



### Whole School Attendance this week is 96%

- Blackbirds - 94%
- Owls - 98%
- Robins - 96%



### This week the following number of children read at home during the week:

- Blackbirds - 3/7
- Owls - 10/12
- Robins - 18/19



### World Book Day 2018

We had a lovely day celebrating the enjoyment of books.

Mrs Jeanette Newell, one of our school

governors, came and talked about her favourite book

'Wind in the Willows' and her job as a librarian. She then had the task of judging the competition entries. Congratulations to the winners.



### Small but Mighty' Cross Country Team



'We are small but mighty,' declared Esme Brien when she saw the hundreds of children, in larger teams than ours, at the Cross Country event at Bishop Auckland College last Friday. Each race, in mixed year groups, consisted of approximately 175 children per event. Butterknowle Primary school team of just six children, was a credit to the school, showing great determination and enthusiasm. Although the organisers experienced a technical glitch, which means that we do not have confirmation of the final results, we do know that our children did their very best, with Esme, Maddie and Ellie coming, we think, within the first thirty.

A huge 'Well done' to all and thank you to the parents and grandparents who came along to support us.

### Blackbirds Trip to Wharton Park



On Wednesday Blackbirds had a fantastic trip to Wharton Park, where we did activities linked to Nursery Rhymes and Traditional Tales. We started by working as a team to

put the pieces of poor 'Humpty Dumpty' back together after he'd fallen off the wall, quickly followed by making our own soldier hat to march up and down the hills like 'The Grand Old Duke of York'. We then pulled ourselves up Jack's beanstalk to the castle at the top where we had to solve mathematical puzzles which involved estimating how many golden eggs the hen had laid and putting parts of the beanstalk in height order. Finally we ventured into the community garden where 'An Enormous Turnip' had grown; here we followed instructions to plant our own pea plant. The children had a lovely morning singing and retelling the stories and were very well behaved.



### Mothers' Day afternoon tea on Wednesday

#### 27th March at 2pm

We will be sending out a booking form shortly to get numbers for this event. Please complete and return to Joy Brown in the school office. There is a £3.00 charge for this event this year instead of donations. This is open to all Mums, Grans, Nanas or Aunties of children in school who would like to attend. Please book your place so that we can provide enough scrumptious cakes for everyone. If you require a gluten free afternoon tea please say on the booking form.

### Security Marking of Bikes and Scooters



On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 9am the police will be coming into school to security mark bikes and scooters making them easier to find if stolen. If you would like your child's bike or scooter to be security marked then please bring them to

school on this day.



We will be holding Red nose day this year on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** due to the younger children swimming on Friday.

All children are invited to come either as a superhero a famous historical person or in non- uniform. A £1 donation is suggested to go towards the Comic Relief charity.



### Easter Egg Competition

- Easter Egg competition – this year the theme is famous landmarks. It has been suggested by the Friends that this year the children should make their entries in school. Each child will need to bring:
  - 2 hard boiled eggs
  - egg cups
  - any decorations that they would like to use.

School will provide paint and some arty bits but if there is anything specific that your child would like, this will need to be sent into school.

This will be done on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** . All entries will then be judged by a special guest and revealed in assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.



### Owls Class

This week the year 1 and 2 children enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London and the diary of Samuel Pepys. Why not ask them which items were buried by Samuel Pepys in his garden or what they are doing in the photos .....



### After school clubs:-

- Monday - Computers
- Tuesday - Arts & Crafts

### \*FISCH for children in years 3-5 until March 26<sup>th</sup>

- Wednesday - Football club with Mrs Davison and Mr McNab
- Thursday - Homework Club
- Friday - Board/card games

### Friends of Butterknowle School Meeting

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 6pm in School**

Pop along for a cuppa and to help arrange activities for the school and our children. Thank you to those who contributed and attended the Scentsy bingo night. The friends raised £69.14 from refreshments and a raffle kindly donated by Carolyn Matthews. This money will go back into the school to be spent on our children.



### Play and Stay

Come and join us on a Friday morning 9.30-10.30 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.



### Bishop Auckland Girls FC

Bishop Auckland Girls FC have been successful in their application to run an SSE Wildcats Football Club, in association with Durham FA Open to girls in school years 1-6. If you would like further information please contact: [Alysha.Cook@DurhamFA.com](mailto:Alysha.Cook@DurhamFA.com)

### Dates for your diary

- 14<sup>th</sup> March Red Nose Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> March Owls and Robins trip to Beamish museum back for the end of school.
- 26<sup>th</sup> March EYFS Festival
- 27<sup>th</sup> March Mother's day afternoon tea 2pm booking is now available on Parent pay
- 1<sup>st</sup> April Parents evening and showing of Butterknowle Boots
- 5<sup>th</sup> April End of Term assembly and Easter Egg presentation.
- 5<sup>th</sup> April last day of term - Easter Holidays
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April school starts

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