

The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following advice from PHSW earlier this week, Class 4 were unable to lead our traditional Remembrance Day Assembly due to the increasing number of positive Covid-19 cases in school. However, I represented the school at Class 4's laying of their wreath and each class took time to stop and reflect at 11 o'clock. Class 4's service was a fitting tribute to all of those who sacrificed so much for their country and continue to do so today. I would like to thank Class 4, Mr Vickery and Mrs Beach for all of their hard work and parents for donating so generously towards this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



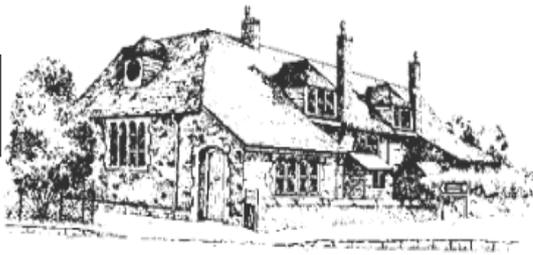
Mrs Middleton is currently in self isolation, but will be teaching the class via Teams and the children will be supported in class by Mrs Withers. This worked effectively yesterday and our broadband held up! The children were incredibly resilient and should feel very proud of their achievements.

DIARY DATES

Tempest School Photos -
25th November
End of Term - 17th
December
Spring Term Starts - 5th
January
Flu Immunisations - 14th
January
February Half Term - 21st
-25th February
End of Spring Term - 8th
April
Start of Summer Term -
25th April
May Half Term - 30th May
- 3rd June
End of Summer Term -
22nd July



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Earlier this week, Steve Brown, Devon's Director of Public Health informed schools about the the latest findings from Imperial College London and Ipsos MORI which shows the prevalence of COVID-19 infections as being at the highest recorded rate since the study began in May 2020, [and the highest prevalence being in the south-west](#). The study shows that infections have grown fastest among those of school age, and rates among people aged 65 years old and over have doubled since their last report. Increasing case rates within school this week certainly reflect this national and local picture.

Steve Brown, said the latest data needs to be a wake-up call.

"These latest figures show that we can't be complacent. These are the highest rates of infection since this study began, and they need to be a wake-up call to all of us.

"Coronavirus is very much still in our communities, and while the vaccine is great, we must not rely solely on it to keep us safe.

"We need everyone who is eligible for a third dose or a booster jab to come forward without delay."

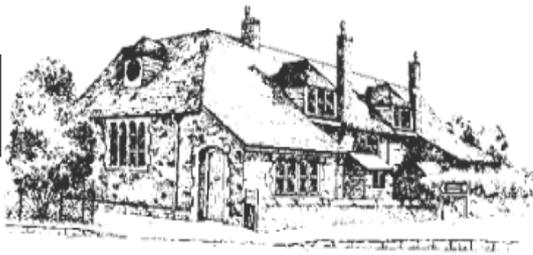
"And we need everyone to take steps to mitigate risk to themselves and others."

Following this information and the current outbreak in school, we have taken the decision to cancel all planned whole school events for the remainder of this term in order to reduce transmission rates. This will include the Scholastic Book Fair, an EYFS/KS1 trip to the theatre and our carol service. Whilst we are saddened by this, we feel that it is the right decision for both the school and the wider community if we want to keep our children learning in school and for families to have a Covid free Christmas.

I would like to thank everyone for their understanding and support at this difficult time.

'Together We Aspire and Together We Achieve'

Denise Woodgate
Headteacher



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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.

YOUNG VOICES

Due to the current climate, please be aware that if you paid by cheque we will not cash this until we are sure the event will take place. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please can all orders for Christmas cards be back in by **Wednesday 17th November**. If you wish to pay by cheque, please make them payable to Friends of Bolham School. Thank you.

HEALTHCARE FORMS

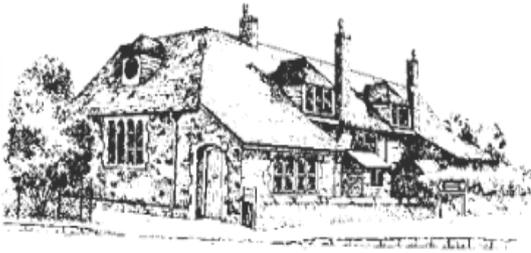
We are today sending home outstanding healthcare forms; please can you fill in and return even if your child does not have any medical needs.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We have regretfully cancelled the book fair that was due to take place next week. We will reschedule this for the Spring term.

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please can we ask that your child only attends breakfast and after school club when booked in. If you need to make a booking or check availability at short notice please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01884 253576 or email admin@tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk Many thanks.



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LEARNING LEAVES

CLASS 1

Matylda Poplawska - For continuing an activity we had done as a group in her independent learning. She made her own poppy wreath.

Haiden Withers - For his careful use of a peeler and knife when preparing vegetables for our curry. Super sensible.

CLASS 2

Livvy Johnson - Showing perseverance and determination with all her work.

Shayla Jones - Excellent literacy work this week especially with reading and phonics.

CLASS 3 (C)

Eden Hubery - For her excellent attitude to her learning across the curriculum and her brilliant attitude to helping others both socially and academically.

CLASS 3 (M)

This week's learning leaf AND special mention is going to the whole of Class 3M because they have shown courage and maturity in the face of changing situations within the classroom. They have supported each other as well as the adults by accepting different circumstances and pushing forward with their learning, always ensuring nobody is left behind. Thank you to each and every one of you, we are so proud of you all!

CLASS 4

Harvey Saunders - For all his effort and hard work in English and Maths this week.

Olivia Gibbs - For stepping up and having the courage to sing solo in Class 4's remembrance assembly, she was amazing!

SPECIAL MENTIONS

CLASS 1

Special mention to Mollie Wedgery for helping Mrs Worthington with the washing up after our curry tasting - super drying skills!

CLASS 2

Special Mention to Alice Parker for helping adults this week.

CLASS 3 (C)

Special mention to Morgan Broadbent and Arthur Simmons for being good friends to each other all week both on and off the playground.

CLASS 4

Special mention to all the children in Class 4 who took part in their Remembrance Assembly - they worked incredibly hard on it and were amazing!



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FLU VACCINES

Dear Parents/guardians,

Your child is in **Year Reception to Year 6** from September 2021 and is therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting your child's school on: **14th January 2022**.

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system, which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to protect them and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

Considering the above, we are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination asap. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "decline". On this link you will also find answers to your FAQ's and links to the current Public Health England and manufacturers leaflets. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

Prior to completion of the consent, we would like each individual child's unique NHS number - this can be found in their red book, or via this link:

[Find your NHS number - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Please note, this field is not mandatory so if you are experiencing problems finding/accessing your child's NHS number then you can leave this blank.

To complete the consent/decline please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/devon>

We will be operating a strict policy of closing the consent links and your school's link will close at midnight on 6th January 2022. If you miss this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school and you will be offered the opportunity to book them into a local community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082

Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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