



The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parent, Carer, Friends

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all, I would like to start the year by congratulating Gethin, Eric, Josh, Lilly and Lyla who have been chosen as this term's Year 6 Prefects, I know they will do an excellent job in their new role. Congratulations must also go to Charlie Valentine Marsh for his amazing performance in this year's Birmingham Royal Ballet production of The Nutcracker Suite at the Albert Hall.

This week Class 3 visited Torquay Museum to start this term's investigation into what it was like to live and work in Ancient Egypt. Thank you to Mr Botham for arranging the trip and to everyone who supported the children. I was delighted the following day to receive a call from Blake's Coaches as the driver had commented on the excellent manners the children showed at the end of the day when they all thanked him as he left the coach. Well done Class 3 you are great ambassadors for the school and all deserved your Headteacher Award.

In assembly today music teacher, Arwen Leaver, demonstrated some of the woodwind instruments available for our children to learn. Mrs Leaver has a few spaces available on Fridays for any child wishing to learn an instrument and letters of interest will be sent home today. We also have a new trumpet tutor for anyone who wishes to try this instrument. Lessons will be on a Wednesday and Tiverton high School have kindly said they will loan our trumpets to pupils before they purchase their own instrument. Full size trumpets are also available for those pupils who are big enough to hold them. If you are interested in your child learning the trumpet, please contact me for further details. Please note that payments for lessons are made direct to the music teachers.

Later this term we are offering parents the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers, so please check the diary dates. We have also planned many of the other important dates such as Sport's day and Leavers' Assembly which I know you will not want to miss. Please note that there will be a meeting for the Year 6 children and parents to learn about this year's Exmoor Challenge on Tuesday 28th January at 3.40 pm in Class 4, so please come along if you are interested.

Finally, I would like to apologise if some of your children have been coming home a little muddier than usual. I have arranged to have the playground cleaned and pressure washed on a number of occasions since the summer holidays, but unfortunately the weather has proved somewhat challenging. Once we get a more settled spell of weather I will improve the current conditions.

'Together we aspire, together we achieve'

Denise Woodgate
Headteacher

Diary Dates

- 28th January - Exmoor Challenge Meeting Class 4
- 17th-21st February - Half Term
- 2nd & 5th March - Parents Evening
- 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
- Week of 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 10-12th June - Class 4 Residential
- 26th June - Sports Day
- 3rd July - Sports Day Reserve Day
- 9th-10th July Class 3 Residential
- 17th July - Leavers Assembly
- 17th July - Last day of Summer



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REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS - SCHOOL TIMES

We have noticed that some children are arriving to school late and causing a disruption when going into their class. We would like to remind parents that children should be dropped off to school at 8.45am - please do not leave your child unsupervised before this time, as there is no teacher on duty in the playground. The bell rings for morning registration at 8.55am. Please could we ask that parents enter the school grounds via one of the gates into the playground rather than the school reception area. Thank you.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

SAFEGUARDING

Please can I remind everyone to help us ensure the safety of the children by shutting gates behind them, not using mobile phones on the premises and parking with due care and consideration.

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated towards the Poppy Appeal, we raised £257.71

SWIMMING 4TH FEBRUARY

Please note there is no bus to transport students to swimming on the 4th February so they will be walking. Please ensure they have a coat on the day in case of bad weather.

HEADLICE

There has been a report of headlice, please check your child's hair and treat accordingly.

ADVANCED NOTICE

Please note there is no after school club on Wednesday 12th February as there is staff training.

EXMOOR CHALLENGE TALK

There will be a talk about the upcoming Exmoor Challenge on Tuesday 28th January at 3.40pm in Class 4.

CHANGE TO SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Please note there will be a change to the school menu next Thursday and Friday.

Thursdays main choices will be fish, vegetable enchilada or jacket potato with cheese and pudding choices will be chocolate cracknel, yogurt or fruit.

Fridays main choices will be pasta bolognaise, vegetable sausage roll, or jacket potato with either cheese or beans. The pudding choices will be hob nob cookie, yogurt or fruit.

FOR SALE - FISH TANK

80L fish tank for sale, with pump, filter and bulb included - £30 - money going to school funds. Please contact the office if you would like more information.



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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

Special mention to Lucas Pancherz for returning to school with a brilliant attitude to learning.

Class 2

Special mention to everyone - Mr Hodge, the gymnastics coach was really impressed with Class 2's gym work this week. Well done!

Class 3

Special mention to the whole of Year 4 for their fantastic behaviour during our trip to Torquay Museum. The coach company even commented on how polite and sensible they all were.

Class 4

Special mention to Lyla Cullen for her positive attitude and the help she has given around the classroom.

LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

Toby Alves - For great participation in maths - confident answers and good explanations. Well done!

Myah Payne - For helping the younger children with their letter formation and tricky words. Well done!

Class 2

Theo Hill - A great week, especially impressive in maths explaining his thinking.

Cohen Hooper - Excellent attitude to writing and handwriting size - just right.

Ralfe Withers - An excellent week with lots of time in the classroom. Well done Ralfe.

Class 3

Isabella Ng - For the mature and sensible attitude she has shown towards her learning. Your effort has been brilliant.

Max Hole - For the brilliant effort and accuracy of his work on identifying and ordering angles. Keep it up!

Class 4

Jodie Reed - For her English work when writing a discussion text.

Luke Cole - For improved handwriting.