

The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents

It was wonderful to see so many people last week at our open science morning. I hope you enjoyed seeing some of the many exciting learning opportunities provided in science across the school and had the opportunity to try out a few of the experiments on offer. Thank you for all of your positive comments.

This week, our Year 5 Jaguar teams visited Petroc where the teams had the chance to race the cars for the first time on the new full length track. Modifications are now being planned as the result of their visit and I know that the teams are 'racing' to go.

On Thursday, our young Year 4 musicians welcomed family and friends to a pbone concert in the school hall. As you are aware, the Tiverton Co-Operative Learning Partnership have secured funding for this project and all the Year 4 pupils in Tiverton have had the opportunity this year to learn the pbone. I was delighted to see the standard our pupils attained in such a short space of time. Many thanks once again to Mandy Slevin and Tom Lark for all their hard work with the group.

Finally, I would like to bring to your attention a new website www.happymaps.co.uk. It launched this week focusing on providing support for parents with regards to children's mental health problems. Funded by Health Education England, HappyMaps is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children - from babies to young adults. The hope is that this will be really useful for parents whose children don't meet the specialist referral thresholds or are perhaps on the waiting list. There is good general information (national) and also local information on counselling, charities, local CAMHS and parenting groups for the Southwest.

Next term I will be consulting with parents with regards to the work we already do in school to support pupils with mental health problems and the development of a school Mental Health Policy. If this is something you would like to be involved with, or if you have an expertise you could share with the school, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Diary Dates

8th-22nd April - Easter holidays
13th May - KS2 SATS week -Year 6 only
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

JOB VACANCY

We are seeking to appoint as soon as possible, a well organised, enthusiastic and friendly part-time Clerical Assistant to assist our School administrator. The position will involve a range of clerical and general secretarial duties and applicants will need to be excellent communicators with a knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Experience of SIMS.net would be an advantage, but not essential.

The hours are 9am-12pm on a Thursday and Friday. This will be term time only, including non-pupil days.

Pay Grade : JE B £9.18 per hour

Closing date : 3rd April 2019

Interview date: 24th April 2019

Application Pack : Please visit www.devonjobs.gov.uk and return to admin@tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk by the closing date



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EXMOOR CHALLENGE

Everyone coming on the walk this weekend will need to be either at Bolham Primary School at 8:15am or at Exford at 9:15am. Please ensure that you let Stephen Moakes know if you will meet the team in Exford so that we are not waiting for you at Bolham. If you are unable to make the walk, please could you ring Stephen Moakes before 7.45am tomorrow morning (parents have been texted a contact number). Also if you are able to assist with providing the safety car for this walk please can you contact Stephen Moakes preferably before Saturday morning.

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, just contact the office. Please complete the form and hand it in by Monday 1st April.

FOBS are helping to raise funds to purchase equipment and learning experiences that will benefit every pupil at Bolham Primary School.

Thank you for your support.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

On Friday 5th April there will be no after school club as it is the end of term.

FRONT ENTRANCE

We have noticed that a lot of children are using the front entrance when coming into school in the morning. Please could we ask that unless you have something for the front office that can't be handed over through the blue boxes in each classroom, you use the side entrances to school.

Thank you.

DOORS OPENING

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

HATS

Please could parents provide their children with sun hats if the wonderful weather we have been having continues.

DOGS

Please could we remind all parents that dogs are not allowed on the school site. Dog mess was trodden into school this morning which makes for an unpleasant learning environment for the children.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

Special mention to Charley-Mae, Bernie, Paige and Aria for some wonderful guided reading. Good identification of tricky words and diagraphs.

Class 2

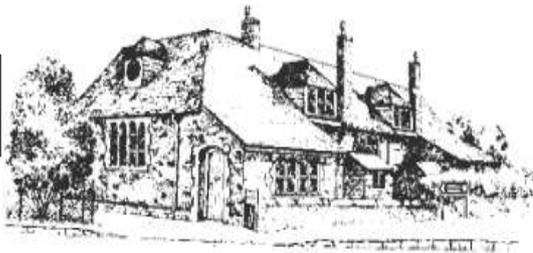
Special mention to everyone in Class 2 for their fantastic behaviour during our science session on aeroplanes. We had lots of fun making paper aeroplanes and testing them.

Class 3

Special mention to Beatrice Frye for collecting ideas about being safe and sharing them with the class.

Class 4

Special mention to the Year 5 Jaguar teams for their efforts at Petroc this week.



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LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

Aria Valentine-Marsh - For using the resources around the classroom to help with her maths. Well done!
Jack, Max, Thomas, Cohen, Walter and Harry - For fantastic partitioning of 2 digit numbers into 10's and 1's.
Amazing!

Class 2

Joshua Reed - What fantastic hand writing! All full stops correct and even an 'and' sentence.
Henry Bell - A fantastic attitude to writing. He has worked really hard on his hand writing and now thinking carefully about what he is writing.

Class 3

Harry Hanks - For great attitude in his maths and applying all his learning in his assessment.
Elliot Barnard - For a determined attitude to achieve his best in all learning.

Class 4

Nicole Connors - For neat and accurate angle measuring.
Eric Pickering - For keeping up with our written work. Great effort.