

The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful at the beginning of the week to be able to welcome the whole school back for the start of the Summer Term. Hopefully, subject to government guidance, we will also be able to resume some of our traditional end of year school events. We have put together proposed diary dates for Sport's Day and Leavers' Assembly etc. as I know that many of you will need to make work arrangements. Please note however that these dates are **provisional** and may be subject to change. Unfortunately, we have also had to cancel our residential bookings for this year based on current advice.

Children will continue to work and play together in their separate class bubbles until further notice and we will continue with our start and end of day routines as well as our cleaning procedures in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. I am delighted however to be able to inform you that Mr Boxer will be returning to us this term to teach music in KS2 as we work towards a return to full curriculum provision.

Finally, there will be no national testing this year for children in years 1, 2 and 6. Children will take part in our normal school assessment procedures and results will be shared with parents and carers in the end of year reports and with secondary schools as part of our transition arrangements.

'Together We Aspire and Together We Achieve'

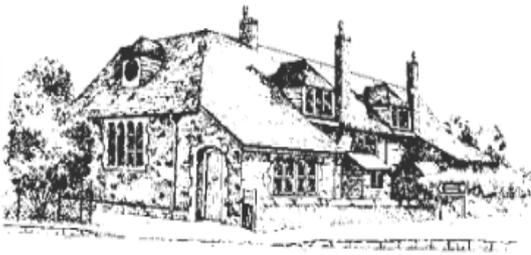
Denise Woodgate
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Half Term - 31st May - 4th
June
End of Summer Term - 23rd
July

PROVISIONAL DATES

Sport's Day - 2nd July
Reserve Sport's Day - 9th
July
Stay and Play and transition
days - 7th & 14th July
Reports out to parents - 15th
July
Leavers' Meal - 15th July
Leavers' Show for Parents -
22nd July
Leavers' Assembly - 23rd July
End of Term FOBS picnic -
23rd July



FOLLOW-UP PCR TESTS REQUIRED AFTER A POSITIVE LFD TEST

Previously, a follow-up PCR test was only required following a positive LFD test carried out at home. The Government has **re-introduced** the requirement for a PCR test after positive LFD tests carried out at all assisted testing sites. As of 31st March, staff and pupils who get a positive LFD result (whether at home or at supervised testing site in school) should take a follow-up PCR test. This requirement is now published in the Stay At Home Guidance. [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) and has been included in the DfE daily update. As the prevalence rates are now low in England, follow-up PCR tests will help reduce the chances of false positive LFD tests. The follow-up PCR test should be taken as soon as possible and **within 2 days of the positive LFD result**. The quickest way is to [book a test online](#) or call 119 for an appointment at a nearby nearest testing centre. Alternatively, a PCR home test kit can be used but it may take longer for the results to come back.

SELF-ISOLATION

Staff, students and pupils who have a positive LFD test result, their household members and close contacts should self-isolate immediately whilst waiting for the follow-up PCR result. Public health action must be taken from a positive result, whether from a LFD or PCR test, to quickly identify close contacts in school and request that they self-isolate.

IF THE FOLLOW-UP PCR RESULT IS NEGATIVE

If the follow-up PCR test result is negative and the test was done within 2 days of the positive LFD result, the person, their household members and close contacts at school can stop self-isolating and return to school or college if they are well. It is important to continue with all existing protective measures, negative test results should not be read as a means to relax preventative measures which are intended to reduce the risk of transmission.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT GUIDANCE

The Department for Transport have updated their [guidance on home to school transport](#), and managing a response to an infection. Whilst previously we were advised that those who had travelled in the same vehicle (regardless of vehicle size) and been in contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) would be classified as a "close contact" and asked to self-isolate, **this is now not an automatic assumption**. A risk assessment for each individual case taking into consideration vehicle size, the degree of face-to-face contact or length of time / proximity to a positive case, and other mitigating factors such as seating plans, Perspex screens around drivers, etc. will be taken by DCC.



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OUT OF HOURS

If your child has been in school and 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.

SCHOOL MENU

Reminder - The Summer Term school menu starts next Monday 26th April on Week 1.

CLASS 3 - PE

Please note Class 3 will have PE sessions on a Wednesday with Mr Botham or Miss Crang.

FOR ALL PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN CLASS 3

Next Thursday (29th) at 5.30pm, Miss Crang and Mr Botham are going to host a Teams meeting about what we are going to be covering in maths this Summer term. We are hoping it will be informative about what we are going to teach, but also the approach we take to teaching these areas. You will be invited to this meeting via Teams, with a separate meeting for Year 3 (Mr Botham) and Year 4 (Miss Crang). We hope that lots of you will be able to join us then.

Mr Botham & Miss Crang

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy Birthday wishes to those children who are celebrating their birthday this week and over the Easter holidays:

Paige H, Max F, Eva A and Karolina.



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LEARNING LEAVES

CLASS 1

Joseph Withers - For fantastic counting to 100. Well done!

Elliot Walford - For identifying and explaining the pattern he found when counting in 10's from any 2 digit number.

CLASS 2

Eloise-Rose Kendryna - Well done for getting 'off the chart' this week.

Felix Pickering - Well done for getting 'off the chart' this week.

CLASS 3

Alfie Criddle - For working brilliantly with his talk partner and supporting the learning of others.

Theo Hill - For his excellent attitude to learning - you have been consistently setting an excellent example to the rest of the class.

CLASS 4

Dorothy Cottington - For her excellent understanding of active and passive sentences.

Sophia Gulliver - For achieving her best score to date on her maths rapid recall challenge.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

CLASS 1

Special mention to Lottie Hale-Westcott for challenging herself on the climbing wall.

CLASS 2

Special mention to Charley-Mae Stone and Bernie Hobbs for excellent team work in maths adding 2 digit numbers. A great attitude to learning.

CLASS 3

Special mention to Claudia, Holly A and Eva for amazing writing in English when describing a setting.

CLASS 4

Special mention to Charlie Collier for always being polite and considerate to others.





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HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERN - MAGNET TOYS

You may already be aware of a recent "playground craze" toy consisting of very small, powerful round magnets. They are brightly coloured, look like sweets, are traded on the playground and easily hidden.

Devon County Council have reported to us that these have caused severe injuries to children when swallowed, deliberately, or more commonly accidentally, when doing tricks that involve putting some of them in the mouth with more on the outside of the cheek. A recent incident left a child in hospital. There are also numerous newspaper reports of children undergoing significant abdominal surgery to have the magnets removed to avoid serious damage being done because they clump together around internal tissue causing tears.

Please can we ask that you do not allow your child to bring these toys into school. If any of these toys come into school they will be confiscated by the child's teacher and then handed back to the parent/carer at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support with this matter in keeping all of our children safe.

Sunningmead Community Centre Youth Club

We are pleased to be re-opening on Thursday 29th April

We are a youth club for 8-11 year olds open on a Thursday from 4pm-5.45pm

Entry £1 per session (£1.50 annual membership fee)

Arts and Crafts Table Tennis Pool Table Tuck Shop
Board Games Gardening Party Games

New members welcome



We are open throughout all school holidays.

Closed 6th May, 20th May due to elections

Contact Lynn on 07866960880 or sunningmead_youthclub@yahoo.com

For further information