



The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Since returning to school, staff and pupils have been working hard learning how to use Microsoft Teams in the event of a further national lockdown or we need to send a class 'bubble' home. Thank you to everyone who has responded to our requests to log on and participate in online homework and to Mr Botham for all his hard work in getting everyone set up. In the event that we have to switch to online learning we will send home an online guide including teaching timetable, for parents and carers with some helpful flowcharts and our online safety requirements. If in the meantime you need any further help either with accessing online work or with the necessary devices required for your child to participate in this style of learning, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Summer 2020 saw the cancellation of all primary assessments and the delay of the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check due to take place in June 2020. The Department of Education has since announced that all Year 2 pupils will now need to take the screening check before the end of the Autumn Term. Our Year 2 pupils will take the check with Mrs Hillier during November and parents will be informed of the results at the end of the term. Pupils who do not pass the screening check will receive further support in school and will be checked again in June 2021.

Over the next few months we will be seeing some changes to our staffing. As you may be aware, Mr Dickinson will be retiring at the end of this term and so last Friday we held interviews to appoint a new class teacher. I am delighted to be able to inform you that we were successful in our quest and that Mr Vickery has been appointed as the new Class 4 teacher and will be taking up his post in January. Mr Williams, our sports coach, will also be leaving us as he has been offered an exciting full time position with a large academy trust in Somerset. Mr Williams has worked at our school for over five years and during that time has made a huge impact on the quality of sports provision and become a highly valued member of the team. Mr Williams's last day will be Friday 6th November and I am sure you would like to join me in wishing him every success for the future. Mr Hodge, who already works in school during the week as a sports coach, will be taking over some of Mr Williams's classes and Ms Alice Bluffield will also be joining the sports team. We will send home the new P.E timetable after half term as this may affect which day you send your child to school in P.E Kit.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to everyone for all their hard work and support during the past seven weeks. This half term has been extremely challenging, but children and staff have worked hard to adapt to new routines and expectations and I am so proud of the way the whole school community have worked together to keep everyone safe. Please see the attached letter from Dawn Stabb, Head of Education and Learning, who also wishes to extend her thanks to you all.

Denise Woodgate

Head teacher

'Together we aspire, together we achieve'

DIARY DATES

Half Term - 26th-30th
October

Flu Vaccinations - 26th
November

End of Autumn Term - 18th
December

Spring Term starts - 5th
January

February Half Term - 15th
February-19th February

Easter Holidays - 2nd April-
18th April

Summer Term starts 19th
April

Half Term - 31st May - 4th
June

End of Summer Term -
23rd July



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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.

OUTSTANDING BALANCES

Please can we ask that you clear any outstanding balances on your School Money account.

Please make all payments online as we are no longer accepting cash. If you need any help with your account please do not hesitate to contact us in the office on admin@tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk

FORMS

Please can we ask that any outstanding SOE3, consent for data and healthcare forms are returned to us as soon as possible. Please return the healthcare form even if your child has no healthcare needs. Many thanks.

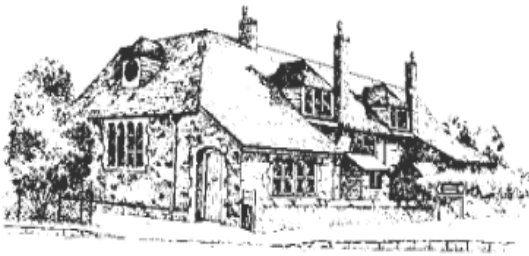
PARKING

Please can we ask that you do not park in front of the gate in the car park, this needs to remain clear for emergencies.

THIS WEEK IN CLASS 4

This week the children have been working on their topic work, it has been really well presented and they have spent a lot of care over it.





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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

Special mention to the whole of Class One for a great first half term.

Class 2

Special mention to Bernie Hobbs, well done for doing some extra home learning investigating precious stones.

Class 3

Special mention to Esme Parker for showing a fantastic growth mindset and for working really hard in her maths.

Class 4

Special mention to Winnie Halsey for her ability to remain focused, always wanting to do her best.

LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

Harriet Wych - For her amazing fruit printing this week - it looks fantastic.

Logan Harrison - For settling in so well in Class One. It's like he's always been here.

Class 2

Charley-Mae Stone - Excellent independent learning, writing her own story books.

Harrison Cooke - Excellent independent learning, writing his own non-fiction book about dragons.

Class 3

Claudia Dent - For her excellent newspaper report on cave paintings.

Cohen Hooper - For the superb growth mindset he has shown this term. Showing perseverance and determination.

Class 4

Paige Simmons - For her resilience when trying to work out timetable problems.

Elliot Barnard - For very well-presented Topic work on railways.



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SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Just a reminder that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is **Saturday 31st October 2020**.

The easiest way to make an application is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

If you do not wish to, or cannot apply online, you can contact the customer service centre on
0345 155 1019 who can assist you.

Tiverton High School have created a virtual open event, for more information see the poster below:

TIVERTON HIGH SCHOOL
VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

<https://tiverton.devon.sch.uk/openevent/>

Due to the pandemic, we are not able to host an open event this year. However you can experience life at our school through our open event portal – with a range of videos to watch. It's an opportunity for students and parents to hear from key staff, year 7 students, and even school dog Bramble.

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BOLHAM BEES BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Bolham Bees is open again for your before and after school childcare needs. Both clubs have spaces, so don't forget to book your child in for after half term.



Feedback from children and parents since we reopened has been really positive:

"He was so happy when I told him that after school club was going to re-open. He'd been asking about it for ages! He really loves after school club" - Parent of child in Class 1

"Thank you for making after school club so fun, they both absolutely love coming to breakfast and after school club" - Parent of children in Classes 1 and 3

"He was very excited about coming back to after school club" - Parent of child in Class 3

Prices for both clubs are below, if you would like to know how to access the service or any more information please do not hesitate to contact us on admin@tiverton-bolham-primary.sch.uk



Breakfast Club 7.45am - 8.45am (Breakfast included if required)

£5 per full session

£3 per half session (8.15am-8.45am)



After School Club 3.30pm-5.30pm (Snack included if required)

£3.00 per child - half hour session (3.30pm - 4.00pm)

£5.00 per child - one hour session (3.30pm - 4.30pm)

£6.00 per child - one and a half hour session (3.30pm-5.00pm)

£7.00 per child - two hour session (3.30pm - 5.30pm)