



# Butterknowle Primary School

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## Newsletter 1 - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### Welcome back!

We would like to extend a warm welcome all our existing and new pupils, parents and carers. Thank you to all parents and carers for supporting the school's uniform policy and ensuring that all our pupils look smart and tidy, including dark shoes and no extreme 'fashion' haircuts.



### Whole School Attendance this week is 98%

Each week we publish class and whole school attendance figures as part of our drive to promote high school attendance. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please contact the school office as soon as possible. If you need to take your child out of school during term time, you need authorisation from the head teacher. Forms are available from the school office or school website.

### Exciting project happening ...



James Huntington (Will's dad) from Dunelm Geotechnical and Environmental Ltd came on site today to conduct investigations on the school field to find out what the geology is under our football pitch. Pupils found out all about the job of a professional geologist and got a chance to see boreholes being drilled. The results will be sent to school soon ... what will they find?!

### Summer improvements to the school.



Over the summer the school improvements continued. The school hall had a complete redecoration. The most exciting improvement is our new acoustic panels, which have been installed on the ceiling and walls around the school hall. The purpose of these is to reduce the echo sound in the hall and reduce the noise level. The results are amazing. The hall is now much quieter and a far better environment for all. Come and see for yourself on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September when we are holding our coffee morning for MacMillan.

### Firefighter clothes collection

Please bring in any unwanted clothes items into school for our next Firefighter's Collection on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Money raised goes to this worthy cause as well as school receiving a percentage of this money.

### Message from Tessa Fenoughty, Headteacher

*Since informing pupils, parents and carers about my move to a new job after Christmas, I have been overwhelmed by the positive and supportive comments. I love being headteacher of this school, and am very proud of all that we have achieved together. My priority is that no-one's education is disrupted. I am committed to giving my all to the school until my leaving date in the New Year. I am working with the school governing body and local authority to ensure a smooth change in leadership.*

### **Friends of Butterknowle (FOB) news**

The first Friends meeting this term is on Monday 10th September, 6pm at the Royal Oak in Butterknowle. It would be great to see some new parents and carers at this event. If you can't attend but would like us to raise something please pop us a message, via school or our facebook page.

### **For sale**

School has one brand new fleece lined waterproof school coat for sale at a massive saving of only £5. It is sized at age 7 – 8. Available from the school office. First come, first served!

### **School Open Morning on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September.**

We are holding a Coffee Morning and Open Day on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 9am to 10.30am. Come into school and see all the school improvements, meet the staff and pupils, have a coffee and help to raise money for Macmillan. As well as current parents, carers, family and friends, we want to encourage new families in the village to come and see our superb educational facilities, so if you know of a family, please invite them to come along and have a look around our school.



### **Under Threes Stay and Play**

Our popular Under 3s Stay and Play started again on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 9 – 10.30am. We are always looking to invite new parents and toddlers to our group. If you know of any families in our community who might like to come along, please tell them about us and invite them along. We only ask for a £1 donation each week to help with snacks and drinks.

### **A few reminders ...**

- Please could pupils riding bikes/scooters to school ensure that they enter and leave the school slowly.
- A change of footwear (preferably wellies) is required if pupils want to use the school field at playtime.
- If your child is unwell and off school, please contact school as soon as possible, and by 10am at the latest. If your child has school dinners it ensures that we can cancel your child's meal and avoid incurring a charge.

### **Community News**

### **Family Fun Day at TCR HUB**

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September

10am – 3pm

£10 per person, or £30 per family of four.

Canoeing, Kayaking, High Ropes, BMX, Outdoor Gym, Gardening, Inflatables, Pottery, Beauty Treatments, Photo Booth, Dance Workshops, and much more!!!!

For more information contact TCR Hub on 01833 690130.

### **BUTTERKNOWLE SEA SCOUTS**

Providing Adventure for children aged 6 -14 in the Upper Gaunless Valley. We currently have approx. 35 children from 8 different schools mixing together and forming new friendships.

Friday Nights (term time only) held in Butterknowle School  
Beavers 6-7pm, for boys and girls aged 6 - 8years  
Cubs 7-8pm, for boys and girls aged 8 – 10 ½ years  
Sea Scouts 8-9.30pm, for boys and girls aged 10 ½ – 14years

As well as weekly meetings we go on walks, cook out-doors, have access to regular sailing in Teesdale, go climbing, camping and generally have lots of fun

Cost £10 per month (this covers all insurances, Scout fees, weekly activities and badges)

### **Come and Join the Adventure**