



The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of our new school year. It was wonderful to be able to meet and greet everyone at the school gate on Wednesday and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the children who have started in Foundation Stage and their parents to our school community. I would also like to thank everyone for helping to make our new drop off and collection routines work so efficiently and for helping to keep each other safe.

The children have all settled back into their classrooms and are starting to become used to working and playing within their own 'bubbles'. We have zoned each of our classrooms and changed the structure of the working day to ensure that children and staff stay together and avoid communal areas as much as possible. We have also increased our daily cleaning routines including extra contract cleaning all of the toilets every lunchtime.

At the start of each year we would normally welcome parents to a class meeting to discuss our class routines and to ask any questions you may need answered. Due to current guidance we are unable to offer this service at this moment in time, but all of the teachers have put together a class information sheet. Staff are more than happy to answer any questions you may have, so please feel free to contact the school via email admin@tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk or ring after 3.30 pm to speak to one of us.

This term we are launching our new Accelerated Reader system for our 'free readers' in order to provide them with more support with their reading and comprehension skills. Mrs Hillier, our English lead, has written a guide for parents which I hope you will be able to find the time to read.

The Autumn Term is traditionally a very busy one with lots happening such as Harvest Festival, the Remembrance Service, Lantern Parade, Parents' Evenings and of course our Christmas Carol Service to name but a few. This year we are aware that many of our traditional events will be unable to go ahead, but we are currently thinking up some creative ways in which we can mark special events in our calendar and at the same time allow parents and carers the opportunity to join in or see what has been happening in school. Please bear with us whilst we finalise some of the details.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all of our new house captains and vice -captains on their successful appointment. During the lockdown the children had to formally apply for the position outlining the reasons why they should be selected. Many congratulations to Dorothy Cottington who will lead Dart with Jodie Reed as her vice- captain, Jake Woodman who is the new captain of Exe and vice- captain Phoebe Hanks, Phoebe Broomfield will take the role for Lowman with Nellie Alves as her second- in- command and finally Elliot Barnard who will be the new house captain for Barle with vice- captain Poppy Bell. I would also like to take this opportunity to formally welcome Miss Crang to the position of Class 3 teacher this term. If you have a child in Class 3 and have not had the opportunity to meet Miss Crang yet, please try and say 'hello' next week when to drop off our pick up your child as I know that she is eager to meet everyone.

Denise Woodgate

Head teacher

'Together we aspire, together we achieve'



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E -SAFETY

It has been brought to my attention that there has been some very unsuitable material being viewed by young children on Tik Tok involving suicide. I have been asked to bring it to the attention of parents and carers so that you can ensure your child is safe whilst online. If parents or carers would like e-safety training or advice please contact the school and we will be more than happy to help or signpost you to support groups.

UNIFORM

As a school we have been made aware of difficulties regarding the supply of our school uniform. I met with a representative of our supplier at the start of term and was informed that there have been problems with obtaining stock nationally. In order to keep the governing body informed of the situation, please can I ask that you have experience problems with obtaining uniform this term that you email the school with a brief outline of the problems

UNIFORM LABELLING

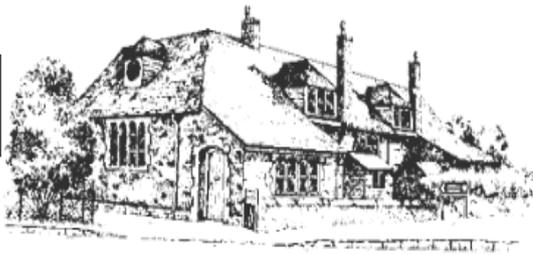
Please can we ask that all uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name as 113 green jumpers all look the same!

WASPS

We located a wasps' nest in the boundary wall just outside our entrance gate and contacted our pest controller who has dealt with the matter. Please take extra care however in this area just in case there are some still around.

TTRockstars

As of Monday, your time and coins will be reset on Times Table Rockstars, so please spend any coins you have accumulated before Monday morning. Otherwise, you will find they have disappeared!



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LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

The whole of Class 1 - For settling in so well in the first week back. Well done!

Class 2

Well done everyone for making such a good start to Class 2 and adapting to new routines.

Class 3

To the whole of Class 3 - For how fantastically they have settled into the new school year. They've worked hard and showed some great growth mind-set.

Class 4

To all of Class 4 - You have only been in for a few days and have had to adapt to our new normal. New rules and procedures that take some learning. Well done!



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