



The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: 18th December - Bolham Primary School will be open.

The Department for Education announced on Tuesday 8th December that schools may wish to consider closing on Friday 18th December. The reason for this action is that schools have been required to remain contactable to support the Test and Trace Service in the event of a positive Covid case in schools for six days after the end of term. Closing on the 18th December would therefore reduce the need for staff to be on duty up to and on Christmas Eve.

As a school, we have taken the decision to remain open and continue to provide this track and trace service until Christmas Eve so that families, especially those who are key workers, do not have to make alternative child care arrangements at such short notice. Bolham Primary School will therefore be open on Friday 18th December.

Please can we ask that from 18th December you follow the procedure below if a child in your family, who attends our school, tests positive for Covid -19 having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school.

- Text **07513 299444** as soon as you can, informing us of the name of your child, the date of the positive test and also the date your child became symptomatic.

The school will then liaise with the test and trace service and contact all those who may need to isolate as a result. If your child is in this group, you will then receive the following text message from us:

- Track & Trace has asked school to alert you that your child has been in contact with a positive case and you have been advised to self- isolate.

If your child tests positive having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school does not need to be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff, pupil and parents of Bolham Primary School who have worked so hard to supporting the school during this difficult period and in particular Miss Fargher who has helped me with providing continuous 'out of hours' service to all of our families every weekend this term.

Denise Woodgate

Head teacher

'Together we aspire, together we achieve'

DIARY DATES

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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CHRISTMAS DINNER COVID STYLE!

CLASS ONE



Please see our blog on the school website for more photos next week.





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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.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Breakfast and after school sessions are now available to book after Christmas up to February half term. Please be aware that there is no after school provision on Friday 18th December.

COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

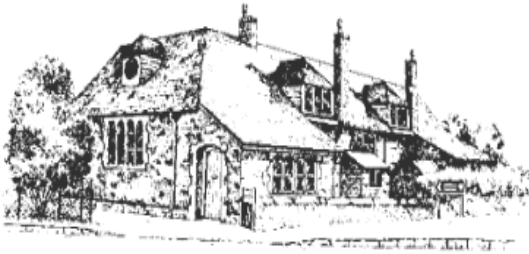
Please can you notify school if your child/children will be collected by anyone other than yourselves or those currently familiar to the school. You can do this via the school office on email: admin@tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk or 01884 253576. Children will not be allowed to leave school with anyone unauthorised.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Please can you ensure any outstanding payments are cleared by the end of term. If you need any help using your School Money account please contact the School Office either by email, admin@tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk or telephone 01884 253576.

RSE CONSULTATION

Our RSE consultation period has ended, please see the attached letter for information.



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SPECIAL MENTIONS

Class 1

Special mention to all the Reception children for completing letters to Santa in their first guided write session.

Class 2

Special mention to everyone for your excellent attitude to maths this week.

Class 3

Special mention to Sienna Hutchings for how hard she has been working this term. Well done and thank you!

Class 4

Special Mention to Nellie Alves for the effort that she has put into her pull-along toy.

LEARNING LEAVES

Class 1

Elliot Walford - For stepping out of his 'comfort zone' and challenging himself. Well done!

Zoe Stevens - For trying so hard with her letter formation. Well done!

Class 2

Toby Alves - Excellent maths this week. Excellent attitude to completing all his work.

Lily Wedgery - Showing great determination with her work especially maths work.

Class 3

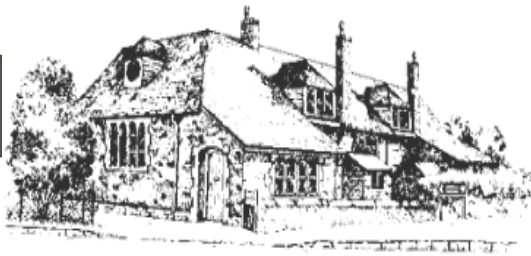
Alfie Criddle - For being an absolute delight to teach. He is hard-working and has an outstanding attitude to his learning. We love having you in class 3!

Holly Chappell - For the incredible progress she has made in her reading. Your comprehension is superb and we are very proud of you.

Class 4

Winnie Halsey - For helping others around the classroom.

Edward Slade - For a superb result in his maths assessment.



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BOLHAM BEES

Thank you to all of the children who have helped make lots of Christmas decorations in Bolham Bees. We have had so much fun!

Special mention to Max Frank who enthusiastically led the Christmas tree display, it turned out beautifully.

Mrs Withers and Miss Waterman.

