



# The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school, I hope you all managed to have a wonderful holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Emily, Tobias, Arthur, Harrison, Jacob, Declan, Toby, Esther, Mia, Shayla, Sophia, Alice, Felix, Jayden, Klayton, Elliot, Alistair, their parents and of course Mr Botham to Bolham Primary School. I know that new routines and expectations can seem a little daunting in the first few weeks, so please don't feel nervous about asking questions or seeking reassurance from us as staff are always happy to answer any of your questions. I have included some information below for our new parents with regards to Learning Leaves, celebration assemblies etc.

Next week I will confirm some of our 'Big Event' dates such Parents' Evenings, Harvest Festival and Remembrance Service. The Christmas Carol Service is however already booked for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December so you can pop it into your diary.

Last year, we were fortunate that many of our staff, governors and parents volunteered to run after-school or lunchtime clubs and accompanied us on many of our school trips. If anyone has an idea for an after-school club, or would like to volunteer to help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher during the year. Private music lessons will also be available this year with Mrs Pring who teaches keyboard and Mrs Leaver who teaches ukulele, clarinet, flute and recorder. If you have any other requests for instrumental lessons, please let me know and I will try to arrange a teacher.

Finally, I am delighted to be able to inform you that in our Celebration Assembly, Mr Williams, our sports coach, announced that Bolham Primary School has been awarded the Gold School Games Mark for 2018-19. We were awarded the Bronze School Games Mark award in 2015-16 and gained Silver Awards in 2016/17 and 2017/18. Mr Williams has worked very hard over the past four years to improve the standard of games provision within the school and to provide opportunities for the children not just to compete, but also to take part in a wide range of activities including the Exeter Children's Half Marathon and to make progress with their P.E. I would like to thank Mr Williams for all his hard work in supporting the children, parents for all of the encouragement, governors for their commitment to ensuring the Sport's Grant Funding is well spent and of course the children for all of their enthusiasm and fantastic achievement.

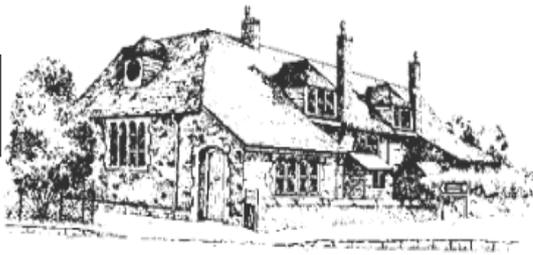
Together We Aspire, Together We Achieve

**Mrs Denise Woodgate**

Headteacher, Bolham Primary School

## Diary Dates

21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term  
14<sup>th</sup> November - Tempest in for School  
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30<sup>th</sup> November - Lantern Parade  
19<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Service  
20<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of Autumn  
Term  
7<sup>th</sup> January - Start of Spring Term  
17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February - Half Term  
27<sup>th</sup> March - Last Day of Spring Term  
14<sup>th</sup> April - Start of Summer Term  
8<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday  
25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term  
17<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of Summer Term



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### LEARNING LEAVES AWARD

Each week one child in each year group within the class will be awarded a Learning Leaf in our Celebration Assembly. This might be for a particular piece of work produced to a high standard or for showing the skills and strategies necessary to be a successful learner, such as perseverance. This leaf will then be placed on our Learning Tree in the corridor and reported in the Bolham Bullet. Each term the leaves will change colour. Our aim is to encourage our children to think about what they need to do to become successful learners and to do the very best that they can during their lessons. We will also continue with our Special Mentions in the Bolham Bullet.

### ANNUAL CONSENT FORM FOR OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

We will be sending home Healthcare Plans this afternoon, please can these be returned to the office as soon as possible. Please can we also have returned any outstanding SOE3 consent forms and parental consent forms.

### SWIMMING SESSIONS - 1<sup>ST</sup> HALF OF THE AUTUMN TERM

We would like to remind parents that swimming lessons will start on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September for the children in Class 3 for the first half of this term. Please note that the swimming instructors in charge at the pool this year will be Mrs Rachael Raven and Mrs Terry Ann Milne. The children will be accompanied by Mr Botham and Mrs Beach. A letter has been sent home today. Please ensure that you complete and return the parental consent slip to the school on Monday morning.

### DOORS OPENING

Just a reminder to parents that the school doors open at 8.40am and a teacher will be on playground duty from 8.45am. Please do not leave your child unattended before this time in the playground.

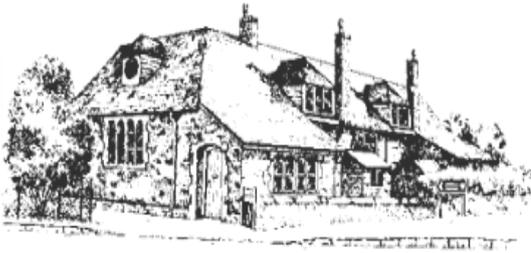
### END OF THE DAY

School finishes at 3.30pm and the children will be dismissed by their class teacher. If children are not collected by 3.40pm they will be sent to Bolham Bees After School Club and a supervision charge will be made unless we have been informed that the person collecting them will be late. Thank you for your support with this.

### MUSIC LESSONS

Just to let parents know that music lessons with Mrs Leaver will recommence from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September onwards. Please contact Mrs Leaver directly by email [arwen@eastacre.co.uk](mailto:arwen@eastacre.co.uk) if your child would like to take up music lessons on ukulele, recorder, flute, clarinet or saxophone (and beginners violin). Funding towards music lessons is available for children receiving pupil premium.

Piano lessons with Mrs Pring will recommence on the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Mrs Pring directly on [pring01@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pring01@hotmail.co.uk) should any children wish to commence lessons.



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## CLASS 4 TRIP TO BOVINGTON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Please can students be at school for a 7.45am registration, we aim to leave at 8am sharp. Can those students that require travel sickness medicine for the journey up be given it before they arrive. For those students who need medication for the journey home please fill in the relevant permission form should we need to help administer it.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM - IMPACT PRINT

We have been contacted by Impact Print, suppliers of our school uniform to inform parents that there is currently a national shortage of sweatshirts in size 3-4 and 9-10. If parents have left contact details with Impact Print they will contact you when the stock arrives. Please do not hesitate to contact Impact Print should you have any queries about uniform.