

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



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday this week, Class 1 and Class 2 visited Paignton Zoo as part of this term's learning focusing on Africa and different animal habitats. The children practised their map reading skills around the zoo and we were delighted to see the new baby giraffe who is only a week old. Thank you to everyone who supported this very enjoyable learning experience.

Year 5 visited Petroc on Wednesday afternoon to test out their cars in preparation for this year's Jaguar Challenge. The teams now have some last minute adjustments to make before the big event on Monday, 15th May. Thank you to Mr Dickinson and Mrs Beach for all their hard work.

Tomorrow, Mollie Underhill Bethany Moakes, Jay Lenton, Polly Mortimore, Ben Squire, Kian Bedwell, Isla Findlay and Seren Leslie are taking part in The Exmoor Challenge 2017. The teams have worked incredibly hard this year and trained in some difficult weather conditions, but their determination to succeed and their resilience has shone through. I know you would want to join me in wishing the teams the very best of luck as they take part in the 16 mile walk over Exmoor. Thank you to Mr Moakes for organising the training this year and to all those who have supported him and accompanied the children on their training walks.

Finally, thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Survey last term. The data is being analysed and the Governors will be reporting their findings back to you before half term.

Denise Woodgate

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS -
THE EXMOOR CHALLENGE - TOMORROW!

All participants will need to meet on the tennis courts at Dulverton School 30 minutes before their team start time tomorrow. Late arrival will result in team time delay.

The start times for the two teams are as follows:-

Bolham Team 1 - 09.01 (Bethany Moakes, Jay Lenton, Polly Mortimore & Mollie Underhill)

Bolham Team 2 - 09.10 (Isla Findlay, Seren Leslie, Kian Bedwell & Ben Squire)

We will ensure that the teams are provided with a compass, map, whistle, torch, survival bag and first aid kits etc. However, parents will need to ensure that their children are provided with their own food and drink, stout suitable footwear (not wellington boots), warm clothing, emergency rations, waterproofs, hat and gloves. A letter with all the details has been sent home earlier this week.

In the event of any problems on the day itself, please can we ask that you contact
Mr Stephen Moakes. Thank you

DIARY DATES 2016/2017

- 29th April - The Exmoor Challenge Walk
1st May - Bank Holiday
4th May - Polling Day - Devon County Council Elections (School will be open)
15th May - Jaguar Challenge Regional Finals
29th May - 2nd June - Half Term Break
7th - 9th June - Class 4 Residential to Heatree House, Dartmoor
8th June - Polling Day - Parliamentary Election (School will be open)
12th - 16th June - Year 5 Bikeability
26th June - Two Rivers Festival - Bolham Singers to perform.
29th - 30th June - Class 3 Residential to The Pinkery Centre, Exmoor
3rd July - Tiverton Challenge for Year 6 Pupils going to THS in September
4th July - THS Sample Day for Year 6 (9am - 3pm)
4th July - Year 6 Parents' Evening at THS (6pm - 8pm)
5th July - 'Stay & Play' Afternoon for new EYFS Children
5th July - THS Sample Day for Year 6 (9am - 3pm)
6th July - THS Sample Day for Year 6 (9am - 3pm)
6th July - Year 6 Parents' Evening at THS (6pm - 8pm)
12th July - 'Stay & Play' Afternoon for new EYFS Children
12th July - Transition afternoon for all children to new Classes for Sept 2017
14th July - Sports Day
21st July - Year 6 Leavers' Dinner at The Hartnoll Hotel
21st July - Reserve date for Sports Day
25th July - Last Day of Summer Term

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

TO PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN IN YEARS 4, 5 & 6 HEALTH RELATED BEHAVIOUR SURVEY

Our School, along with many others, has agreed to participate in a very important Health Behaviour Survey of children and young people. The survey supports the work of Devon County Council and its partners in the NHS. A letter with all the details has been sent home today with the children in Years 4, 5 & 6. (A copy of the letter can also be found on the school website under 'Key Information').

REMINDER - POLLING DAY - THURSDAY, 4TH MAY

On Thursday, 4th May the school will be used as a Polling Station for the Devon County Elections. Please note that the school will remain open as usual. Pupils in Class 1 will be working in the school hall and out in the school grounds on the day. Please can all Class 1 children be brought to the hall for morning registration. Thank you.

LOST PROPERTY

Libby in Class 4 has taken someone else's skort (a skirt with shorts!) by mistake. The skort is black with a white stripe down the sides. We know that there are several other girls at school who have the same skort and so we would ask that everyone checks over the weekend to see if their child has picked up Libby's, (which is clearly named, possibly as 'Ella' rather than 'Libby') so that the skort can be swapped over next week. Thank you.

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to Charlie Valentine-Marsh for passing his Grade 1 Keyboard exam.
Well done Charlie!

Mr Alan Bond, our Keyboard Teacher will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term. Alan has worked for over 9 years at Bolham Primary School supporting so many of our pupils with learning the keyboard. We will be extremely sorry to lose him but appreciate his desire to spend more time with his wife and family. Miss Becky Blackmore will be increasing her hours to ensure that all those children who wish to learn the keyboard have an opportunity to do so.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Mr Stephen Moakes, Chair of Governors who successfully completed the London Marathon on Sunday and raised a substantial amount of money for Children with Cancer UK.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

A special mention to the whole class for their fantastic behaviour on the school trip.
So proud of them!

Class 2

Well done to all of the Year 1 Children for working with great independence in Maths this week.

Class 3

A special mention to Eric Pickering, Luke Cole and Lydia Howe for persevering to make mechanisms in DT.

Class 4

A special mention to all the Jaguar teams that attended Petroc last Wednesday.
Super ambassadors for the school.

LEARNING LEAVES



Class 1

Harvey Saunders: For his fantastic map of the Zoo. Well done!

Archie Mitchell: For improvement with effort and attitude to learning - Fantastic!

Class 2

Harry Hanks: Well done for great work in Maths on finding addition and subtraction facts to 20.

Beatrice Frye: Well done for becoming a free reader this week and great participation in Maths and English.

Class 3

Moss Withers: For a good learning mind-set.

Polly Mortimore: For improvements in her writing.

Class 4

Charlie Valentine-Marsh: For focus in Maths work which has led to success.

Ben Squire: For continued improvement in P.E and great teamwork last week.

London Marathon 2017

I would like to thank all of those who sponsored and supported me for the London Marathon last weekend. It was a slightly hotter day than forecast however this brought the crowds out and the atmosphere was truly amazing. I am delighted to inform you that I completed the 26.2 mile course in a personal best time of 4hrs and 17minutes and am well on target to raise over £1500 for Children with Cancer UK; If you would still like to sponsor me then it is not too late, please follow this link <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StephenMoakes> or alternatively speak to me in person.

Thank you all once again.

Stephen Moakes- Chair of Governors

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