



Butterknowle Primary School

Newsletter- Friday 17th May 2019

Whole School Attendance this week is 93%

- Blackbirds – 86%
- Owls – 98%
- Robins – 94%



WOW week starting Monday

As part of our participation in the WOW project this year, we have organised a Walk to School Week which will start on Monday, 20th May. During this week anyone who walks to school can collect fun badges as a reward. We know that not everyone is able to walk, so we have set up a Park and Stride with the village hall. They have kindly agreed that parents/carers can park there for the coming week and walk along the village to school. We will also hold a lunchtime walk for those who are not able to participate before and after school.

We hope that this initiative will be fun for the children and also reduce congestion outside school making the road safer.

John Muir River Project week

This week Robins class have enjoyed discovering wild places



as part of the John Muir Trust award. What a fantastic week we have had. On Monday, the children visited the source of the Gaunless River and discovered that at the beginning of the river, the ground was boggy and wet, but they couldn't see a stream. A little way down the valley, they saw how the Gaunless formed streams and at Cockfield Fell, they measured the depth and



speed of the river. The children learnt that the river becomes wider, faster and deeper as it flows further along its journey. It was an excellent day which ended with paddling in the stream and having lots of fun at Auckland Castle. On Tuesday, Robins learnt about the inspirational John Muir and his love of the outdoors. They shared their learning with Owls and Blackbirds who asked some super questions about rivers and what they are like. **More information can be found on the school website .**

Wednesday 22nd May 3-5pm

We will be watching 'Ralph Breaks the Internet' if you would like your child to attend, this can be booked through Parent pay at the usual cost of £2.50. Please note there will be no after school club. **Friends of the school will be selling sweets for 50p this should be brought to school as cash and is not available on parent pay.**

Trip letters

This week all children should have brought home a letter about their class trip. Please return the slip to school as soon as possible.

-Blackbirds and Owls are going to visit Durham Cathedral on Thursday 23rd May

-Robins are going to visit the Oriental museum in Durham on Wednesday 12th June

Both trips are available on Parent pay for payment.

Allotment News

On Monday Mrs Davis delivered some bags of manure to help our plants grow.



The seeds that the nursery children planted are starting to grow so should be ready to plant out after the half term break.

On Tuesday after they had completed their last Key Stage 1 SATs test, Year 2 planted some potatoes and weeded the vegetable patch.



2-year old Provision

We have had an enquiry about the possibility of nursery provision for 2-year olds. We would be interested to know how many people would be interested in this to establish whether it would be feasible and sustainable. Two-year old nursery provision would be chargeable unless a child qualifies for a Golden Ticket. If you or anyone you know would use such provision, please could you contact the school so that we can establish the level of interest.



After Half term we will be doing a fortnightly newsletter starting the first week back. Any other information will still be available on the website.

Friends of Butterknowle School

As well as arranging our own events the friends also fundraise throughout the year which enables us to pay for, or contribute funds towards, lots of activities and investment within school. These include;

- Travel costs for school trips meaning reduced costs for parents
- Christmas gift for each child
- Equipment for school
- Treats for children such as ice creams on school trips or sweets and juice at the pantomime.

Easter egg prizes

Our meetings are very informal and relaxed. We welcome any parent, grandparent & carer etc. to attend meetings and share their fundraising ideas and support in activities when able. **Next meeting Monday 17th June.**

Play and Stay



Come and join us on a Friday morning 9.30-10.30 am for our Play and Stay session. All are welcome to come and take part in a range of activities. We ask for a 50p contribution towards refreshments and resources.



School photographer on Tuesday 4th June

Our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 4th June to take group/class photos. They will be back in school on Tuesday 5th November to take individual photographs.

Y3 and Y4 Cricket – Raby Castle

Y3 and Y4 pupils will be attending a cricket match at Raby Castle on Wednesday 22nd May, 12.30pm until 2.30pm. Parents and carers are welcome to come along to offer support and encouragement.

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 21st May, Cross Country KS2 at Staindrop
- Wednesday 22nd May Y3 and Y4 Cricket, Raby Castle
- Thursday 23rd May N,R,Y1,Y2 trip to Durham Cathedral
- Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May - Half Term
- Wednesday 5th June – Staindrop & Teesdale Football League
- 12th June Class 2 trip to Oriental Museum
- Thursday 13th June FOB's sponsored walk @ 6pm
- Friday 14th June 'Father's Day' Breakfast, 8am-9am
- Monday 24th June, Woodland Football Tournament
- Thursday 4th July - Family Rounder's TBC
- Wednesday 10th July, 1pm - Sports Day
- Friday 20th July - End of Term assembly 9am
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Paper copies of the newsletter are available on request as well as the school website butterknowle@durhamlearning.net

Butterknowle School currently has three classes consisting of the following ages of children:

Blackbirds (EYFS): Nursery (3yr olds) and Reception (4-5yr olds).

Owls (KS1): Year 1 (5-6yr olds), Year 2 (6-7 Year olds).

Robins (KS2): Year 3 (7-8 year olds), Year 4 (8-9 year olds), Year 5 (9-10 year olds) and Year 6 (10-11 year olds).