

The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents/Carers

As another academic year comes to an end we all find ourselves asking 'where did that go?' Whether it was your first or final year at Bolham or if you are part way through your learning journey I am sure you will agree that time at Bolham seems to simply fly by! I know that the teachers and support staff are ready for a well-deserved break as indeed are the children all of whom have worked incredibly hard with learning throughout the school year. We wish all our year 6 pupils the very best as they continue to secondary school and hope they will enjoy their leavers dinner and awards assembly; we know they will all have fond memories of their time at Bolham School.

Diary Dates

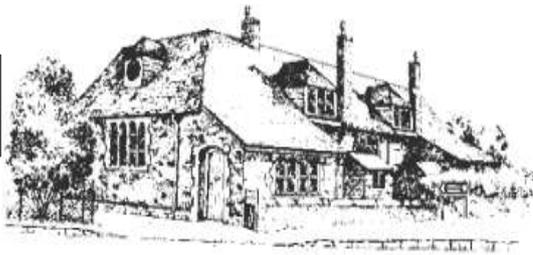
26th July - Last day of summer term
26th July - End of term BBQ
27th July - Non-Pupil Day
3rd & 4th September - Non-Pupil Days
5th September - Term starts
13th September - Meeting for new Year 1 parents - 3.40pm

The Governing Body has faced one of its most challenging years in terms of financial management of the school at a time when budgets are very tight nationally, I would therefore like to thank Abbie Pilling, the School Administrator, for her diligence and comprehensive reports provided to the Governing Body which has enabled us to remain well informed and agree spending priorities along with Mrs Woodgate. We are very pleased that we have been able to continue to commit to many additional non-curricular activities at school and not had to consider redundancies as other local schools have. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank FOBS for their fundraising throughout the year and all those involved in making our new Library and outdoor area for Class 1 possible; these are fantastic facilities to support our children's learning.

Once again, our performance data is of a high standard and we are particularly pleased with the Year 1 phonics results, where 100% of pupils achieved the pass mark and we are confident that we are continuing to ensure sustained progress. We were due our Ofsted inspection this year, but due to a change in the National Framework and their external review timetable the school will now be inspected 2018-19.

As we all know it is not all about academic results and performance at Bolham, as emphasis is always placed on wider development and the citizenship of our pupils. To this end we have continued to enter many team sports throughout the year with football, cricket, running and netball events all taking place. All year groups continue to access swimming and a variety of physical education events through the school with Mr Williams. A number of school trips have taken place to Knightshayes and locally as well as Class 3 and Class 4 residentials. We have also participated in the Youth Speaks Competition, Tiverton In Bloom, Exmoor Challenge and also the Jaguar Challenge which took us to the National Finals once again. We continue to enjoy a wide range of music and art provision across the school and Class 4 will be presenting their end of year show 'Magpie Manor' to their families on Wednesday next week.

Finally, I wish to thank the Governing Body who are often in school helping the children with learning or supporting staff with activities such as group reading or accompanying school trips which really enables them to get to know the school, the staff and the children. The Governing Body really do know and see first-hand what is achieved on a daily basis in school and the challenges faced, they can also see the impact decisions they have made. The Governing Body also work tirelessly behind the scenes reviewing policies and procedures, looking at finances,



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pupil data and performance as well as setting the strategy for the school moving forward. All of this is completed voluntarily and I feel very privileged to have a full team of governors who are so very committed to Bolham School.

In the meantime, may I thank you all for your hard work and commitment throughout the year and hope you have an enjoyable summer however you may be spending it.

'Together we aspire, Together we achieve'.

Stephen Moakes
Chair of Governors
National Leader of Governors

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

Miss Cotter, Mrs Cottington, Mrs Cole and Mrs Chappell for coming along on our trip to Knightshayes. Thank you for your help.

Class 2

All the children who have found out about Tiverton in the past for their homework - we have even had children visit the museum and Knightshayes to find out more.

Class 4

Ella Howe - For helping out with taking pictures on Sports Day. Thank you

LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

For the whole of Class One for some fantastic maths with Smarties. Well Done!

