

The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents/Carers

This year marks 100 years since the ending of the First World War. This morning, pupils, staff and families took time to stop and reflect upon the sacrifice made by so many in the service of their country. Class 4 led the school service and highlighted through their readings the horror of war and how at eleven o'clock on the 11th November 1918, the guns finally fell silent. Thank you to everyone who attended, Mrs Beach for creating the most amazing backdrop and to pupils in Year 5 and 6 who have given up their time, before and after school, to sell poppies on behalf of the Royal British Legion.



Diary Dates

- 14th November - Tempest in for individual school photos
- 24th November - Provisional date for Lantern Parade
- 1st December - Lantern Parade 2018
- 5th December - School Christmas Lunch
- 20th December - Church Rehearsal AM and Carol Service 6.30PM
- 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**



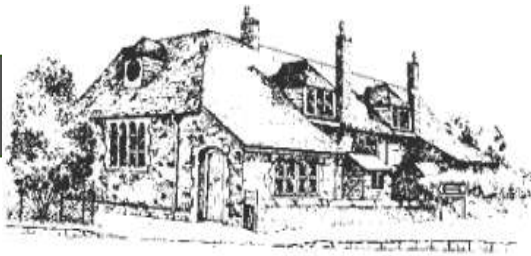
*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*



BOLHAM BEES BREAKFAST CLUB

Following a recent audit of outstanding Bolham Bees Breakfast and After School Club payments, the Governor Body have had to take the decision to no longer allow parents to use the service if there is an outstanding debt over more than £30. As a school, you will appreciate that we have to meet staff wages each month and as such are unable to subsidise child care costs. Please can we request that if you make a booking via the school office you make prompt payment for the booked sessions.

It has also come to the school's attention that a number of parents are not using the booking system and are making last minute bookings via the school office. Please note that the school is no longer able to do this unless in an emergency.



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SAYING GOODBYE

At the end of next week, we will be saying 'goodbye and good luck' to Mrs James. Mrs James has been working as a mealtime and part-time teaching support assistant at Bolham Primary School since January 2018. In that time, we have come to value her calm approach and her ability to help pupils achieve their very best. Mrs James has secured a full time post in a school nearer to home in Taunton and we wish her every success in the future.

FOBS NEWS

Next FOBS meeting Tuesday 20th November 8pm Hartnoll Hotel

The Christmas Fair is one of the highlights of the Bolham year and we hope to make this year's bash even bigger, bouncier and with more shiny bells on. But there's a lot to organise and we need more help.... so if you've been wavering about whether to dip your toes into the PTA, please come along to the next meeting at the Hartnoll Hotel on Tuesday 20th November at 8pm. There's no ongoing commitment: everyone just pitches in to help where they can. Plus it's a great way to get to know fellow parents and to contribute to the school community.

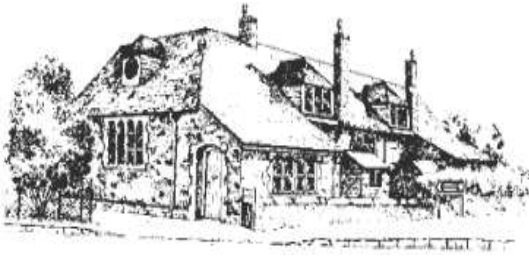
CHILDREN IN NEED

Next week, Class 3 will be leading this year's Children In Need events. The children organise this event as part of their Religious Education theme focusing on Inspirational People. The children have discussed different ideas and written letters explaining why their idea should be chosen. As a result, there will be cake stall in the hall at morning break, a fun run and Lego Battle at lunchtime for those who wish to enter and a book stall after lunch. If you would like to contribute any cakes towards this event, please bring them in next Friday and put them outside Class 3 and if you have any children's books you no longer require please bring them into school on Thursday morning and put them on the cupboards outside Class 3.

Thank you for your support

GREEN TEAM

We are pleased to say that we have had a lot of interest in Green Team. Mrs Worthington have received lots of letters from children putting themselves forward for different roles. We have decided that the Green Team should vote for who they would like to fill each role. Voting will take place next week and we hope to be able to post the results in the next bullet. The roles won't start until January so for the rest of the term we will be making plans and coming up with ideas of how to improve the 'green' running of the school. Exciting times ahead!



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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

Special mention to Charley-Mae Stone for her brilliant recall in our carpet sessions about seasons.

Class 2

Special mention to Eva Armstrong for always showing excellent behaviour to others.

Class 3

Special mention to Archie Mitchell for his speedy approach to learning, especially in topic work

Class 4

Special mention to all of Class 4 for their effort with Remembrance Assembly.

LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

Max Frank - For his perseverance and patience when creating an awesome picture. Well done!

Arthur Simmons - For his fantastic effort in his phonics session this week. Well done!

Class 2

Joshua Reed - An excellent attitude to learning. Excellent independent learning.

Olivia Gibbs - Excellent attitude to all learning. Really confident with division this week.

Class 3

Harry Hanks - For good effort and determination to achieve in his learning.

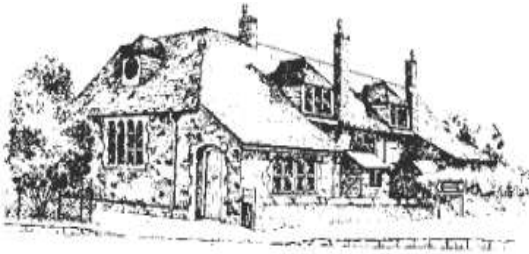
Poppy Bell - for lovely presentation of her learning and a great learning attitude.

Class 4

Charlie Valentine-Marsh - For his effort when writing letters for Jaguar.

Dylan Tron - For his methods of reasoning in Maths.

Theo Fox - For a great attitude and his achievement in 'Look at us run'
(Nick Williams, Sports Coach)



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year, Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 5th December. The options are Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast. Desserts are either iced sponge, yogurt or fruit.

BEAM HOUSE

We are pleased to say that we can confirm the trip to Beam House next summer will go ahead as we have received all the slips back.

COATS AND HATS

Please can all parents ensure that they provide their child with coats and if required hats and gloves as we approach the colder weather.

SWIMMING

Swimming will start on Tuesday 13th November for the children in Year 3.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Wednesday 14th November, Tempest Photography will be in school to take individual pupil photos. This year we would like to request that **Bolham pupils with siblings who attend another school arrive at 8am to have their photographs taken first** to ensure that they are able to arrive at their school on time, then pupils with pre-school siblings can arrive at school at the later time of 8:30am. Thank you.

PLEA FOR COFFEE JARS

With the school lantern parade not too far away, Mrs Beach is asking for donations of empty Douwe Egberts jars that you may have lying about at home. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Christmas cards designed by the children will be sent home today along with an order form. Please send back to school in a clearly labelled envelope by Thursday 15th November. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Friends of Bolham School.

MEALTIME ASSISTANT

There is a position available for a mealtime assistant at Bolham Primary School. If anyone wishes to apply, please follow the link below.

<https://www.devonjobs.gov.uk/education-support-school-posts-mealtime-assistant-bolham-primary-school/61909.job>



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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.



MOBILE PHONES

Please note that we operate a NO PHONES on site in order to protect the children and those who work with them. Adults are not permitted to use a mobile phone on site unless in a designated area. If you need to make a phone call or receive a text, please do so outside of the school site. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.