



# The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a lovely Christmas. Regrettably Mrs Woodgate is poorly at present so it is my pleasure to bring you the first Bolham Bullet of 2019. I understand from all the staff that everyone has returned to school focussed on learning and have settled down quickly to the daily routine.

As you will remember we were inspected by OfSted on the 18th December 2018 as such I am thrilled to inform you that Bolham Primary School has been rated as 'Good' once again. The full letter will be published on the OfSted and School website however I would just like to highlight a few key points to celebrate:

"Alongside Governors a strong team of committed staff the Headteacher has ensured that the 'Bolham Family' are a happy, thriving community".

"The school continues to improve. Pupils have a strong appetite for learning and enjoy coming to school".

"Leaders have made good progress towards tackling the areas for improvement identified at the previous inspection".

"The Headteacher, the staff and your governing body give the safety of pupils the highest priority".

"The schools leader for special educational needs has a very good knowledge of the needs of the pupils and their families. She is proactive in accessing support".

"Governors have a good understanding of the schools strengths and relative weaknesses. Governors use the information they gain wisely to challenge leaders and to redirect resources where necessary".

I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, carers and friends for your support of our school. It is a delight to have such well-mannered and enthusiastic children learning within our school and everyone is very proud of them and their achievements. A full review of the report will be undertaken by the Governing Body and staff so that we can continue to improve by building on our successes and recognising those areas where improvements can be made.

Finally can I thank and congratulate all our staff, Governors and especially our children for their constant hard work and commitment to make Bolham School such an amazing place.

'Together we aspire, together we achieve'

Best Wishes

Stephen Moakes  
Chair of Governors  
National Leader of Governors

## Diary Dates

18<sup>th</sup> January - Youth Speaks  
18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Half term  
8<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Easter holidays  
13<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATS week  
27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half term  
10<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics test week Year 1 only  
13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June - Class 3 Residential  
19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June - Class 4 Residential  
5<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day  
12<sup>th</sup> July - Reserve Sports Day  
18<sup>th</sup> July - Class 4 performance  
19<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers Assembly  
19<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term



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## **FOBS UPDATE**

Happy new year from all the Friends of Bolham School (FOBS) team.

We had a very successful 2018 and funded equipment and learning experiences that benefitted every child at Bolham. Our Christmas Fair and Christmas card sales raised nearly £1,000, thank you for your support.

For 2019, one of our main aims is to raise £400 to assist the Jaguar Challenge, this will allow us to purchase a 3D printer, we will be the only primary in Tiverton with such equipment. This will help our children learn about aerodynamics and vehicle design and engineering. We have already received £100 from a local charitable trust.

FOBS will also continue to raise funds to purchase further laptops.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

### **FOOTBALL**

Football will start again next week. Please note that it is changing from **Wednesday** to **Thursday** after school. It is £10 for 5 weeks.

### **FRONT ENTRANCE**

We have noticed that a lot of children are using the front entrance when coming into school in the morning. Please could we ask that unless you have something for the front office that can't be handed over through the blue boxes in each classroom, you use the side entrances to school.

Thank you.

### **DONATIONS**

Please could we ask for donations of cardboard, yogurt pots and tubing that can be put towards junk modelling. Thank you.