

Welcome to Bolham Primary School

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE
(EYFS)





Together we aspire

Together we achieve

Your journey begins with us!

- ▶ September 2023
- ▶ What do you need to do before then ?
- ▶ What happens on the first day ?
- ▶ What do I do if I'm not sure about something ?
- ▶ What happens through the year ?

Our Staff

Headteacher – Mrs S Milne

Reception - Mrs Worthington & Miss Cotter

Year 1 & 2 – Mrs Hillier, Mrs Batten & Miss Creed

Year 3 & 4- Mrs Middleton & Miss Waterman

Year 5 – Miss Crang & Mrs Withers

Year 6 - Mr Vickery & Mrs Withers

Mrs Leaver, Mrs Grant & Mr Harris– Music Teachers

Miss Bluffield + ? – PE Teachers

Mrs Raven & Mrs T Milne – Swimming Teachers

Mrs Raven, Mrs Babb, Miss Creed - Mealtime Assistants

Miss Green – School Administrator

The Curriculum

- ▶ We have a varied curriculum with practical activities that encourage the development of various skills.
- ▶ We are using a new curriculum this year which incorporates themes that the children will be familiar with.
- ▶ We also spend time looking at different celebrations/special times during the year.
- ▶ We use Phonics Bug as our phonics scheme and White Rose for our maths.
- ▶ You will be invited to a Phonics meeting in the Autumn term.

Uniform

- ▶ Green Jumper/Cardigan
 - ▶ Yellow Polo Shirt
- ▶ Summer dresses/jumpsuits
 - ▶ Grey pinafores
 - ▶ Grey/Black Trousers
- ▶ Black School Shoes – Preferably no laces

▶ PE Kit

- ▶ T-Shirt – Yellow
- ▶ Green Hoodies are available
 - ▶ Black Shorts/Joggers
- ▶ Trainers – Preferably no laces.

Children wearing skirts/dresses may wish to wear shorts underneath.

Your child will need...

- ▶ School Bag – preferably not too big as space is limited. Should fit folder that has been provided.
- ▶ Drink bottle – to be filled with water.
- ▶ Coat – Lightweight is preferred as we do go outside in all weathers. The bigger coats do soak up the water.
- ▶ Wellies are a must as we do go out on walks and explore outdoors in all weathers.
- ▶ Waterproof trousers if possible – we do have some in school but not enough for everyone.
- ▶ Hat – the weather can be unpredictable.
- ▶ Spare clothes bag – this is not only for toileting accidents but also if we get a little messy, which is highly possible.

- ▶ Please label everything!

Classroom Essentials

- ▶ Your child will be provided with a reading folder. This will contain a reading record and book. Your child will need to bring this to school everyday. Reading books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- ▶ Your child will receive homework. This will be set on a Friday and is to be handed in on the following Thursday.
- ▶ Your child's drinks bottle will be kept in the classroom so they will have access to them throughout the day.
- ▶ Your child will have their own peg on which everything they bring will be stored.

Communication

- ▶ Microsoft Teams. As a school we use Teams and in Class One we use it regularly to communicate with you all. Please can we ask that you check this regularly so that messages aren't missed. It is also available as an app.
- ▶ School Blog – On our website we have a blog. Over recent years it has been slightly neglected but this will change next year so keep your eyes peeled!
- ▶ Bolham Bullet – We send out our newsletter every Friday and this will be emailed to you.
- ▶ Emails – Messages from the office will be sent via email. Please ensure all details are correct.
- ▶ If your child is absent due to being unwell or has an appointment then you must contact the office before 9am of the day that they will not be in.



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Class One

by Caroline and Amy | 20th May 2022

Class One

This week we have begun working on our garden. We have been emptying pots, getting new compost and planting. We have had fun so far



What to do if you have a question?

- ▶ You can speak to the classroom staff, Mrs Worthington or Miss Cotter. They are available on the playground before and after school. They can also be contacted via Teams which they check throughout the school day. Messages sent after 16.00 will not get a guaranteed response until 08.00am.
- ▶ In an emergency the office can be contacted. 01884 253576.
- ▶ Our email address is bolham@ventrus.org.uk
- ▶ A note can be given to your child or put in their reading folder and these are checked daily by classroom staff.

First day of school

- ▶ The school playground will be open from 08:45am where children are welcome to come in, find their line, leave their belongings in a space and play. Mrs Worthington and Miss Cotter will be outside to meet you at this time to show you all where Class One's line will be. Parents will not be able to enter the school in the morning so that they children are then able to unpack their own bags. We have found that this has really promoted the children's independence.
- ▶ 08.55 the bell will ring. We ask that parents say goodbye in the line, Miss Cotter will indicate this and assist anyone who needs it. We then ask that parents wait on the playground until our class has walked on. We have found that this has been less distressing for the children who may struggle with saying goodbye. Its less stressful for parents too!
- ▶ 09.00 – We start our day!
- ▶ The first couple of days it will be a time where the children will be getting to know us, other staff members, routines and expectations of school.
- ▶ Please send your child in with a piece of fruit. We are usually provided with fruit that the children will receive daily however, this is not always guaranteed for the first couple of days.

Parking

- ▶ As you are aware parking may be tricky at times.
- ▶ The Hartnoll Hotel have very kindly said that parents are able to use the back car park in the mornings and afternoons. Please do not park in the front car park as priority must be to their customers. This is what we recommend the most.
- ▶ There is street parking but please do so carefully and safely. Be mindful that coaches will drive through here and it is particularly narrow in places.
- ▶ There is a small car park just past the bridge which can be used also.
- ▶ Can we ask that if you do use the car park closest to the school that you do not block other cars in, block empty spaces or park in front of the silver gate. A warning that if you are not in a parking bay, there is a risk of a ticket (not from us!)

Morning & Afternoon Routines

- ▶ Like the first day, dropping off in the mornings remains the same routine. However, as the children become more settled, Mrs Worthington and Miss Cotter will not be out as early every morning.
- ▶ Collection at 15.30 – Parents will be asked to stand along the metal fence/by the shed on the small playground. This will be signposted but please feel free to ask where it is on the morning if you are not sure. Please can we ask that you do not gather near the gate as this can get congested. The children will be called and sent to you.

Before your child starts at Bolham

- ▶ If your child can write their name or begin to recognise some letters that is great however, it is not essential!
- ▶ We ask that children are beginning to use cutlery independently and starting to cut their own food.
- ▶ Using the toilet independently
- ▶ Can share with others
- ▶ Can begin to dress themselves and gaining more independence.

FOBs

Friends of Bolham School is a way for parents to become involved in activities with the school. Over the years FOBS has been raising money that has been used to buy equipment, resources and has even helped to fund transport for school trips.

Bolham Bees

Bolham Bees is our before
and after school care
provision.

Booking for this can be
made by emailing the office.
There are limited spaces.

Parent Pay

- ▶ Parent Pay is the system we use so that parents are able to make payments to school for things such as trips, lunches, Bolham Bees and other activities that may be available.

Ofsted – 2018 Good

- ▶ The 'Bolham Family' is a happy and thriving community
- ▶ I feel that Bolham has provided my child with a fabulous start on life, encouraging confidence and the ability to question and enquire

Any Questions?