



### Whole School Attendance this week is 96%

Blackbirds – 100%

Owls – 92%

Robins – 96%

### Durham Cathedral Trip



During the morning we listened, as we walked around the Cathedral, to the story of St Cuthbert, before ending up at his shrine within the Cathedral. The children had the opportunity to dress up as characters within the story.



In the Afternoon we went down to the banks of the river Wear and the children learned about the changes that have taken place throughout time and then made mud before throwing it at trees and making muddy faces.

The children had a great time and their behaviour was superb making us very proud of them. There was a lot of listening and quite a bit of walking but no moans or groans!!!

### Allotment News .....

It's been a busy week this week in the school allotment. Robins have visited the allotment and have planted some runner beans that were carefully nurtured by Mrs Eatough. Reverend Brian visited with Owls class who went to see how the potatoes that they planted last week were doing and to make a tepee for the beans to climb as part of their Design Technology.

Blackbirds have been weeding and planting some sweet peas. They have all been enjoying the wonderful opportunities that the allotment provides.

### Cross Country Run (Staindrop Academy)



The Robins arrived on time and everyone was really excited. Once the race started, it looked like a rainbow with all the different uniforms! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed taking part and they congratulated winners from other schools. Well done Butterknowle!

By: Will Huntington

### 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.



### Swimming

Starting Friday 7th June, Blackbirds (Nursery & Reception) and Year 1 children will be swimming. **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.

### Sporting event Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Owls class (Y1/Y2) will be taking part in an orienteering morning at Staindrop Academy. We will be leaving school at 9.30 am and returning in time for lunch. Children will need to come to school in their school uniform to have their class photo taken before getting changed into their PE Kits.



### School photographer on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Our school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June to take group/class photos. They will be back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>

November to take individual photographs. If your child does not attend Nursery on a Tuesday but you would like them to be included in this photograph, please contact the school office.

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).

### After school clubs beginning after half term holiday.

Letters have gone home for booking after half term.

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

Please return your bookings as soon as possible to the school office. If we don't receive your form your child will not be booked into after school club.

### Friends Sponsored Walk on Thursday 13th June



Our school sponsored walk takes place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June Meet at school at 6pm. Pupils, parents, grandparents, family, friends and dogs all welcome. Light refreshments, including ice pops, will be available at the end of the route. Sponsorship forms have been sent home tonight with your child. Please collect as many sponsors as possible so that we can raise funds for the school.

### Dates for your diary

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Half Term
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Staindrop & Teesdale Football League
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June Orienteering Y3/Y4, Staindrop Academy
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June Class 2 trip to Oriental Museum
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June FOB's sponsored walk @ 6pm
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 'Father's Day' Breakfast, 8am-9am
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, Orienteering Y5, Staindrop Academy
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Woodland Football Tournament
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June Robins KS2 & Year 2 trip to Killhope Lead Mining Museum
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Family Rounder's TBC
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm - Sports Day
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July - End of Term assembly 9am
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