



# The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers

My focus this week is the achievement of so many of our pupils. On Saturday, this year's Exmoor Challenge Team successfully completed the 16-mile trek across Exmoor. Dylan D, team leader, Oliver S, Jess and Nicole put all of their training into practice as they navigated the often difficult terrain across the moor and parents and friends were all delighted to be able to cheer them across the finishing line. Many thanks once again to Chair of Governors, Stephen Moakes and his team for training this year's competitors.

On Sunday, Will, Sunny and Oliver H, who are members of the Twyfords Spartans Football team took part in the Under 11's Football Final against Culm Sampford. The team played exceptionally well and Twyfords won the match with a final score of 2-0. Congratulations to all those who played so well and their coaches for all their hard work.

Yesterday, our Year 5 Jaguar Challenge teams competed in this year's regional finals at Petroc. Hyper-Tronix were declared the overall winners and were awarded Best Pit Display and Best Engineered Car. Congratulations to Levina, Darcey, Gethin and Luke who now proceed to the national finals later next month. A photograph of the winning team can be found on this week's Blog. The Best Verbal Presentation was awarded to Joshua, Cara, Autumn, Harry and Alex from Team Vortex, whilst Lyla, Charlie, Eric, Lilly and Evie were recognised with the Future Stars Award. The children have worked incredibly hard to achieve these outcomes. My thanks to Mr Dickinson who has given up so much of his free time on a Wednesday afternoon to support the teams, Mrs Beach for her work with the displays, all of the team sponsors and of course parents for their encouragement.

Congratulations must also go this week to Darcey for passing her Grade 1 piano exam with merit and Cari for passing her grade 1 flute exam with merit. The girls have worked extremely hard and have had the support of instrumental teachers Becky Blackmore and Arwin Leaver. This term in our Celebration Assembly our young musicians have been given the opportunity to develop their performance skills by sharing their talents with us. The list for those who wish to take part is growing increasingly longer which is very encouraging.

As you are aware, the Governing Body of Bolham Primary School are committed to providing a balanced and wide curriculum for our pupils and the success of so many of our children clearly demonstrates the way in which financial resources are used and the commitment of staff to help pupils succeed.

Later this month, our pupils will take part in the Exeter Children's Half Marathon with the support of our sports coach Mr Williams. Last year, Sport's England, delivered through the Youth Sport's Trust, acknowledged the sporting achievement of our pupils with the Silver Games Award for competitive sport. This year we are aiming to achieve a Gold award and we will be consulting with pupils in the ways in which we can continue to develop our provision and make things even better. If you have any sporting expertise that you would like to share with the school, or belong to an outside organisation, please don't hesitate to contact the school, as we would love to welcome you in to one of our assemblies to talk to the children.

Denise Woodgate  
Headteacher  
Bolham Primary School

## Diary Dates

13<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATS week -Year 6 only

19<sup>th</sup> May -Exeter City Challenge fun run

23<sup>rd</sup> May - Polling Day

**27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May - Half term**

10<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics test week Year 1 only

13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June - Class 3 Residential

19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> June - Class 4 Residential

4<sup>th</sup> July - Stay and play session

5<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day

10<sup>th</sup> July - Reports due out

11<sup>th</sup> July - Stay and play session

12<sup>th</sup> July - Reserve Sports Day

18<sup>th</sup> July - Class 4 performance

19<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers Assembly

**19<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term**



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## **SATS**

Next week our Year 6 pupils will be taking their end of KS2 tests. Please can I remind parents that children need to be in school on time as Mr Dickenson will be leading them through some mental warm up exercises before they begin. We are reminding pupils that having breakfast each morning is a good idea and that a few early nights might also help. As a school we are committed to supporting each one of our pupils and will be reminding them that we think they are wonderful whatever the outcome! Results will be made available to the school in early July.

Our Year 2 pupils have already sat their maths test this week, so if they didn't mention it, don't worry as we will let you know their attainment in their end of year report.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

### **POLLING DAY**

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May the school will be used as a polling station for the European Elections.

