



The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, our Rotary Youth Speaks team competed in this year's District Finals competition held in Barnstaple on Saturday 8th February. I am delighted to be able to inform you that the team did extremely well and will now compete in the Junior Finals being held on March 14th in Saltash.

The Rotary Club has run public speaking competitions for many years and it is an excellent way for children to learn how to research and develop a topic before presenting it to an audience. Levinia, this year's Chairperson, has learnt how to control the meeting and introduce the Key Speaker for the event. Josh, our Key Speaker, has learnt to deliver the team's speech on whether we should be worried about the bushfires in Australia before Cara has delivered the final Vote of Thanks. Mrs Hillier said she was incredibly proud of the way in which our team presented their ideas and is looking forward to taking the team to the finals. Thank you to the families for supporting the children at this event, the children for once again being excellent ambassadors for the school and Mrs Hillier for training the team.

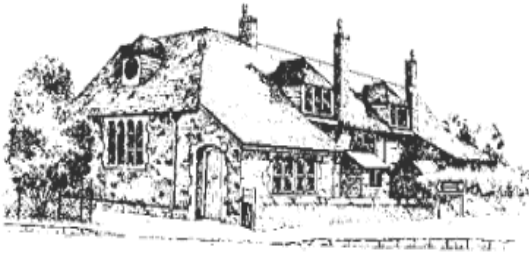


'Together we aspire, together we achieve'

Denise Woodgate
Headteacher

Diary Dates

- 17th-21st February - Half Term
- 1st March - Exmoor Challenge first walk
- 2nd & 5th March - Parents Evening
- 2nd March - Vision Screening Reception class
- 21st March - Voiceworx Performance
- 27th March - Last Day of Spring Term
- 14th April - Start of Summer Term
- 20th April - Bikeability - Year 5
- 28th April - Jaguar Challenge at Petroc
- 8th May - Bank Holiday
- 11th May - KS2 SATs
- 17th May - Exeter Half Marathon
- 21st May - Wilcombe Wobbler
- 25th-29th May - Half Term
- Week of 8th June - Year 1 Phonics Screening
- 10-12th June - Class 4 Residential
- 22nd-26th June - Class 3 Peter Pan Performances
- 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 Term



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

SCHOOL MEALS

Please note we will be on week three of the school menu when we return from half term. There has been a change to the menu for Mondays lunch, the quorn dog and wedges (option two) will now be a quorn burger with wedges.

SWIMMING LESSONS - 17TH MARCH

Due to unforeseen circumstances there will be no swimming lesson on 17th March for Year 1 (Class 1) children.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN RECEPTION

Last week we sent home letters regarding a vision test that will be taking place at school on Monday 2nd March. Please return the slip on the letter if you wish to opt your child out of the test by Friday 28th February.

LOST PROPERTY

There is an ever increasing pile of lost property. As much of the uniform is not named, please can we ask that you name all of your child's uniforms as 115 jumpers all seem to look the same!

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 5th March it will be World Book Day again. This year we are inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character, but please do not feel you need to buy an outfit for this event.

Also, we will be organising time on the day for older children to share books with younger children in the school.



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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

Special mention to the whole of Year 1 for their wonderful own versions of 'The Disgusting Sandwich.'

Class 2

Special mention to the whole class from Miss Donnithorne for excellent learning behaviour and in particular Morgan who was a wonderful 'Mr Slow'.

Class 3

Special mention to Harry Hanks for his superb behaviour and work ethic this week. You've been a pleasure!

Class 4

Special mention to Eric Pickering for supporting other children throughout the school.

LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

Alice Parker - For her attention and focus in phonics with both her reading and writing. Well done!

Arthur Simmons - For his enthusiasm for writing and the fantastic effort he puts in. Well done!

Class 2

Harry Cole - An excellent attitude to maths, very determined to solve maths problems.

Oliver Guest - A good week of learning, I was particularly impressed with how he worked on Mr Botham's challenging maths work.

Class 3

Healey Hale-Westcott - For an exceptional mystery story - superb features and brilliant suspense. Perfectly presented too.

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Class 4

Bertie Dent - For his work on symmetry.

Gethin White - For his effort when writing his diary entries.



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GREEN TEAM

We have started our lunchtime recycling system and it is working well. The crisp packets and pens we are saving will be sent to a charity called 'Ellie's Fund' (www.btrs.org.uk or www.elliesfund.com/recycling) The charity gets money from the recycled packets/pens and this is put into funding research into brain tumours and support for families affected by this. We take our saved pens and crisp packets to a local centre where they will be sent to the charity. Doing our bit to help others and the environment just by eating our lunch!



FOBS NEWS

Bolham Singers and VoiceWorx Concert

FOBS will be supporting Bolham Singers' fundraising efforts to raise money to cover the cost of transport to Young Voices, Birmingham Jan/Feb 2021.

Alan Boxer and the VoiceWorx singers have generously offered to hold a performance and all money raised will help fund the Bolham Singers trip. This is an amazing opportunity for Bolham Singers to perform with children from all over the UK and a full orchestra.

The concert will be held at Kentisbeare Village Hall, Saturday 21st March, 7pm

Further details will be announced after half term - please keep an eye on the Bolham Bullet for booking details. All parents, carers, relatives and friends welcome.