunny Webber, William Findlay, Oliver Hanks, Carly Kelland, Levinia Tron and Oliver Slade.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

A special mention to Mela Szpinda for her perseverance with activities even when she finds them tricky.

Class 2

A special mention to Healey Hale-Westcott and Jodie Reed for working independently to write their poems about the first signs of spring in English this week.

Class 3

Special mentions to Theo Fox for staying confident and to Oliver Slade for good focus.

Class 4

A special mention to all of the Year 5's for their effort with the Jaguar Project.

LEARNING LEAVES



Class 1

Harvey Saunders: For his amazing models and detailed descriptions of how they work.

Matthew Slade: For his fantastic effort in phonics even when he finds it tricky.

Class 2

Harry Butcher: Well done for achieving 100% in the maths half-termly progress test and also for working hard to find change from 10p and 20p in maths this week.

Elliot Barnard: Well done Elliot for achieving 100% in the maths half-termly progress test and also for working hard to find change from 50p in maths this week.

Class 3

Darcey Tarr: For making a great effort to achieve her best in all her learning.

Will Findlay: For some super reading comprehension work.

Well done to all the team for winning this week's Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament. Mr Williams.

Class 4

Sam Bingham: For demonstrating a growing improvement in both his English and Maths.

Kian Bedwell: For 100% in the latest Maths Assessment. Well done!

DIARY DATES 2016/2017

13th February - 17th February - Half Term Break

23rd February - Exmoor Challenge Meeting for Year 6 Parents at 3:30pm

24th February - Rotary Youth Speaks Winners Speech for Parents at 10:30am

4th March - Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk (Simonsbath)

13th March - Parents' Evening

15th March - Parents' Evening

18th March - Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk (Exford)

25th March - Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk (Dunkery)

31st March - Last Day of Spring Term

8th April - Exmoor Challenge Practice Walk (reverse)

18th April - Non Pupil Day

19th April - First Day of Summer Term

1st May - Bank Holiday

29th May - 2nd June - Half Term Break

3rd July - Tiverton Challenge for Year 6

25th July - Last Day of Summer Term

FOBS NEWS

FOBS Secretary

FOBS need someone to fill the role of Secretary. Liz Cullen has done a fantastic job, however due to other commitments she has stood down and we need a replacement. If you are interested in helping to raise funds for our school please get in touch: andrew@lathwell.com /07989 412 463

FOBS Meeting Date

Please accept my apologies, I circulated the wrong date for the March FOBS meeting. The date is to be announced, please keep an eye on the bullet.

17 in 2017 Laptop Initiative

FOBS have launched *Bolham School's 17 in 2017 Laptops Initiative*. The aim is to add a further 17 laptops to the 15 that we purchased in 2015-16, this will be our fundraising priority this year. Please keep an eye on the Bullet to see how you can help.

Andrew Lathwell (Chair of FOBS)

COMMUNITY NEWS



Want to play football at a fun and friendly local club?

Twyford Spartans are looking for boys and girls in all age groups,
years 1-6

We are currently offering **TWO FREE** taster sessions during
February & March at Exe Valley Leisure Centre Astro pitch.

Years 2, 3 & 4 Tuesday 6-7pm.

Years 5 & 6 Thursday 6-7pm.

Year 5 Girls Thursday 7-8pm

Please contact Paul Alee for further details
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