

The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parent and Carers

This morning in our Celebration Assembly we said 'goodbye and good luck' to Mr Williams who has been our sports' coach over the past five years. Mr Hodge will continue to teach sports across the school and we will be joined by Miss Bluffield. Please see below the new sports timetable as this may affect which day you send your child to school in their P.E kit.

Day	Class
Monday	Class 3
Tuesday	Class 1, Class 2
Wednesday	Class 4, Class 3, Class 2
Thursday	
Friday	Class 4

DIARY DATES

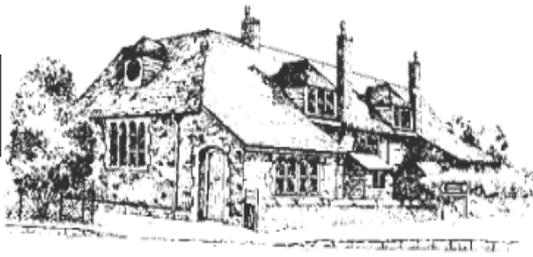
Flu Vaccinations - 26th
November
End of Autumn Term - 18th
December
Spring Term starts - 5th
January
February Half Term - 15th
February-19th February
Easter Holidays - 2nd April-
18th April
Summer Term starts 19th
April
Half Term - 31st May - 4th
June
End of Summer Term -
23rd July

On Wednesday 11th November, we will be taking time as a school to stop and remember all those who have given their lives in the service of our country. Class 4 have put together a moving tribute not just to those who have lost their lives in conflict, but also the NHS workers throughout the country who this year have given so much at our time of need. We hope to post the video onto our website, so please go to the blog tab if you would also like to stop and remember them. Poppies will be available for the children to purchase in each class as from Monday 9th November.

On Friday 13th November we are having a non-uniform day for Children in Need 2020. Children can come to school either in casual clothes or fancy dress if they prefer. Any donations to this worthy charity will be gratefully received, but do not feel obliged as we are aware that many of our families are finding this a challenging time financially.

As we enter another period of national lockdown, we have reviewed our own safety practice within school and I would like to extend my thanks on behalf of the pupils and staff for all your support in keeping our school community safe during the first half of the term. Please can I now request from Monday that you do the following :

1. **Wear a mask** when you enter our grounds unless you have a disability or condition which prevents you from doing so
2. Line up in your designated areas and keep a 2m distance wherever possible
3. Leave the site once you have collected your child unless you are collecting a younger sibling



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In accordance with government guidance with regards to wrap around care, Bolham Bees Breakfast Club and After School Club will continue to operate normal opening hours for those parents who need to work seek work, attend education or training, or for the purposes of respite care for carers. We have space for 15 pupils before and after school and all bookings must be made and paid for in advance. Just go to <https://eduspot.co.uk/> to book your space. Please can I also draw your attention to government childcare guidelines which state:

Parents are able to form a childcare bubble with one other household for the purposes of informal childcare, where the child is 13 or under

If we all continue to follow the rules we will hopefully be able to continue to remain open as a school and ensure our children receive the education they so rightly deserve.

Finally, a small number of children in classes 3 and 4 are arriving consistently late to school each morning. The first half an hour each morning is our 'Early Work' session where children practise their times tables, spellings and quick recall work. By arriving late each morning they are missing a considerable amount of learning over the period of a week and they are also disturbing the learning of the other children who have arrived on time. Please ensure your child is on time and all the children in our school have the best start they can to their day. School starts at 8.45am for Classes 3 and 4, and 9.00am for Classes 1 and 2.

Denise Woodgate

Head teacher

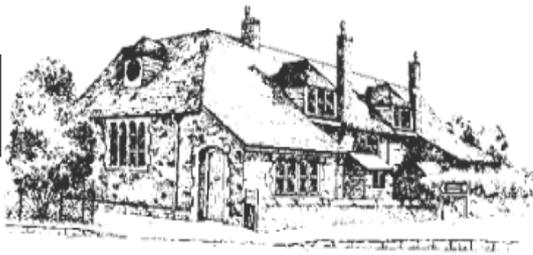
'Together we aspire, together we achieve'

PARKING

Please can parents park either at The Hartnoll Hotel or in the surrounding area and not in the coach bay at the front of the school. A number of parents have taken to just pulling up and dropping children off and this is causing a problem on the junction for other drivers and the school bus.

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.



