



The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to inform you that a number of our pupils have been successful in this year's Young Writers Ancient Adventures competition and their work has been chosen for publication in Ancient Adventures 2019 - Devon. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Phoebe B, Freya, Beau, Dorothy, Coen, Harry B, Elliot, Edward, Jodie, Healey, Poppy, Briony, Winnie and Max on their fantastic achievement and can't wait to read their stories when the book is published.

You may be aware from recent media reports that school across the country are taking part in EYFS baseline pilot tests. Bolham Primary School has been asked to take part in this pilot and our EYFS children have been selected to take part in some simple baseline assessment. As a school, we have always assessed children upon entry as part of our assessment for learning and next steps and as part of our usual practice the children will have the opportunity to sit individually with Mrs Worthington to do some activities involving counting or talking about a picture. Please be assured that children will not be required to sit any formal tests involving a test paper under timed circumstances. If you wish to discuss any aspect of our assessment process with your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Due to the confidential aspect of the pilot however we are unable to share assessment materials with you.

Next week, Mrs Worthington and Mrs Hillier are offering parents of pupils in their classes to come along and learn more about the way in which we teach phonics, the Year 1 phonics assessment and the expectations in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of Year 2. The meeting will be taking place in Class 2 and a crèche will be available in Class 1 for the children.

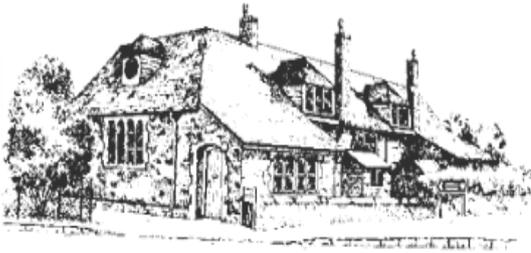
Finally, is your child in Class 1 or Class 2, or entitled to free school meals in Classes 3 and 4? If so, please can you help by ensuring that your child has a school dinner on Thursday, 3rd October. This is the day when the School Census is taken and if all of our children have the meals they are entitled to, the school will be given the money required to offer free school meals to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils and those pupils entitled to free school meals in Key Stage 2. If children do not take up their provision on Thursday, 3rd October, but have meals throughout the rest of the year, the cost has to come from the school's general budget which means there is less money to spend on teaching and learning. You will be aware I am sure of increasing financial pressures on schools and at Bolham Primary School we would like to spend all of our money on the children's education. If you feel that you can help us in achieving this and your child is in Class 1 or 2 or entitled to free school meals in Class 3 or 4 please encourage them to take up their school meal **this Thursday** and help us to help your children.

Mrs Denise Woodgate
Headteacher, Bolham Primary School

Together We Aspire, Together We Achieve

Diary Dates

- 1st October - Phonics Meeting
- 8th October - Harvest Festival
- 21st-25th October - Half Term
- 28th October - Bikeability Year 6
- 14th November - Tempest in for School Photos
- 30th November - Lantern Parade
- 6th December - Christmas Fair
- 19th December - Carol Service
- 20th December - Last day of Autumn Term
- 7th January - Start of Spring Term
- 17th-21st February - Half Term
- 27th March - Last Day of Spring Term
- 14th April - Start of Summer Term
- 20th April - Bikeability - Year 5
- 8th May - Bank Holiday
- 11th May - KS2 SATs
- 21st May - Wilcombe Wobbler
- 25th-29th May - Half Term
- 17th July - Last day of Summer Term



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MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 1st October in Class 1 for all parents to meet with Mrs Hillier and Mrs Worthington. The focus of this meeting will be how phonics is taught, explain the Year 1 test and provide Year 2 parents with an opportunity to see the standard expected in maths and reading in the Key Stage 1 tests.

A crèche will be operating in Class 2 for the children and younger siblings who wish to join in.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

ANNUAL CONSENT FORM FOR OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

We have sent home Healthcare Plans, please can these be returned to the office as soon as possible even if there no medical issues. Please can we also have returned any outstanding SOE3 consent forms and parental consent forms. If you need another copy of any of the forms please see the school office.

