



The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Class 4 and Mr Dickinson visited the Bovington Tank Museum this week as part of this term's World War 2 topic. Off-site learning experiences, such as the visit to Bovington, are an important part of the Bolham Curriculum and support pupils in making connections between different aspects of their learning and help bring it alive. Please go to our website Blog for a look at a couple of photographs and short account of the day. We will publish the curriculum maps for each class on our website in the next couple of weeks. If you have an expertise or resources which you think might help support the children's learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Our events diary for this term has now been confirmed and Mrs Worthington and Mrs Hillier would like to invite Class 1 and Class 2 parents to a phonics information session on Tuesday 1st October where they will discuss how phonics is taught, explain the Year 1 phonics test and share the expectations for KS1 SATS. Please note that a crèche will operate in Class 2 from 3.30 - 4.15 pm for the children and younger siblings who wish to join us.

Finally, I would like to wish Miss Lucy Crang a fond farewell as she leaves Bolham Primary School to begin her PGCE teacher training at St Luke's. Miss Crang has worked closely with staff and pupils in Class 2 and will be greatly missed by everyone.

Diary Dates

- 1st October - Phonics Meeting
- 8th October - Harvest Festival
- 21st-25th October - Half Term
- 28th October - Bikeability Year 6
- 14th November - Tempest in for School Photos
- 30th November - Lantern Parade
- 6th December - Christmas Fair
- 19th December - Carol Service
- 20th December - Last day of Autumn Term
- 7th January - Start of Spring Term
- 17th-21st February - Half Term
- 27th March - Last Day of Spring Term
- 14th April - Start of Summer Term
- 20th April - Bikeability - Year 5
- 8th May - Bank Holiday
- 11th May - KS2 SATs
- 21st May - Wilcombe Wobbler
- 25th-29th May - Half Term
- 17th July - Last day of Summer Term

Together We Aspire, Together We Achieve

Mrs Denise Woodgate

Headteacher, Bolham Primary School



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

REQUEST FOR STRAW

Class 1 and 2's topic this term is the Three Little Pigs and to build their houses they need some straw - if you think you would be able to help provide us with some, can you come and see us to let us know.

END OF SCHOOL DAY - MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Can we please request that all children are collected on time on Monday 16th September as all teachers are due to attend a meeting off site by 3.45pm. Thank you for your co-operation.

ANNUAL CONSENT FORM FOR OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES

We have sent home Healthcare Plans, please can these be returned to the office as soon as possible even if there no medical issues. Please can we also have returned any outstanding SOE3 consent forms and parental consent forms. If you need another copy of any of the forms please see the school office.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Please can I remind parents that we operate a mobile phone free site. This is to ensure the safety of all of our pupils and we politely request that you do not use your mobile phone on the premises.

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. The bell for registration sounds at 8.55am. Please can we ask that you do not use the front door unless you need to speak to the office.

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.

SNACKS

We have noticed that some children are bringing chocolate and cakes for their snacks. Could we please request that a healthier option is given instead.

MUSIC LESSONS

Just to let parents know that music lessons with Mrs Leaver will recommence from Friday 13th September onwards. Please contact Mrs Leaver directly by email 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 18th September. Please contact Mrs Pring directly on pring01@hotmail.co.uk should any children wish to commence lessons.



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MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 1st October in Class 1 for all parents to meet with Mrs Hillier and Mrs Worthington. The focus of this meeting will be how phonics is taught, explain the Year 1 test and provide Year 2 parents with an opportunity to see the standard expected in maths and reading in the Key Stage 1 tests.

A crèche will be operating in Class 2 for the children and younger siblings who wish to join in.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

Special mention to all of the new Reception children for settling in so well into school.

Class 2

Special mention to Miss Crang for all her hard work in Class 2!

Class 3

Special mention to Archie Mitchell for being really helpful and kind to Charlie.

Class 4

Special mention to all of Class 4 for being brilliant ambassadors while on our visit to Bovington.

LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

Aria Valentine-Marsh - For her caring and friendly actions towards new members of Class One.
Lovely to see!

Bernie Hobbs - For his fantastic handwriting and letter formation, beautiful work. Well done.

Class 2

Walter Blake - Excellent attitude to learning. Great Maths work this week.

Lily Warner-Drew - A great start to Class 2. Excellent Maths work too.

Class 3

Healey Hale-Westcott - For the great focus he has shown in his Maths work. His problem solving with counting in 1000's has been excellent.

Holly Atkins - For her wonderful writing this week. We've had amazing adjectives, superb similes, cool conjunctions and lots of alliteration!

Class 4

Emily Webber - Good learning mind-set. Great start.

Elliot Barnard - Positive start to the new academic year.



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FOBS

A warm welcome to new parents and carers from FOBS (Friends of Bolham School)

FOBS would like to welcome new parents and carers to Bolham Primary School. We are the school PTS group, we raise funds for equipment, learning experiences and travel costs that will benefit every pupil at Bolham Primary.

We hold fundraising events such as a Christmas Fair, Easter Egg Hunt and Harvest Supper, parents, relatives and friends are all welcome.

FOBS has been successful in raising funds to refurbish the school library, purchase laptops, iPads and musical instruments. We have also helped fund school trips including Paignton Zoo, the Houses of Parliament, Tate Britain and British Museum. We also help fund pupils to enter the Jaguar Challenge.

We have also supported Bolham Singers and help fund Bolham children to participate in *Young Voices* at the O2 Arena, London.

Our meetings are very informal, why not come along and help support our school and make a real difference?

Please keep an eye out in the Bolham Bullet for details of our next meeting and events.

For more information please contact Andrew (Hugo's Dad), 07989 412 463,
andrew@lathwell.com

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