

The Bolham Bullet

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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who joined our online consultation meeting regarding the school's proposal to join the Ventrus Academy Trust and adopt academy status. We will be posting a questions and answers sheet from this meeting on our website and a hard copy will be available on request from the school office. If you would like to meet with Mr Gary Chown, CEO of The Ventrus Academy Trust, he will be offering a one to one session on Wednesday 16th February from 3.00pm should you wish to ask any further questions. Please contact admin@tiverton-bolham-primary.devon.sch.uk to make an appointment.



This week, Class 1 went on a short visit to Bolham Halt as they have been learning about trains and went to see where the last train to go through Bolham in 1963 stopped. It was only a small outing but the children learnt such a lot and thoroughly enjoyed their trip.

All of our teachers are very busy at the moment organising school visits which is very exciting as our children have not had the opportunity to go out as a class together for such a long time.

We will be sending out today letters to the parents of Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils with regards to our planned residential visits due to take place in the Summer Term. Mr Vickery will be taking his class to PGL Barton Hall in June and Mrs Middleton will take her class to Escot in July. Let's hope that it is third time lucky!

Finally, last week Class 2 were delighted to receive the news that they have officially adopted a Komodo Dragon at Paignton Zoo. You may remember that the class raised some money for this project last term as part of their English work and decided that they wanted to support the conservation work of Paignton Zoo and to adopt a Komodo Dragon. They are now proudly displaying a picture of their Komodo Dragon and adoption certificate on their classroom door. Congratulations to Class 2 for all of their hard work with this project.

'Together we aspire, together we achieve'

Denise Woodgate
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

February Half Term - 21st
- 25th February

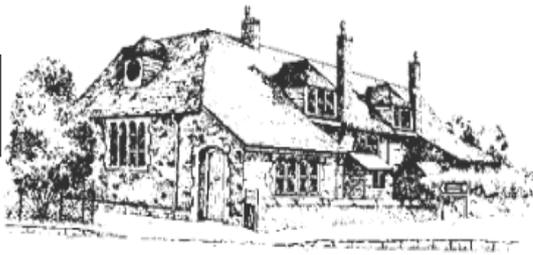
Parents' Evening - 14/15th
March

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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LEARNING LEAVES

CLASS 1

Bailey - For his good questions and showing great understanding when talking about Bolham Holt.

Mollie Wedgery - For trying hard when working out which phonemes/diagraphs to use when spelling new and unusual words - reading and checking. Well done.

CLASS 2

Rose Radford - Lovely small handwriting this week. Excellent attitude to all learning.

Logan Harrison - What a fantastic week! Great reading, comprehension and maths work. Well done Logan.

CLASS 3 (C)

Isabelle Ruby - For her amazing work on tenths this week in maths. Keep up the good work!

CLASS 3 (M)

Theo Hill - For being reflective and proud of his own achievements. This week, we've been practicing a variety of sewing skills in DT and Theo has really noticed how much progress he has made since the start of this learning journey. Not only this, but he's also spent time encouraging his peers too.

CLASS 4

Harry Hanks - For showing an improved commitment to his learning. His recent assessment results, particularly with his reading, show that with hard work, he can achieve.

Matthew Slade - For his excellent efforts in class across all subjects, but particularly in maths which has resulted in a very secure result in his assessment.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

CLASS 1

Special mention to Mary Saunders for being kind and caring to others in class.

CLASS 2

Special mention to everyone for completing your challenge of 30 happy playtimes.

CLASS 3 (C)

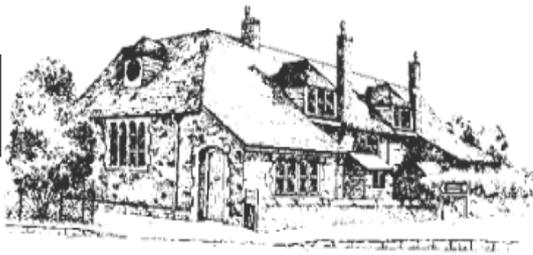
Special mention to Morgan Broadbent for setting an excellent example to the rest of the class.