CHANGE TO PUDDING - SCHOOL MEALS THURSDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Please note there will be a change to the pudding due to the census date on Thursday 3rd October. The pudding will now be chocolate cake with chocolate icing.

FRONT DOOR

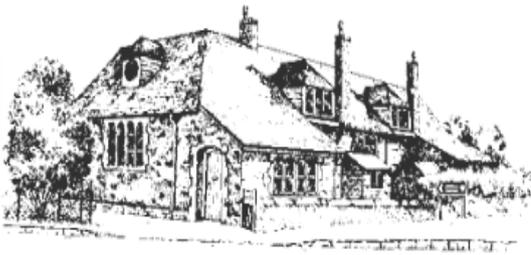
Please can we request that unless you need to speak to a member of staff in the office in the mornings that you do not come in via the front door. Many thanks.

SNACKS

We have noticed that some children are bringing chocolate and cakes for their snacks. Could we please request that a healthier option is given instead.

COATS

Can we request that children are sent in with coats please as the weather is unpredictable at the moment.



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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

Special mention to Sophia Kendryna for being so helpful and fantastic at tidy up time.

Class 2

Special mention to Tommy Withers - Another terrific week, well done. Tommy is a really good role model to others in our class.

Class 3

Special mention to Holly Atkins for making some beautiful 'quiet critters' for the class. Thank you so much!

Class 4

Special mention to Cara Leslie for when she had finished her Maths, set about to immediately help others - good attitude.

Special mention to Levinia Tron for being helpful and supportive during Class 3 PE - Mr Williams, Sports Coach

LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

Isabelle Ruby - For her fantastic Maths skills this week. Well done!
Alistair Wych - For his independent writing about the 3 little pigs. Well done!

Class 2

Jack Snell - Excellent attitude to writing this week.
Morgan Broadbent - Wow! Excellent 3 pigs writing this week.

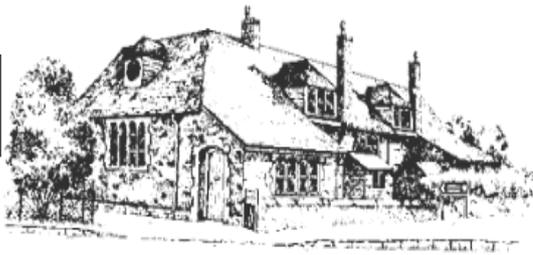
Class 3

Sophia Gulliver - For the amazing effort you've put into all your work, but particularly your Maths work. You completed some superb ordering.
Eva Armstrong - She is always doing the right thing! She has excellent diligence with her work and sets a superb example to others. Well done!

Class 4

Jake Woodman - For his clear written work. Keep it up.
Lilly Davies - For her presentation and effort with her English work.

Gethin and Emily for being helpful and supportive during Class 3 PE - Mr Williams, Sports Coach



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FOBS HARVEST SUPPER 11TH OCTOBER 6PM

Friends of Bolham School (FOBS) would like to invite parents, pupils, relatives and friends to the FOBS Bring and Share Harvest supper on Friday 11th October in the School Hall from 6.00pm. We would also appreciate it if each family could contribute a dish to be shared - either a potato dish or a salad or pudding. **Please bring your own plates, cutlery and drinks as this reduces the clearing up time afterwards!**

We would ask that you make a small donation of £3 per person (for adults) and £2 (for children) to cover the cost of the meat, bread rolls, pickles, and cream etc. Any surplus money will go to funding equipment and learning experiences that will benefit every child at Bolham.

A letter will be sent home with your child with a payment slip.



TIVERTON HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING



Tuesday 1 October 6pm to 8pm Talk times: 6:10pm & 7.00pm

Experience life at our school through different activities and challenges.
Meet our Headteacher, subject teachers, current students – and school dog, Bramble.
See our excellent facilities with a school tour.

**Plus: open mornings available on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th October.
Please email for an appointment.**

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