

The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents

You will be aware from the media of the pressure many schools including ours are experiencing with lack of funding. I have sent out a letter to all parents explaining the problem in greater detail and the refusal of the Secretary of State for Education to meet with Headteachers to discuss their concerns. I will of course keep you up to date with any further developments.

If rubbish and what to do with it has been a topic of conversation around your tea table this week, it is because we welcomed Sally from Resource Zone into classes 1 and 2 on Tuesday this week. Sally talked to the children about recycling as part of our focus on creating a greener environment and pupils spent time sorting rubbish into the correct bins and making fridge magnets to explain to their parents about what can be recycled at home. I would like to say thank you to Mrs Worthington for organising this event for us.

On Thursday, we celebrated World Book Day by making the Evil Pea from Supertato, writing letters to different characters and learnt how to illustrate stories effectively. The children have all received a World Book Day Token to spend on free books. If you would some extra tokens for younger siblings, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Fargher in the school office.

Next week we will be supporting Red Nose Day and children are invited to wear something red to school to mark the event. A donations box will be available in each class if children and families would like to make a contribution towards the work of this charity.

Finally, I would like to invite parents and families with children in Year 4 to a pbone concert on Thursday 28th March at 11.15 am in the school hall. As you are aware, the Tiverton Community Learning Partnership has supported all the pupils in Year 4 across Tiverton in learning this instrument and our children would just love to showcase what they have learned this half of this term.

Diary Dates

15th March - Red Nose Day
22nd March - Open morning to view Science work
28th March - Year 4 pbone concert
8th-22nd 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

SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

As mentioned in previous Bolham Bullet issues, Tony Pryce is closing their Tiverton store this year and will no longer be able to supply our school uniform. The Governing Body would like to reassure all parents that we are working hard to source an alternative supplier for our uniform and will keep you updates as soon as we are in a position to confirm arrangements moving forward. We are delighted to say that we are in discussion with two local suppliers who are keep to take on our uniform supply, we firmly believe that working with local businesses is in keeping with the TCLP ethos but will also provide parents and families with easy access to sizing and purchase of uniforms. This does of course represent an opportunity to review our uniform and the ordering process although we are not envisaging any major changes to design or colour. If anybody wishes to express a view on uniform then please do let me know at chair@tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk

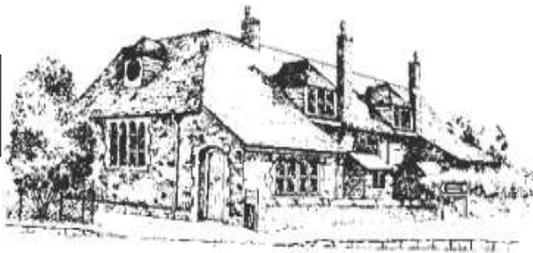
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Best Wishes

Stephen Moakes

Chair of Governors

National Leader of Governors



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EXMOOR CHALLENGE

The Exmoor Challenge is a longstanding tradition for pupils at Bolham School and an event that really does test our teams to the limit across the 16-mile route as such our teams have always done well in this event. Regrettably this year despite having enough spaces for three full teams only found pupils have signed up to take part. Given the amount of work that is put in behind the scenes in addition to the practice walks themselves this does place the school and those that volunteer in an awkward position in terms of viability. We understand that lives are busy and children have varying interests which may result in this event being less popular some years than others. If, however you are considering joining us then it is still not too late, there is no requirement for parents to accompany children as we have safe adult to child ratios to go ahead, equally the school may be able to assist with purchase of equipment if this is a concern (please speak in confidence to Mrs Woodgate) and finally if there is difficulty with the day or dates then please let us know so we can review things. If anyone has any queries then please do speak to me in person or via email at chair@tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk

Thank you
Stephen Moakes
Exmoor Challenge Leader.

FOBS UPDATE

FOBS Easter Egg Hunt

There will be a family Easter Egg Hunt for all the children and their families on Friday 5th April at 3:30pm.

The cost will be £2.00 per person. If you haven't received a form, please contact the office. Please complete the form and hand it in by Monday 1st April.

Please help raise funds to purchase equipment and learning experiences that will benefit every pupil at Bolham Primary School.

Thank you for your support.

SECRETARY ROLE REQUIRED FOR FOBS

Is there anyone who would like to help FOBS raise money to fund equipment and learning experiences for Bolham pupils by being Secretary of FOBS. For further details, please contact Andrew (Hugo's Dad).

07989 412463 or andrew@lathwell.com

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

Special mention to the whole of Class One for their wonderful behaviour and enthusiasm in our recycling workshop.

Class 2

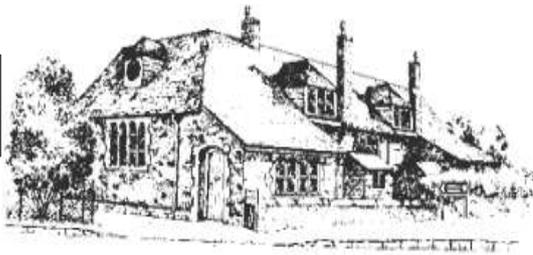
Special mention to Class Two for welcoming our visitor Sally and listening and engaging with what she told us about recycling.

Class 3

Special mention to the whole class for super illustrating skills yesterday.

Class 4

Special mention to Lilly Davies, Evie Middleton and Cara Leslie for their persistence and resilience when making their Jaguar cars.



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LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

Walter Blake - For his great explanations when finding and testing patterns in Maths. Well done!

Paige Hutchings - For her brilliant work in Phonics this week. Well done!

Class 2

Theo Hill - A fantastic week! Great independent letter writing, I loved your minotaur art work too. All work approached imaginatively and enthusiastically.

Ethan Gale - Showing great determination and perseverance with your work. I was especially impressed with your attitude to our maths SATs paper. Well done Ethan.

Class 3

Lana Smith - For super handwriting and improved punctuation in her work.

Max Hole - For really improving his standard of presentation this week.

Class 4

Alex Brameld - For his effort when multiplying and dividing fractions.

Cari Evans - For making good progress with her grammar.

Charlie Valentine-Marsh - For great running and being helpful during the Exeter Half Marathon Challenge. (Nick Williams, Sports Coach)

GREEN TEAM

We would like to say a big thank you to all parents who have donated small pots and cardboard centres from toilet rolls. Also a special thank you to Cove garden centre for their donation of reusable pots.