



# The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to be able to announce that Bolham Primary School has just been awarded the School Games Mark Gold Award for 2019-20 for their commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport. This is the second year that the school has achieved this award and despite our unusual school year, the judging panel clearly recognised all the hard work Mr Williams put into preparing the children for the Exeter Children's Marathon, the inter-schools competitions we entered and of course our lockdown Sport's Day 2020. Thanks must also go to Mr Botham, Mr Simmons and Mr Gibbs for all their help in setting up and training our new tag rugby squad who got off to such a great start with their fixtures. Although it may be a while until we are back to normal in terms of terms of competitive sport we are not putting our sports curriculum on hold. The governing body have authorised the additional funding of extra sports coaching this term to support all the children in returning to pre- lockdown fitness levels with our Get Fit, Get Moving programme of activities designed to encourage the children to run around and at the same time learn the skills of orienteering. The children will be taking part in this in small groups of no more than fifteen which will also allow our teachers to be able to spend more time with less children and really begin to identify any gaps in learning and to provide the necessary catch up required.

## DIARY DATES

**Half Term** - 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>  
October

**End of Autumn Term** - 18<sup>th</sup>  
December

**Spring Term starts** - 5<sup>th</sup>  
January

**February Half Term** - 15<sup>th</sup>  
February-19<sup>th</sup> February

**Easter Holidays** - 2<sup>nd</sup> April-  
18<sup>th</sup> April

**Summer Term starts** 19<sup>th</sup>  
April

**Half Term** - 31<sup>st</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup>  
June

**End of Summer Term** - 23<sup>rd</sup>  
July



This week has also seen us successfully introduce our very first Microsoft Teams whole school assembly. As a school we are not allowed to come together for our whole school assembly and so we have had to go online. Class 1 thought it quite amusing to see me pop up on the whiteboard and then for me to appear at the classroom door when the technology froze!





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Congratulations must also go this week to all of our new children in Foundation who have completed their first full week in school and to our new Autumn Term Year 6 prefects. Briony Hill, Nikodem Poplawski, Edward Slade, Isabella Shears, Lana Smith and Jasmine Ruby were all awarded their prefects badge in our Celebration Assembly this morning.

Children across the school have also had the opportunity this week to use some of our new laptops and iPads. Before the end of the summer term the governing body made the decision to finance 30 new laptops and 30 new iPads to help support the development of our computing curriculum and to ensure that the all the children had access to enough computers during lessons.

Miss Cotter has also finished our fantastic Lockdown Display this week. We have taken all of your lockdown photographs and messages and created a new display in our main corridor showing off some of the amazing things you achieved as families and we did in school during lockdown. Thank you to everyone who contributed something to this display.

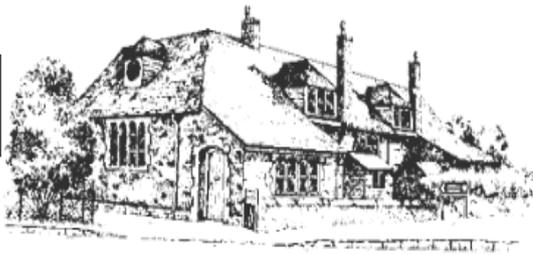


Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support in helping keeping our community safe and your support with our drop off and collection routines. Our school risk assessment (RA 100) for managing the Covid -19 situation can now be found on our website under Key Information. Please can I ask that you also read the reminders about car parking further in the Bullet and the attached information about what we need to do if we think any of the children or families need to do if they are unwell.

**Denise Woodgate**

Head teacher

'Together we aspire, together we achieve'



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## CAR PARKING

1. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes before your designated drop off or collection times as this prevents other people from finding a space and causes congestion.
2. Please remember to park sensibly and not block our neighbour's driveways
3. Please use the overflow car park in the Hartnoll Hotel. They are wonderful neighbours to us and we do not want to upset them by causing a problem or being rude to their customers.

