

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week we have had at Bolham Primary School! I am delighted to be able to inform you that last night, Bethany Moakes was awarded the Tiverton Gazette Young Hero Award for her work supporting children suffering in war torn areas such as Africa. The awards ceremony was held at the Tiverton Hotel and hosted by radio presenter Judy Spiers and Tiverton Gazette editor Patrick Phelvin. Bethany was supported by her family and members of staff and made an Oscar winning acceptance speech. Congratulations Bethany, we are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved in your final year at Bolham Primary School. Please read Bethany's Blog on our website for more information.

Congratulations must also go to our IKAT team who represented the school at the Jaguar Challenge National Final in Warwickshire. Whilst the team did not make the final podium, they did incredibly well up against some very stiff competition from much larger schools and Mr Dickinson was very proud of the children. Mr Dickinson's work with the children was also acknowledged at last night's award ceremony in the Teacher of the Year Category. Thank you to staff and parents who travelled to the event and also to Petroc Future technologies staff for all of their support and hard work with the team. Photographs of the event are also available on our website-just look for the Blog.

We have had so many awards this week that we had to have an extra Celebration Assembly on Tuesday. Awards were handed out to our Year 5 pupils for their Bikeability achievements, our year 4 children were presented with their Devon Swim certificates and our young athletes received their Wilcombe Wobbler long distance certificates. Congratulations to everyone involved. A group photograph can be viewed on our Blog.

This morning, our youngest pupils took part in their class assembly where they told us why elephants have large ears and we took part in an animal quiz. Thank you to all the pupils who were so confident, Mrs Worthington, Miss Cotter and Miss Waterman for all their hard work and to all of our families who were able to attend and make the event so special for the children.

Finally, I am also pleased to be able to tell you that the Purple Hoppers Ofsted report has been released. The Ofsted inspection judged Purple Hoppers to be 'Good' in all areas and commented that 'experienced staff use their qualifications and research well to provide children with an exciting range of experiences, for example, building structures with marshmallows and uncooked spaghetti. They support the children well to engage in good learning opportunities as they play. Congratulations to Miss Cotter and Mrs Babb for all their hard work and to owner Mr Stuart Maynard. A copy of the full report can be viewed on our website.

I can hardly wait to see what next week brings!

**Denise Woodgate**

### DIARY DATES 2016/2017

- 26<sup>th</sup> June - Two Rivers Festival 7pm - 8:30pm - Bolham Singers to perform.  
29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June - Class 3 Residential to The Pinkery Centre, Exmoor  
3<sup>rd</sup> July - Tiverton Challenge for Year 6 Pupils going to THS in September  
4<sup>th</sup> July - THS Sample Day for Year 6 (9am - 3pm)  
4<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Parents' Evening at THS (6pm - 8pm)  
5<sup>th</sup> July - 'Stay & Play' Afternoon for new EYFS Children  
5<sup>th</sup> July - THS Sample Day for Year 6 (9am - 3pm)  
6<sup>th</sup> July - THS Sample Day for Year 6 (9am - 3pm)  
6<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Parents' Evening at THS (6pm - 8pm)  
12<sup>th</sup> July - 'Stay & Play' Afternoon for new EYFS Children  
12<sup>th</sup> July - Transition afternoon for all children to new Classes for Sept 2017  
12<sup>th</sup> July - Meeting for Year 2 Parents with Mrs Flower in Class 3 at 3:30pm  
14<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day  
17<sup>th</sup> July - Cinderella Dress Rehearsal (Class 4)  
20<sup>th</sup> July - Cinderella Performances at 2pm and 7pm  
21<sup>st</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Dinner at The Hartnoll Hotel  
21<sup>st</sup> July - Reserve date for Sports Day  
**25<sup>th</sup> July - Last Day of Summer Term**

### SPECIAL MENTIONS

#### Class 1

A special mention to Miss Cotter and Miss Waterman for their help with assembly preparation.

#### Class 2

A special mention to Jasmine Ruby for supporting others with their learning in English.

#### Class 3

A special mention to Eric Pickering for really trying hard and being motivated to learn throughout all subjects this week.

#### Class 4

A special mention to team IKAT for their effort representing Bolham at the Jaguar Finals - Well done.

