



Butterknowle Primary School

Newsletter- Friday 21st June - issued fortnightly

Whole School Attendance this week is 98%

Blackbirds – 99%

Owls – 98%

Robins – 98%

Year 5 Orienteering

On Tuesday the Year Fives did orienteering at Staindrop Academy.



There were four schools all together but two of the teams teamed up and that was Butterknowle and Woodland

which made.....BUTTERLAND or... WOODERKNOWLE! The other schools that were there were Montalbo and Evenwood. Firstly, we did games to get to know each other, the first game we played was the number game and you had to make a number. Then we got on with the actual orienteering. We got a map and that showed us where to go to find what we needed. There were 7 sheets of paper scattered around the area and we had to find the Code: the word, the long number and the short number. Overall we had a great time orienteering thank you Woodland for teaming up with us.

By Jasmin Jackson

Woodland Football Tournament

On Monday 24th June our Football team have been invited to take part in Woodland Football Tournament. Parents are invited to go along and support the team. Refreshments are available to purchase at this event.

2-year-old Provision

Thank you to everyone who has expressed an interest in nursery provision for 2-year-olds. We have two advisory visits booked for July so that we can establish whether it will be feasible for the school to offer provision.

Year 2 trip to Hamsterley Forest



Mrs Charlton and Mrs Harmer thoroughly enjoyed taking the year 2 children on their 'after' SATs trip to Hamsterley Forest. We played in nearly all the play areas at least twice!! and enjoyed a lovely walk looking for clues from 'Zog' and

'Gruffalo' stories. The children tucked into their packed lunches and played some more before returning to school for an afternoon of sport, ice creams and music. Thank you Year 2 and well done for working so hard in your SATs.

Staffing News

The Governors have met this term and are pleased to share that the current headship arrangement has now been extended to the end of April 2020.

We are also pleased to announce that we have appointed Ms Katharine Fawcett-Smith as our Early Years teacher from September. Ms Fawcett-Smith is a very experienced teacher and is looking forward to joining the Butterknowle team.

Parents of children starting in Reception and in Nursery are invited to come along to meet Ms Fawcett-Smith on Monday 15th July from 2.30 – 3.30.



Caterpillar update

Robins class have today placed their chrysalides into the special net awaiting for them to emerge into butterflies in 7-14 days! Owl's caterpillars are starting to make their chrysalis and Blackbirds are not far behind. Watch this space for Butterfly updates.

Keeping Children Safe

We often talk to the children about keeping safe online and when they are out and about. We cover many things including road safety, water safety, electricity and sunburn as well as many other topics at an age appropriate level.

Recently we have had some concerns expressed about children's awareness of interacting with strangers. As well as the work we do in school and you do as parents, the NSPCC have some excellent child friendly resources you can use at home such as 'Pantosaurus' on the link below.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>

We would always advise that you view the materials first to ensure that you feel they are suitable to use with your child.

Summer Holiday Club Update

Unfortunately we have been told this week that the provider is unable to hold a holiday club in school this summer. The Governors needed paperwork in place in order to approve the club but this has not been possible. We are disappointed that it has not worked out but as there was a lot of interest we will pursue this for next year.

Allotment News

The Allotment is looking good and has flourished with all the recent rain and sunshine (as have the weeds!!!) We now have raspberries, rhubarb, spring onions, blackcurrant bushes, potatoes and beans not to mention some swedes and sweet peas. The children in Owls class were very impressed when we visited earlier this week and Robins planted chives and salad leaves this week and will be making tomato sandwiches next Wednesday afternoon using some of their own produce.



Swimming

Blackbirds (Nursesey & Reception) and Year 1 children will be swimming on a Friday.

Nursery children who started after the February half term holiday will not be swimming.

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.

After school clubs

- Mondays Computers
- Tuesday Outdoor games (PE Kits)
- Wednesday Football
- Thursday Homework Club
- Friday Board/Card Games



Friends Sponsored Walk on Thursday

Sadly, the annual sponsored walk held by the Friends of the school had to be cancelled last week due to the weather. At the Friends of the school meeting on Monday it was agreed that this would be postponed until Thursday September 12th. So hold on to your sponsor forms until then and fingers crossed for better weather!!

Headlice

We have had a case of headlice reported this week. Please could we ask everyone to check their child's head this weekend. Treatments are available free from the chemist. Thank you.

School meals update.

Michelle is currently running down her food store ready for the summer holidays. As a result, there will be slight variations in the school menu up to the end of term.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 24th June, Woodland Football Tournament
- Wednesday 26th June, Y5 visit to Bishop Barrington
- Thursday 27th June Robins KS2 & Year 2 trip to Killhope Lead Mining Museum
- Tuesday 2nd July, Teddy Bears Picnic – bring your favourite soft toy to school
- Thursday 4th July - Family Rounder's TBC
- Friday 5th July, Y5 visit to Staindrop Academy
- Wednesday 10th July, 1pm - Sports Day
- Friday 19th July - End of Term assembly 9am