



The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week, pupils in Year 2 and 5 received a Fire Safety Talk from the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. Year 2 pupils were taught the stop, drop and roll message whilst Year 5 learnt what to do in the event of a fire. Mr Moakes, Chair of Governors, also visited pupils in Class 2 and talked to the children about his work as a nurse in the 21st century so that they could make comparisons with the work of Florence Nightingale in the 19th century.

On Thursday, we hosted our annual Scholastic Book Fayre. It was wonderful to see so many families who were able to come along and enjoy some of the books on offer this year. Mrs Flower and her team in Class 3 have worked hard to make the event so successful and the commission raised for the sale will be going to buy some more reading resources for each classroom. Don't worry if you haven't managed to visit this week as there will still be an opportunity to purchase books on Monday after school.

On Saturday night, Class 3 and Mrs Flower will also be taking part in the Tiverton Lantern Parade starting at 5:30pm. The Tiverton Christmas Lights will be switched on at this event and please remember to give us a big wave and cheer as we pass by. Please note that if this event is cancelled a text message to parents will be sent out using our normal text service as soon as we receive the information from the organisers.

On Wednesday 5th December, the children will be able to enjoy their Christmas lunch. This is the only time in the year when the whole school sits down to dinner together and are served by staff. Children may wear a Christmas hat, Christmas jumper or just something in festive colours if you don't want the expense of buying something just for one day.

Next Friday FOBS will be running our Christmas Fayre with the support of the children who have been busy making little gifts and decorations to sell. Bolham Singers will be giving a sneak preview of some of this year's Christmas songs. DJ Cottington will be once again spinning the discs, Father Christmas will be making an appearance and there will be a community sing-a-long with Franny Armstrong. Don't forget to sign up for your timeslot on the notice board outside Class 3 as we would hate for anyone to be disappointed.

Finally, I have to inform you that Mrs Pilling will be leaving us on Tuesday next week to take up a more senior role within the NHS. On behalf of the Governing Body, staff and pupils I would like to thank Mrs Pilling for all of her hard work over the past fifteen years and wish her every happiness for the future.

Denise Woodgate

Diary Dates

29th November - 3rd December - School Book Fair

1st December - Lantern Parade 2018

5th December - School Christmas Lunch

7th December - Christmas Fair

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



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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

You may have noticed that the book fair is back in school. It's a great opportunity to encourage your child to read, stock up for Christmas and support the school, as we receive a share of profits to add more books to our library and class libraries.

It will be open after school from Thursday, 29th November to Monday, 3rd December in Class 3. To help us, please can you collect coins and smaller notes to spend - we will struggle to give you correct change otherwise. If you would like to purchase books away from your child for Christmas gifts, please let me know and I'll put items back to one side.

Class 3 and I look forward to seeing you there!
Mrs Flower

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

Special Mention to Arthur Simmons for becoming that little bit more independent and seeing his big smile when he realises he can do things on his own!

Class 2

Special Mention to Esme Parker for her lovely small writing and great use of punctuation.

Class 3

Special Mention to the Scholastic Book Sales team in Year 4 - you have been doing a fantastic job. Thank you!

Class 4

Special Mention to all of Class 4 for their written presentations in their maths books. Keep the standard up!

LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

Myah Payne - For her brilliant explanations in our Maths session. Well Done!
Max Frank - For his careful counting and checking his answers in our Maths sessions. Well Done!

Class 2

Ethan Gale - A big effort with writing. Excellent concentration.
Ollie Veen - Excellent writing, great spelling and full stops all correct.

Class 3

Archie Mitchell - For great listening in English group work and great progress in reading.
Briony Hill - For a confident and focussed learning attitude all week.

Class 4

Darcey Tarr - For her attitude towards all of her learning.
Dylan Tron - For his work on prepositions.

Lily Warner - Drew for displaying good catching and rolling skills.
(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. Please note that jacket potatoes will not be available on the day or on Wednesday 12th December and Friday 14th December.

SCHOOL JUMPERS

Could parents please check that they have the correct jumpers and cardigans for their children as a few have gone missing this week. Thank you.

FOOTBALL CLUB

Please note that this week (5th December) will be the last football club this term.

FOBS NEWS

Thanks for all the fabulous donations to the Christmas Fair raffle received so far, please keep them coming (boxes in the main corridor). And thanks to Kimberly Harvey and Amy Green for offering to turn the donations into beautiful prize hampers.

If you've managed to sell your raffle tickets already, please ask Caroline in the office for more. The raffle is one of our best fundraising gigs of the year and all the cash raised goes towards benefitting all the children.

Thanks to Kate Atkins for offering to help Father Christmas in his grotto at the fair - three more parent/elf helpers are needed to do a half-hour stint each - please contact jodie.mortimore@sky.com or [07986 300744](tel:07986300744). Thanks to Vicki Chappell, Anouska Blake, Mel Harris and Jennifer Gibbs for offering to help in advance. If your child/children would like to visit Father Christmas, please sign them up on the list outside Class 3. It's £2.50 per child, including a present, payable on the day.

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.



Can you help Displaced Families this Christmas?

The Refugees Women's Centre in Dunkirk and Calais support women, children and vulnerable people of all ages and nationalities who have left their homes and loved ones due to war, conflict and persecution. Since the demolition of The Jungle, there are now almost 2000 people living in the forests, parks and on the streets of Northern France and at least 200 are unaccompanied children. As winter approaches The Refugee Women's Centre, which is run by volunteers and funded by donations, are desperate for donations of essential items which they distribute to the families they support. These are families just like ours who have had to flee their homes, jobs and schools. Abi Dent is volunteering in partnership with The Refugee Women's Centre and Bolham Primary School has kindly agreed to be the collection point. Please take a look at the list of items below and if you have anything at home that you would be able to donate, please bring it into school **any day next week, from Monday to Friday** and leave with the office. Abi will collect donations daily and get them sent to France

DONATIONS LIST (Items in bold are most urgent)

Clothes & shoes

- **Men's, Women's & Children's waterproof coats**
- **Children's waterproof ski suits**
- **Women's & Children's leggings and tracksuit bottoms**
- **Men's, Women's and Children's trainers/practical shoes**
- **Men's, Women's and Children's socks (new/like new - particularly ankle socks)**

Camping items

- **Tents** (2-8 person - especially 5 people and larger)
- **Tarpaulin**
- **Sleeping bags** (adults, children's & babies)
- **Large blankets**
- **Medium & large rucksacks**
- Pots & pans
- Reusable plastic or crockery plates reusable plastic cups
- Knives, forks and spoons

Hygiene items

- **Baby wipes**
- **Baby nappies** (especially size 5 & 6)
- **Baby milk powder** (No.1, 2 & 3)
- **Children's toothbrushes and toothpaste**
- Women's deodorant

Misc items

- **Craft material, henna, nail varnish, make up**
- **Dummies & baby bottles**(new)
- **Torches** (especially wind-up)
- Children's prams

I appreciate this is a busy and expensive time of year for us all, but if you had any items your family have grown out of, or could manage to buy an extra packet of wipes, or a toothbrush the next time you are shopping that would be incredible. If you have any questions, please find Abi Dent and ask. Thank you very much to everyone for the donations already received they are incredible!!