## INCIDENT AT SCHOOL SCAM

Some schools have received reports of parents of being called on the phone, allegedly by their school, to say their child has been involved in an incident or taken ill. An example has been where a parent was called to say the child was ill and asked to dial 1 to be connected to right person to speak to. This child was at home that day so they knew it could not be correct so they attempted to ring the school but discovered the phone line had been held open reportedly to a high cost phone line. In another example the parents were asked to contact the school on the number provided, which again turned out to be a high cost phone line.

Please note Bolham Primary School **will never ask you to dial 1** and we only ever use or **school number 01884 253576** for you to contact us on during school hours.

## OUT OF HOURS

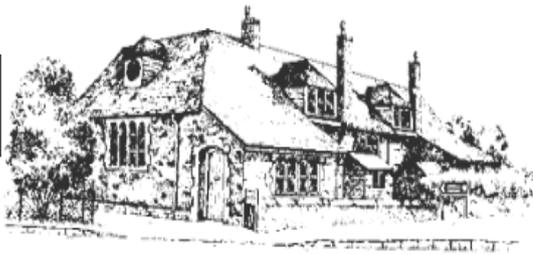
If you or a member of your household has possible COVID -19 symptoms or test positive for Covid-19, please **contact the school** on **01884 253576** during school hours or text a message to **07513 299444** after hours and at the weekend. A member of staff will then contact you for further information as the school has a Public Health England procedure to follow.

## BAGS

School bags are permitted in school for reading books, lunch boxes and water bottles but can we ask that it is kept to a minimum so we can continue to keep our school a safe environment

## FORMS

We are today sending home SOE3, Consent for images and Healthcare plan forms - please can you complete them at your earliest convenience and return to your child's teacher. Many thanks.



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## **BARNARDO'S 'SEE, HEAR, RESPOND' SERVICE**

See, Hear, Respond is a service provided across England by Barnardo's and other national and local community-based organisations in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

See, Hear, Respond, provides support to children, young people and their families who aren't currently seeing a social worker or other agency, and who are struggling to cope with the emotional impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). See, Hear, Respond will support from pre-birth up to 18 years of age and those with special educational needs under the age of 25.

See, Hear, Respond will contact every referral made, so no child is missed. Help is available in one or more of four ways:

- an online hub of support and information
- online counselling and therapy
- face-to-face support for those most affected and at risk of some of today's most pertinent issues, such as criminal exploitation, and
- helping children and young people reintegrate back into school

You can access via the 'See, Hear, Respond' service [self-referral webpage](#) or Freephone 0800 151 7015.

## **LEARNING LEAVES**

### **Class 1**

Shayla Jones - For her brilliant attitude to learning in class. Well done!

Beth Philpott - For being so helpful to others in class. Well done!

### **Class 2**

Ava Johnson and Lily Warner Drew - Thank you for being such excellent helpers with iPad work.

### **Class 3**

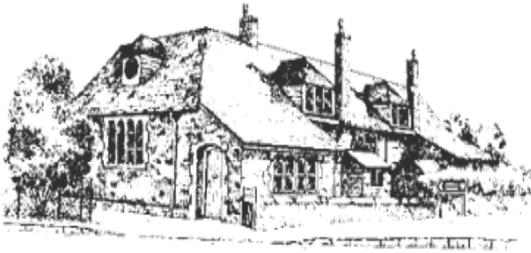
Poppy Alexander - For the superb attitude she has shown in all of her learning this week - producing some great writing and place value work.

Isabelle Ng - For starting Year 4 with a brilliant attitude in everything she does. Her work has been brilliant and she's trying new things in the playground.

### **Class 4**

Sophia Gulliver - For the effort she has made with her maths

Nellie Alves - For her achievement with her reading



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## **SPECIAL MENTIONS**

### **Class 1**

Special mention to the Year 1's in Class One for helping the new Reception children to settle in.

### **Class 2**

Special mention to Morgan Broadbent - For joining in with all lessons with enthusiasm and for having a positive attitude to school.

### **Class 3**

Special mention to Matthew Slade - For helping others to learn and improve their football.

### **Class 4**

A warm welcome to Liam Gwyther who has recently joined us here at Bolham.