



# The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, in our Celebration Assembly, I was delighted to be able to award so many Swim 100 certificates to children in Class 3. As a school we have always encouraged our children to become proficient swimmers and to exceed the National Curriculum expectations (25m) at the end of Year 6. Given the geography of Devon with its rivers, open waters and two coastlines we firmly believe the ability to swim is essential. Devon County Council's swim programme aims to encourage all children to swim a minimum of 100 metres and acquire a range of water based skills which will build water confidence and lead to a love of water activities. Thank you to all of the team who work so hard to support our children and encourage them.

This term is an incredibly busy one, so here is a reminder of the key events in our calendar. On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, our Year 5 and 6 pupils will be leading our annual Remembrance Service at 10.45am in the school hall and we would be delighted if families and friends were able to join us for this event. This year all the children have been making clay poppies and they will be on sale for just £1 with all proceeds being donated to the Royal British Legion who do so much to support members of the armed forces and their families. My thanks must go to Mrs Beach for all of her work in organising this art work. Traditional poppies will also be on sale in school from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

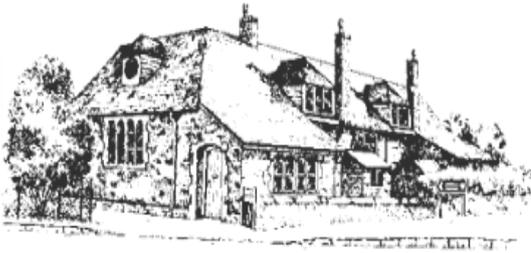
On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November we will be supporting Children in Need with our traditional non-uniform day and cake sale and on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November Class 3 will be representing the school at the Tiverton Lantern Parade. FOBS will be holding the Christmas Fayre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December and Christmas dinner will be served to the whole school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. The last event of the year will be our Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December in St Peter's Church, Tiverton. I do hope you will be able to come along and enjoy as many of these events as possible with us.

Denise Woodgate  
Headteacher, Bolham Primary School

Together We Aspire, Together We Achieve

## Diary Dates

5<sup>th</sup> November - Flu vaccinations  
7<sup>th</sup> November - Class 4 Meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Service  
14<sup>th</sup> November - Tempest in for School  
Photos  
30<sup>th</sup> November - Lantern Parade  
6<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Fayre  
11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch  
19<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service  
20<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of Autumn  
Term  
7<sup>th</sup> January - Start of Spring Term  
17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February - Half Term  
27<sup>th</sup> March - Last Day of Spring Term  
14<sup>th</sup> April - Start of Summer Term  
20<sup>th</sup> April - Bikeability - Year 5  
8<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday  
11<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs  
21<sup>st</sup> May - Wilcombe Wobbler  
25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term  
Week of 8<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonics  
Screening  
10-12<sup>th</sup> June - Class 4 Residential  
9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July Class 3 Residential  
17<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of Summer Term



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### CLASS 4 RESIDENTIAL MEETING

There will be a meeting for parents of children in Class 4 about the residential on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm in Class 4.

### ANNUAL CONSENT FORMS

We have sent home forms to the parents of children whose information we still require, please can these be returned to the office as soon as possible. If you need another copy of any of the forms please see the school office.

### 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.

### ARRIVAL TIMES

Just a reminder to parents that the school doors open at 8.40am and a teacher will be on playground duty from 8.45am. Children must be in school by 8.55am and ready for registration at 9.00am.

### PARKING

Please can we request that parents do not park in the bus bay outside of the school.

### COATS

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

### POPPIES

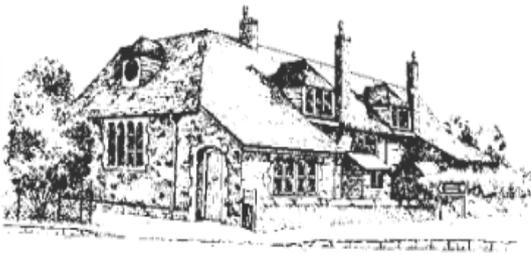
We will be selling poppies, snap bands, wristbands, zip pulls and reflectors in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal from Monday outside Class 4 should you wish to purchase any to support the appeal.

### ADVANCED NOTICE

There will be no After School Club on Christmas Fayre day (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December) or the last day of term (Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December).

### PBONE CONCERT

There will be a concert held at School for Year 4 parents whose children have been learning the trombone on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 11.15. More information to follow in a letter in due course.



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## SPECIAL MENTIONS

### Class 1

Special mention to the whole of Reception as we started Guided Reading this week and they were fabulous!

### Class 2

Special mention to all the children who have been doing maths independent learning. Very impressive.

### Class 3

Special mention to Healey Hale-Westcott for beating my TTRockstar speed!

### Class 4

Special mention to Ruben Mortimore for his maths and written work. Great effort!

## LEARNING LEAVES

### Class 1

Jacob Davis - For his fantastic segmenting and blending in guided reading. Well done!

Eloise Kendryna - For her recognising tricky words in guided reading. Well done!

### Class 2

Rosie Smith - Excellent maths work this week especially with our triangular extravaganza investigation!

Lily Warner-Drew - Excellent reading in school and at home.

### Class 3

Winnie Halsey - For the brilliant effort she's put into her column addition. It's looking accurate and neat. Keep it up!

Claudia Dent - For her superb Roman Shield. You worked really hard, persevered and it looked fantastic!

### Class 4

Cara Leslie - For all of her effort with bikeability.

Coen Marks - For helping out with the computers and helping others when coding.



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## **FOBS CHRISTMAS FAYRE - CALL FOR A FC**

Do you have a relative or friend who is willing to act as FC at the FOBS Christmas Fayre? No previous experience required, outfit provided.

This will be from 3.30pm-5.30pm, on a Friday close to Christmas, the grotto and presents will be organised in advance.

The Christmas Fayre is the main fundraising effort for FOBS and every pupil at Bolham benefits from the money raised so if you have someone who can help it would be much appreciated.

Please could you let me know, Andrew, Chair of FOBS, 07989 412 463, [andrew@lathwell.com](mailto:andrew@lathwell.com)

## **WELL DONE**

Well done to Charlie Valentine-Marsh who has been chosen from 1000 children who auditioned to perform in the Nutcracker this Christmas at the Royal Albert Hall. He will be one of 8 boys playing children in the ballet, dancing as part of Birmingham Royal Ballet. The performances are between Christmas and New Year and will be truly magical.

<https://www.royalalberthall.com/tickets/events/2019/the-nutcracker>