



The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school, it was wonderful to see so many happy children and parents on Wednesday and thank you to everyone who made our first day back to school such a positive experience. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Zac, Walter, Rosie, Ava, Charley-Mae, Eloise-Rose, Alex, Morgan, James, Lily, Isabelle, Lilly, Paige, Aria, Myah, Eden, Lucas, Arthur, Winnie and their parents to our school community. I am sure that you will all be very happy at Bolham Primary School, but I know that new routines and expectations can seem a little daunting in the first few weeks. Please remember that staff are always happy to answer any of your questions and I have included some information below for our new parents with regards to Learning Leaves, class assemblies etc.

In order to help everyone plan their diary for the year we have also fixed the dates for our Parent's Evenings this term, as well Harvest Festival, the Remembrance Service, Sport's Day and of course our Christmas Carol Service to name but a few. Please don't forget to check the Bullet regularly for updates, as we would hate for you to miss out on an exciting event.

Last year, we were fortunate that many of our staff, governors and parents volunteered to run after-school or lunchtime clubs and accompanied us on many of our school trips. If anyone has an idea for an after-school club, or would like to volunteer to help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher during the year. Private music lessons will also be available this year with Miss Blackmore who teaches keyboard and Mrs Leaver who teaches ukulele, clarinet, flute and recorder. We will also be welcoming Mrs Pring to our music team who will be offering keyboard lessons as well. If you have any other requests for instrumental lessons, please let me know and I will try to arrange a teacher.

This week we have launched our online payments systems for dinner money and school trip costs. If you have any problems with the new system don't forget that Mrs Pilling is only too willing and able to answer your questions. Breakfast Club and After School club have also started again this week. At the end of term, we ran a competition for the children to design a new club logo. Two winning designs were selected by our new house captains and I would like to congratulate Ruaridh Coutts and Autumn Fry for their winning designs. The children have won a week's free entry to either Breakfast or After School Club. Autumn kindly took both the designs over the holidays and has amalgamated them into a new design. The Breakfast and After School Club will now be known as the Bolham Bees.

Diary Dates

- 13th September - Meeting for new Year
1 parents - 3.40pm
- 5th October - Harvest festival service
- 16th/18th October - Parents evening
- 22nd to 26th October - Half term holiday**
- 9th November - Remembrance service
- 24th November - Provisional date for Lantern Parade
- 1st December - Lantern Parade 2018
- 20th December - Carol Service
- 21st December - Last Day of term**
- 7th January - Non Pupil Day
- 18th - 22nd February - Half term**
- 5th - 23rd April - Easter holidays**
- 13th May - KS2 SATS week
- 27th - 31st May - Half term**
- 10th June - Phonics test week Year 1 only
- 13th - 14th June - Class 3 Residential
- 19th - 21st June - Class 4 Residential
- 5th July - Sports day
- 12th July - Reserve sports day
- 18th July - Class 4 performance
- 19th July - Leavers assembly
- 19th July - Last day of term**



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SAFETY

Please can I remind parents, carers and children to use the side pathways into school, remember to shut the gate behind you and not to enter through the main car park gate. I am confident that if everyone fully supports this routine we can continue to ensure the safety of all of our children.

CAR PARKING

At the end of the summer term the school received a number of complaints about cars parking on road junctions and blocking access to local houses. We appreciate that parking can be a challenge for everyone at key times during the day, but please can I politely request that you park safely and with due consideration for local residents. Thank you for your support with this matter.

FOBS NEWS

A big welcome to all the new children and parents from FOBS (Friends of Bolham School = Bolham Primary School's PTA).

Last year we had a hugely successful year, with parents from every class contributing to an inspiring team effort which benefited every child in the school. Highlights included the Christmas disco, the summer BBQ, the building of the fantastic new playground for Class 1 and the soaking of the teachers with icy water from a digger bucket (in the name of fundraising for the new library!)

Thank you to everyone who baked a cake or minuted a meeting or collected sponsorship money or drove a digger or inflated a bouncy castle. Every time we see our children reading in the new library or playing in the new outside area we should feel very proud of everything we've achieved together.

The first PTA meeting this term will be on Tuesday September 25th at 8pm in the Hartnoll Hotel opposite school. Our numbers are down as we've of course lost lots of FOBS parents now their children have moved on to high schools. So here's looking at you Class 1 parents... :-) We'd love to see lots of new faces at the meeting and we'll even shout all first-timers a free drink from the bar, just this once.

In the meantime, you can keep in touch via our private Facebook group for Bolham parents and teachers: just search for "Friends of Bolham School".

Best wishes and hopefully see lots of you on the 25th.

Andrew Lathwell, Chair (Dad of Hugo in Class 3) Ellie Reed, Treasurer (Mum of Jodie in Class 3, and Joshua in Class 2) and Jodie Mortimore, Secretary (Mum of Ruben in class 4).



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

LEARNING LEAVES AWARD

Each week one child in each year group within the class will be awarded a Learning Leaf in our Celebration Assembly. This might be for a particular piece of work produced to a high standard or for showing the skills and strategies necessary to be a successful learner, such as perseverance. This leaf will then be placed on our Learning Tree in the corridor and reported in the Bolham Bullet. Each term the leaves will change colour. Our aim is to encourage our children to think about what they need to do to become successful learners and to do the very best that they can during their lessons. We will also continue with our Special Mentions.

ASSEMBLIES

During the year, each class take it in turns to lead a Community Assembly and we invite parents to join their children for this assembly as a way of sharing their child's learning. Our first Community Assembly will be on Friday, 5th October, when all the children will take part in our traditional Harvest Festival. Families are welcome to join us for this assembly at 9.15 am in the school hall.

ANNUAL CONSENT FORM FOR OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

Next week, children will be provided with an annual 'blanket' permission slip for local educational and off-site activities. Parents must ensure that they complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible. (Please note that parents of new children received a copy in their school pack and have already completed and returned this form to us).

SWIMMING SESSIONS - 1ST HALF OF THE AUTUMN TERM

We would like to remind parents that swimming sessions will start on Tuesday 11th September for the children in Year 4 for the first half of this term. Please note that the teacher in charge at the pool this year will be Mrs Rachael Raven and the children will be accompanied by Miss Cotter and Mrs Batten. A letter has been sent home today. Please ensure that you complete and return the parental consent slip to the school on Monday morning. A swimming rota for 2018/19 has also been emailed home to parents.

DOORS OPENING

Just a reminder to parents that the school doors open at 8:40am.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Paige in Class 3 for winning a competition with Hidden Corners for designing a fairy house. Well done Paige for winning first place!

MUSIC LESSONS

Just to let parents know that music lessons with Mrs Leaver will begin next Friday, 14th September.

FUN AND FITNESS AT CROSSFIT

There is a new Crossfit children's class at Crossfit Tivvy (located on Howden Industrial Estate). It is all about teaching children to move well and be fit and healthy and play lots of games. The cost is £40 for 8 sessions and each session is 45 minutes long. Age range is 5-10 years old.

Paul Cottington is pulling together a new group on a Monday from 1600-1645. We need a minimum of 6 children in the group - you can have a FREE TASTER. If you want to find out more contact Paul on paulc@biggreenworld.co.uk or 07929 064 831.