



Butterknowle Primary School

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Newsletter 4 - Friday 28th September 2018

Whole School Attendance this week is 96%

Blackbirds – 98.5%
Owls - 93%
Robins – 97.5%

MacMillan Coffee Morning



Today we held our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning. Many thanks once again to parents, grandparents, pupils, staff and friends for donating an amazing array of baked goods and for your support with this event. We raised £204 for Macmillan!



Butterknowle Boots Project Update

During this week's session, children learnt how to animate their self-portraits from last week.

We still want your stories of Butterknowle on the "Story Me" sheet and return them to school as part of the project.

Meanwhile Owls Class went for a walk around the local area and took photos of things that were special to them.



Super Splash heroes -Every drop really does count!



On Monday, the Northumbrian Water Splash show came to school. The show explained how we could save water at home and, by doing so, also save energy.

We watched as the three water heroes discovered ways to make water savings in and around the house. The children learnt they could help save water by making small changes to the way they use it, like turning the tap off when you brush your teeth.

Did you know every one of us in the north east uses on average 150 litres of water per day?

Here are some of the useful tips we learnt from the heroes:

- Turn the tap off when you brush your teeth.
- Spend one minute less in the shower.
- Have a shower instead of a bath.
- Put a Save-a-flush in the toilet cistern.
- Use a bowl to rinse your recycling and clean your vegetables, instead of running tap.
- Get a water butt to water the garden.
- Only put the washing machine or dishwasher on when you have a full load.

Afterwards the children took part in a fun quiz and found out just how much water they could save by following these tips. Parents can order a FREE water saving kit from the following web address. <https://nwl.watersavingkit.com/your-free-water-saving-kit/>

Harvest Festival Assembly 10th October.

We would like to invite parents, carers, family, Lynesack church members and friends to our Harvest Festival celebration on Wednesday 10th October at 9.00 am in school. This year we are once again sending all food donations to our local Food Bank. Any donations of tinned food, cereals, pasta, rice, biscuits, etc. can be dropped off at school.



Flu vaccination. All children in Reception, Yrs R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 are eligible for the seasonal 'flu vaccination this autumn. Please refer to the NHS letter, consent is via the link as requested by 28th September however if you have missed this deadline they have now extended this date. Please use one of the following links to consent for your child to receive the vaccination: www.hdft.nhs.uk/nasalflu-consent or <https://onlineformsflucddt.hdft.nhs.uk/CountyDurham>

Tissues needed. If your child has a cold, please could parents send in pocket tissues, or a donation of a box of tissues for the classroom? We are experiencing a large number of runny noses at present, and our limited supplies of tissues are running out.



Polite reminder Robins and Year 2 - PE

Whilst the weather is still mild we will be continuing to have PE outside. It is therefore important that everyone has suitable footwear.

- Thursday - Tag rugby with our sports coach - trainers or plimsols.
- Friday - Football with Ms Fenoughty- trainers/ or football boots may be worn. (shin pads if you have them).

Thank you for your understanding.

Nursery children starting school next year.

Have you completed your application to Durham Schools Admission before the deadline on 12 January 2019, **even if they come to our pre-school?** Complete your application online at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

If you need any help with this online application, please come into school and we can provide you with assistance.



Invitation to Year 4 and 5 sports programme. Children in years 4 and 5 are invited to

attend free sports activities at Staindrop Academy. Each session runs from 4-5pm. Further details can be found on our school notice board.

If you are interested please contact Staindrop PE department on 01833 660285 or by emailing Adam Chrostowski a.chrostowski@staindropschool.com

NEXT WEEK.....

Wednesday –Y5 Visit to the Beacon of Light in Sunderland. Please could all Year 5 pupils be in school for 8:40am prompt on Wednesday morning, as our bus will depart at 8:45am. We expect to return to school at approximately 4:15pm (depending on traffic). Children should wear their school uniform and a waterproof coat with hood/hat.

Next Friends Meeting on Friday 5th October at 1.30pm

Next meeting of the Friends will take place in school on Friday 5th October at 1.30pm in the school community room. Why not come along to this meeting, and after the meeting stay and join our weekly Celebration Assembly in the school hall? All welcome.

Dates for your diary

Don't forget to keep checking your newsletter and website for new dates.

Tue 2 Oct	Friendly football match at school 3.30pm
Wed 3 Oct	Y5 Visit to the Beacon of Light in Sunderland. Back at 4.15pm.
Fri 5 Oct	Stay and Play 9.00 – 10.30 FOBs meeting at school at 1.30pm B'birds and Year 1 swimming Join our Celebration Assembly at 2.45pm
Wed 10 Oct	Harvest Festival Assembly at 9am in school
Fri 12 Oct	Flu immunisation in school (R – Year 5 only) Stay and Play 9.00 – 10.30 B'birds and Year 1 swimming
Wed 17 Oct	Tag Rugby (Yrs 3,4) at Staindrop School
Thu 18 Oct	Multiskills (Yr 5 only) at Staindrop School B'birds and Year 1 swimming Break up for half term
Mon 29 Oct	School starts
Wed 31 Oct	Hallowe'en Day at school
Fri 2 Nov	Robins Class and Yr 2 swimming Stay and Play 9.00 – 10.30
Thu 8 Nov	WW1 Workshop in school 'In the pink' film showing at 7pm in school
Fri 9 Nov	No Stay and Play Whole school remembrance at 11am Robins Class and Yr 2 swimming
Fri 7 Dec	Christingle at Lynesack Church 2pm
Tue 11 Dec	Sport Festival (EYFS) at Staindrop School
Thu 13 Dec	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime Trip to Georgian Theatre, Richmond. Details to follow.
Fri 14 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thu 20 Dec	End of Term Assembly at 2pm Close for Christmas holidays
Tue 8 Jan	School starts for Spring Term