A special mention to Mrs Beach for all her effort and support throughout the Jaguar Project

A special mention to Mrs Flower, thank you for all your support with the Jaguar Presentation.

### LEARNING LEAVES



#### Class 1

All Reception Children for being fantastic and standing up to speak in assembly!!  
Paige Simmons, Archie Mitchell, Brodie Roberts and Maxwell Hole for being great role models in our assembly rehearsals.

#### Class 2

Jacob Ogilvy: For independently completing his African animal planning sheet on a Rhino.

Jack Cottrell: For great focus completing his African animal planning sheet on a Lion.

#### Class 3

Summer Pike: For persevering and learning in Maths this week.

Theo Fox: For his increased curiosity in Science.

#### Class 4

Stanley Drew: For his mathematical drawing showing reflection.

Mollie Underhill: For her mathematical line drawing showing 3D shape.

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### MONDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - BOLHAM SINGERS PERFORMING AT THE TWO RIVERS FESTIVAL

Bolham Singers will be participating in this year's Two Rivers Festival at Tiverton High School on Monday, 26th June. The Bolham Singers will be performing a selection of songs and children from Halberton and Two Moors Schools who will also be showcasing their musical talents. The children will be walking to THS with staff for a rehearsal on the day and will require a packed lunch with drink, suitable clothing and/or sun cream depending on the weather.

Children will need to arrive at THS for 6.45pm for the live performance on Monday, 26th June, where they will be met by a member of staff. The performance is expected to end at 8pm, if you are unable to accompany your child, parents will need to make the necessary arrangements for their child/children to be collected at 8.15pm. Please note this is not a 'ticketed' event and seats will be on a 'first come, first served basis'.

### CLASS 3 RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO THE PINKERY CENTRE 2017

THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE - FRIDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Please can we ask that the children arrive at school on time as we plan to leave as soon as the bus is ready. All kit should be put in the classroom and parents/carers are welcome to stay and wave us off if you wish. Any medication to be administered to your child will require a medical consent form to be completed by the parent; the forms are available from the school office. Please ensure that all medication is named and handed to Mrs Flower on arrival at school. Please remember a backpack and named water bottle, but remember that lunch is being provided on both days, so a packed lunch is not needed.

We aim to leave Pinkery next Friday at 3.30pm and should be back at school for 5pm. If there are any delays, we will notify you by text so please ensure we have up to date contact details for you.

### YEAR 6 SWIMMING SESSIONS - FIRST SESSION TUESDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY

A letter has been sent home today to the parents/carers of children in Year 6. Swimming sessions will begin on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July at Tiverton Swimming Pool. There will be a block of 4 sessions in total, with the last session being on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July. The children will be transported to and from the sessions by minibus (apart from Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July - please see letter for further details). A copy of the letter can be found on the school website under 'Key Information'. We would be grateful if you could complete the permission slip and return to the school by Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

### P.E KITS FOR CLASS 3 & 4

We would like to ask parents/carers of children in Class 3 & 4 to ensure that P.E kits are in school each day. The children are practising for Sports Day whenever possible depending on the weather!  
Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### LOST PROPERTY

Polly Mortimore has lost her orange tennis racquet; if found please return to the school office. Many thanks.

### **MR BOND**

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. We will be taking a collection for Mr Bond; for anyone wishing to contribute, please see the School Office. Many thanks.

### **FOBS NEWS**

#### **FOBS funding update**

FOBS are pleased to announce that we have received £350 from the Norman Family Trust and £350 from the Heathcoat Trust, these donations will go to funding two more laptops. Plus - we have received £200 from the Veronica Awry Charitable Trust; this donation will go towards funding Music at Bolham.

#### **New FOBS Secretary**

I am delighted to announce that we have a new FOBS secretary, Jodie Mortimore; Jodie has brought her enthusiasm and energy to FOBS. We need more new members - all welcome.

#### **The Bolham Primary Digger Bucket Challenge**

Move over ice bucket! The Digger Bucket Challenge is a new FOBS initiative with the aim of raising funds for the library. Please keep an eye on the bullet and FOBS notice board for further details.

**Andrew Lathwell - Chair of FOBS**