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CONSULTATION ON OUR ADMISSIONS POLICY FOR 2022-23

Below you will see a link to our proposed admissions policy for 2022-23. We are consulting on this between 1 November and 8 January and invite any parent or other person with an interest in our admission arrangements to read the policy and make any comments you wish. You will see where there are changes, the text is in red - either something we propose to add or, if it has a line through it, something we propose to remove.

<http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>

One of the proposals is to add children who have been adopted from state care outside of England to our oversubscription criterion 1. This is in anticipation that the Department for Education will require this change for all schools as it has just consulted on changes to the School Admissions Code. It is possible that the Department's timescales may mean that the Code is not amended before the end of February, when we have to formally set our policy. If that is the case, we may have to determine our policy without that change and then alter it later in spring or summer. We are bringing it to your attention though as a change in policy that we expect to have to introduce.

Other than changes in red and dates moving forward a year, the way our policy will work is the same as in the previous year, 2021-22 which you can also see below.

If you have any comments, you can make them to Devon County Council which is co-ordinating the consultation. Further information is at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. You will be able to view the proposed policies for all state-funded schools in Devon and the Local Authorities policies there too.

The consultation ends on 8 January and all policies must be determined by 28 February and published in the same places by 15 March.

FORMS

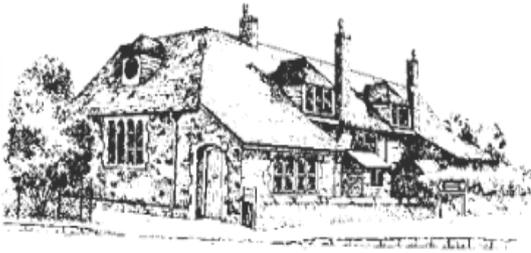
Please can we ask that any outstanding SOE3, consent for data and healthcare forms are returned to us as soon as possible. Please return the healthcare form even if your child has no healthcare needs. Many thanks.

WOOL

Class 4 are looking for wool if anyone has any they would be happy to donate to the class.

LIP BALM

Please can we ask if children bring in lip balms they bring the stick kind rather than the tins to avoid unnecessary touching of their face.



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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

Special mention to Elliot Walford for being so helpful to both adults and children in Class One.

Class 2

Special mention to Lilly Wedgery, James Warner-Drew and Paige Hutchings - an excellent attitude to tackling the new maths knowledge of multiplication and division.

Class 3

Special mention to the whole of Class 3 for doing fantastically on our Star Reader assessment.

Class 4

Special mention to Briony Hill for her flawless and fluent performance when recording our remembrance video.

LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

Hazel Pickering - For writing her CVC words unaided. Amazing work!

Mia Hammett - For clearly doing her homework and impressing Miss Cotter with her Phase 5 phonics.

Well done!

Class 2

Alistair Wych - A fantastic attitude to all learning and excellent behaviour.

Zac Armstrong - Excellent attitude to learning, working quickly on tasks.

Class 3

Tyler Shelley - For the fantastic work he did finding features of our model text. Well done!

Ruaridh Coutts - For the superb improvement he has made in his reading comprehension. Well done!

Class 4

Freya Cumes - For helping others when trying to draw accurately.

Ruben Mortimore - For his effort when writing about the 'Eye of the Wolf.'



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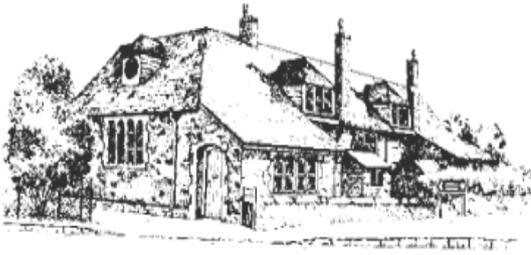
TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS ROCK OUT ENGLAND 2020

In Class 3 and 4 next week, we will be taking part in the TTRockstars Rock Out England week. We will be competing against schools from all over England in a competition to see who can get the most correct answers. There will be an average number of correct answers for each class. There will be prizes for the winning schools, classes and individuals. Please see the poster below and the pdf information document attached in the email for more information, or please come and see me to ask any questions.

Mr Botham

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS
PRESENTS
MATHS WEEK England
9TH-14TH NOVEMBER
ROCK OUT 2020
PRIZES TO BE WON

- ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE
- PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE
- WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL
- ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS OR VISIT:
[TTROCKSTARS.COM/PAGE/MATHSWEEEKENGLAND2020](https://www.ttrockstars.com/page/mathsweekengland2020)



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THIS WEEK IN CLASS 1

This is Bobbi's firework picture that she did this week.

She spent a lot of time and took care to complete this and we think it looks amazing!