Please note the school will remain open as usual. Pupils in Class 1 will be working in the school hall and out in the school grounds. Please can all Class 1 children be brought to the hall for the morning registration.

Thank you.

### **FRONT ENTRANCE**

We have noticed that a lot of parents and 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.

### **PARKING**

Parking has once again become an issue with local residents becoming very upset by the way in which some parents are parking at the end of the school day. Please can we once again request that parents and carers park with due care and attention and do not block residents' driveways or park on the pavements. The local police have been informed and further action may be taken if the situation does not improve.

### **PAYMENT OF SCHOOL MEALS**

We would like to remind parents that dinner money should be paid to the school on a weekly basis to avoid building up a debt. Thank you for your co-operation

### **PARENTS OF CLASS 3 AND 4 - SOE3 FORM**

If you haven't yet filled in and returned an SOE3 parental consent form for the upcoming residential can you please do so at your earliest convenience. If you need a form, please come to the school office.



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## FOBS UPDATE

Please don't throw away any uniforms (inc shoes and trainers) your children have grown out of as the Green Team are organising a uniform recycling event in the summer term, as part of their effort to reduce waste and encourage recycling. It will be held on the days that the new reception class comes for their taster sessions, so new parents will be able to buy second-hand uniforms, with all profits going to FOBS. Please could you hold onto the uniform for the current time.

## SPECIAL MENTIONS

### Class 1

Special mention to Aria Valentine-Marsh for her lovely attitude to learning and giving 100% to all she does.

### Class 2

Special mention to Poppy, Holly, Rosie, Esme and Sienna who showed great teamwork to build a 3D London complete with the London Eye and the Shard!

### Class 3

Special mention to Paige Simmons for always setting a great example of how to learn.

### Class 4

Special mention to all the Jaguar Teams. Great effort, you have come a long way.

## LEARNING LEAVES

### Class 1

Bernie Hobbs - For his real effort with his handwriting, it really looks beautiful. Well done!

Harry Cole - For his understanding and reasoning in our Maths sessions. Well done!

### Class 2

Isobel Lessiter - Showing great determination and perseverance with all her work this week. Always trying her best.

Joshua Reed - Always using independent learning time constructively. He follows up work done in class or sets himself Maths challenges. Well done Josh.

### Class 3

Archie Mitchell - For writing a super letter using all his learning well.

Poppy Bell - For so much great learning this week - calm writing, super research and well-presented work.

### Class 4

Team Hyper-Tronix - RESULT. Winners Regional Jaguar Finals.

Seb Harvey - For the effort he is making in English

Oliver Slade - For sharing his knowledge and skills in cricket to help his classmates. Nick Williams (Sports Coach)



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## SENSORY PROCESSING DISORDER

Saturday 22nd June 2019 from 09:30-12:30, Baring House, 6 Baring Crescent, Exeter EX1 1TL. Tickets £30

Do you want to learn more about Sensory Processing, and Sensory Processing Disorder? Join this 3-hour seminar where you will learn about all the senses, about Sensory Processing Disorder, and about how it can impact on behaviours.

You will learn strategies to support children and young people with Sensory Processing Disorder both at home and at school.

Delivered by Bibic's Lead Developmental Therapist - Chelsey Oxley and including a "10-minute introduction to Laura Newman Consultancy", supporting families with children and young people with Social Emotional and Behavioural Needs.

[www.lauranewman.org](http://www.lauranewman.org)

Join the event by signing up via Eventbrite <https://bit.ly/2V89WNz>  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sensory-processing-seminar-including-an-introduction-to-laura-newman-consultancy-tickets-61027899089>



## CHARITY WALK IN AID FOR COTS FOR TOTS

Bolham parent, Vicki Chappell, and a group from Wooden House are going to be raising money by walking from Wooden House to Cots for Tots House in Bristol. They are doing the walk to fundraise so that families can continue to use this house at a time that is so very hard anyway.

The walk is 70 miles long and is going to take place over 3 days, from 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> May. Bolham pupil Holly and younger brother Charlie will be joining in on the last day nearer the end.

If you would like to donate towards this walk there is a justgiving page or contact Vicki to sponsor them via her paper sponsor sheet.