



Butterknowle Primary School

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Whole School Attendance this week is 94%

Blackbirds – 86%
Owls – 99%
Robins – 97%

Bee-Fantastic!



Councillor Heather Smith came in to school to tell us all about bees. Bee-keeping is one of her many interests and she has about 5 hives in her garden, with a

total of around 300,000 bees!

She told us that there are different kinds including, Drones (males, whose job is to mate with the female), Worker Bees (all females) and the Queen Bee. Bee-keepers often mark the Queen Bee with a special marker, so that they can identify her easily.

We learned about the types of flowering plants which the bees really love, including Lavender, Nettles and Cherry Blossom. We are planning to grow lavender in our school allotmentand there will invariably be some nettles too!!

Finally, we tasted Heather's honey, which was so lovely we all wanted more!

Year 1 Phonics screening

Children in Year 1 throughout the country will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during next week. Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1 or they have not taken the test before. The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard. The results of this screening will be sent home with the end of term reports.



Father's Day Breakfast Next Friday

Booking forms have been sent home please return no later than Monday 10th June to ensure that you have a space. This is now available on Parent pay. Payment should be made at the time of booking.

Sports Events

On Wednesday Owls class (Year 1/2) enjoyed an active morning orienteering at Staindrop Academy.



The children enjoyed learning and using new skills to follow instructions to make a face as a team.

The Football Final

Report by Jasmin Jackson Y5



On Wednesday Year 4 and 5 went to Staindrop Academy for the final of the league. The first match took

place with Ingleton school and although Butterknowle lost it didn't matter, as they enjoyed it. The second match was against Gainford, then Cotherstone and finally Bowes. They won a friendly against Gainford at the end of the morning. Cotherstone won the overall award, but they deserved it as they were such strong players. Even though Butterknowle did not win, they had a wonderful time.



Allotment News

We have kindly been offered by a member of the community some plants for our allotment which include sunflowers, rhubarb, herbs and lavender. We will be planting these in our allotment and along the front of the school on Monday.



Swimming

Blackbirds (Nursery & 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.**

PE kits

Please ensure that your child has in school their PE kit including a pair of trainers. As the weather is starting to improve we will be starting to practise for sports day. School PE kits are white t-shirts, black/ red shorts.

Robins class visiting Durham Oriental Museum Wednesday 12th June

The children will handling real Ancient Egyptian objects and trying to find out what they were used for. They will then be taking part in a gallery trail (like a great big quiz!) around the museum. After that they will be taking a closer look at an Egyptian mummy, before participating in a drama session called 'The Weighing of the Heart' ceremony. Hopefully, if the weather is fine, we will be enjoying our lunch outside on the grass. The bus will leave at 9.00am prompt. **Please ensure your child is in school for 8.50am.** Thank you. (On Thursday Taylor Shaw will be holding an Egyptian themed lunch.)

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

Please return your bookings as soon as possible to the school office.

Friends Sponsored Walk on Thursday 13th June



Our school sponsored walk takes place on Thursday 13th June Meet at school at 6pm. Pupils, parents, grandparents, family, friends and dogs all welcome. Light refreshments, including ice pops, will be for sale by the Friends at the end of the walk. Please collect as many sponsors as possible so that we can raise funds for the school. Dogs are welcome to come but must be kept on a lead. **The next Friends of the school meeting is Monday June 17th at 6pm at school.**

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 11th June Orienteering Y3/Y4, Staindrop Academy – AM
- Tuesday 11th June Visit to Cockfeld Fell, Y2 & KS2
- Wednesday 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 17th June FOB's meeting 6pm
- Tuesday 18th June, Orienteering Y5, Staindrop Academy
- Monday 24th June, Woodland Football Tournament
- Thursday 27th June Robins KS2 & Year 2 trip to Killhope Lead Mining Museum
- Thursday 4th July - Family Rounder's TBC
- Wednesday 10th July, 1pm - Sports Day
- Friday 19th July - End of Term assembly 9am
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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).

Paper copies of the newsletter are available on request as well as the school website butterknowle@durhamlearning.net