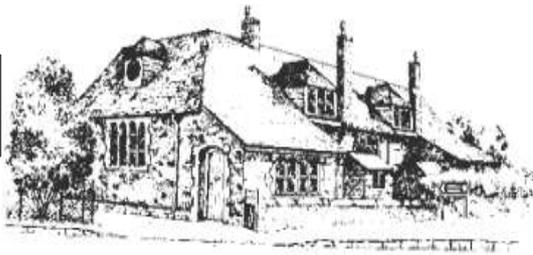
Class 2

Isabella Ng - Great use of Phonics in spellings and learning key words.
Jacob Ogilvy - Excellent attitude to learning. Great determination with reading all year.

Class 4

Kelsey Shankland - For her accuracy when drawing spirals.
Bradley Jones - For his coding work drawing spirals.

The whole school for fantastic effort in all aspects of PE throughout the year.
(Nick Williams, Sports Coach)



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E-SAFETY

You may be aware from the media about the new and very popular video game Fortnite, which is an online shooter game. We have recently received information and advice that whilst this game is not automatically dangerous, it does carry some risks.

In order to help you keep your child safe whilst online, we are attaching an information factsheet to this week's Bullet to help you decide whether you're happy for your child to play the game, and if required how to set up parental controls. The factsheet will also be posted on the school website, so please just go to: http://www.tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk/safeguarding/?preview_id=478&preview_nonce=199b9e31cf&thumbnail_id=612&preview=true

CAR PARKING

This week has been particular difficult with regards to parking. In our locality as a school we recognise the local difficulties with parking and are extremely grateful to the Hartnoll Hotel for allowing us use of their car park in the mornings and at 3.30pm. Please can I ask that wherever possible, parents and children share transport to school or consider alternative means of transport in order to reduce the amount of traffic around the site. If this is not possible, please could we once again politely request that parents consider the local residents and ensure that parking does not obstruct driveways or block emergency vehicle access.

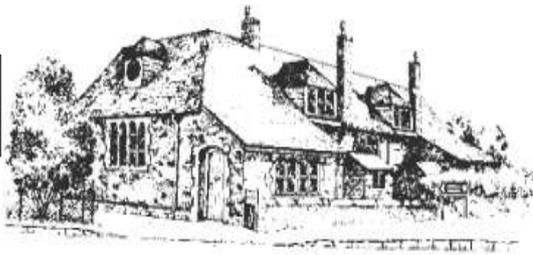
Thank you for your support with this matter

WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO READ THIS SUMMER?

The Tiverton Library is running Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved iconic children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary. The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged four to eleven, and encourages them to keep up their reading skills and confidence over the long summer break. It is run in almost all libraries in the UK and it is completely free. Our children were introduced to this year's challenge by local Tiverton librarian, Jenny Bell and I know that many of the children were eager to become involved.

The challenge is great fun, so why not pop along to Tiverton Library this summer and enjoy some reading time with your children.

For further information please go to - <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers>



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

END OF TERM BBQ

On Thursday 26th July FOBS will be holding an end of term BBQ and picnic with burgers, hot dogs, tea, coffee, ices and bouncy castles. Please could parents bring salads and desserts and their own plates and cutlery. If any parents would donate cakes for the BBQ that would be appreciated.

Call for help - is there anyone who will be able to help supervise the bouncy castles and regulate the number of children? Parents and carers will be responsible for their children. We also need helpers to serve food and refreshments.

NO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB ON THE LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM

We would like to advise parents that due to the end of term BBQ taking place, there will be no after-school club provision on Thursday, 26th July.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL MEALS

Please could we remind parents that all outstanding dinner money debts must be paid by Thursday 26th July. Some outstanding debts now exceed £100 and this money, if not paid, will have to be taken from the school's budget and as such have an impact on the amount of money we can spend on the children in September.

LAST DAY OF TERM

On Thursday 26th July, the school kitchen will be offering veggie sausages instead of fajitas. Also, jacket potatoes, yogurt and fruit will be subject to availability.

CLASS 2 TRIP

Reminder! There is a Class 2 trip to Tiverton Town Centre on Monday 23rd July. Please ensure your child has a snack and drink for the trip.

FOOTBALL CLUB

The last session of football club was Wednesday 18th July. There will not be a session next week.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Bolham Recreational Field Committee for donating the herb boxes to the school.

SCHOOL MEALS

On the return to school on 5th September 2018 we will be starting from week one on the lunch menu but the Wednesday choice of Gammon will be Chicken for this week only.