CLASS 3 (M)

Special mention to Thomas Head for persevering though tricky learning. Instead of giving up, Thomas was determined to push through, and as a result, was delighted when he sewed his first zip! Well done Thomas, keep pushing through those trickier moments and see how much you grow.

CLASS 4

Special mention to Jacob Ogilvy for being a fantastic buddy to Max in Year 1.



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MATHS 99 CLUB

Children are continuing to take part in Bolham's maths challenge, the 99 club. Each Wednesday, children will attempt to work towards earning a club badge by correctly answering all the number fact questions for that club in 5 minutes or under. They will repeat the challenge each week until they have answered all the questions correctly over two consecutive weeks. For example, a child aiming for the 33 Club will need to answer all 33 questions correctly over two consecutive weeks, a child aiming for the 66 Club will need to answer all 66 questions correctly over two consecutive weeks and so on. Once they have successfully earned their club badge for that level they will then move up and attempt the next club.

Congratulations to those children who achieved the following badges this week:

11 Club	22 Club	33 Club	44 Club
	Charley-Mae Stone		Esme Parker
			Bella Cullerne
			Sophia Gulliver
55 Club	66 Club	77 Club	88 Club
Rosie Smith	Max Frank	Beau Webber	Healey Hale-Wescott
	Jacob Ogilvy		

BOLHAM BEES BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The system is now open for bookings to be made for the next half term. As always, if you make a booking and no longer need it can we ask that you contact the school office to cancel it so it can be offered to someone on the waiting list. Thank you.



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GOLDEN MILE

Another week, another golden mile result. And a very interesting result it is this week!! For KS1 Class 2 have shown their competitiveness and have decided that they are determined to win back the trophy. Over in KS2, it was an incredibly close result between Class 3M and Class 4.

KS1

1st - Class 2 with 1.16 Miles
2nd - Class 1 with 0.77 Miles

KS2

1st - Class 3M with 1.08 Miles!!
2nd - Class 4 with 1.04 Miles!!
3rd - Class 3C with 0.68 Miles

Absolutely amazing work everyone. Next week I will reveal the results of the Bolham vs Kingston Golden Mile for the first half of the term

Mr Hodge



DANCE DAY!

Here at Taunton Brewhouse, we are hosting our first **Dance Day on Saturday 26th February (the last Saturday of half term).**

This is a taster day of classes in contemporary, circus skills, musical theatre dance, street and, for ages 12+ there is an extra class in contact improvisation/creative devising. The classes are led by a fantastic team of local professional dance artists, and are open to all, no experience necessary.

It's a great opportunity to meet new friends, and try new dance styles, all for just £26 for 5 classes (ages 12-16, and 17+), or £21 for 4 classes (ages 8-11).

[9:45am-3pm Dance Day \(8-11 Years\) - The Brewhouse Theatre & Arts Centre, Taunton](#)

[9:45am-4:15pm Dance Day \(12-16 Years\) - The Brewhouse Theatre & Arts Centre, Taunton](#)

[11am-5:30pm Dance Day \(17+ Years\) - The Brewhouse Theatre & Arts Centre, Taunton](#)

Class sizes are limited to just 15 participants per group, so don't miss out and book today!



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How to Respond and not React



Do you ever feel you are about to explode? That your child might too?

We can help turn tantrums into calm connections

Presented by Advisory Teacher, Linda Willmott and Family Worker, Jeff Cornish from the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team

A free, informal workshop for parents and carers of Devon Primary School age children

This event will be held virtually on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 10am - 11.30am

There are times when we all feel overwhelmed with our emotions. Children feel like this too. In this workshop, we will explore why your child behaves in the way that they do; how you can respond to help them calm and how to re-connect to strengthen your relationship with them. We will also offer some specific de-stressing techniques that both you and your child can start using straight away.

We are joined by a parent who will share his own experiences of family life and the transformational impact it had on his family when he changed his approach as a parent.

Come and join us to find out how you can help build a healthier relationship with your child and develop a sense of inner calm.

To book your free place, please email
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