



# Butterknowle Primary School

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## Newsletter 10 - Friday 16th November 2018

### Whole School Attendance this week is 94%

Blackbirds – 97%  
Owls - 92.5%  
Robins – 92%



Book worm Class of the week: Owls – 92%

### Butterknowle Boots Project Update .....

This week children across school were engaged in creating their class animation. They recorded their own speech, which was added to their character in the animated film. The Owls class and Reception worked well together to start thinking and preparing for their next piece of animation, which includes a picture of themselves!! We are planning a film premiere to showcase the work in the spring term.



### Important letter from school governors.

You child will be bringing home an important letter from the school governors regarding the future leadership of the school after Christmas.

### Christmas raffle.

Once again we are running our Christmas Raffle. If you have any good quality raffle prizes, please bring them into school before Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Raffle tickets will be sent home to be sold prior to the draw on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Dinner** – Deadline for booking your place is no later than Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Please return your booking forms to the office with your menu choice so that we can order food in plenty of time.



### Full House!

The school hall was packed on Thursday evening for the Friends of Butterknowle School Bingo, Pie and Peas Community event. Auntie Valerie called the numbers and friends, ex-pupils, parents and grandparents knuckled down to their Bingo

cards, nervously anticipating a 'line' and then a 'full house'. The pie and peas were delicious and an excellent evening was had by all. Thank you to everyone who supported and helped out at this event. Important letter

### Thank you

A huge thank you to Ruth Lowrie for coming in during half-term and tidying up the flower beds which she kindly planted with spring bulbs.

### Friends of Butterknowle School

As well as arranging our own events the friends also fundraise throughout the year which enables us to pay for, or contribute funds towards lots of activities and investment within school. These include;

- Travel costs for school trips meaning reduced costs for parents
- Christmas gift for each child
- Equipment for school
- Treats for children such as ice creams on school trips or sweets and juice at the pantomime.

Our meetings are very informal and relaxed. We welcome any parent, grandparent & carer etc to attend meetings and share their fundraising ideas and support in activities when able.

### Children in Need Day – Tanzania.



Thank you to Kirsty Brien for a colourful and informative whole school assembly this morning all about her trip to Tanzania last month. Thank you to all who have made donations. We have raised £96.52.

## Reading at Home

As part of their homework, all pupils should be reading to an adult 3 times per week. Although we read in class and do many reading activities throughout the week, it supports the children enormously if they also read regularly at home – this encourages confidence in reading, which in turn helps to improve their learning in all aspects of the curriculum.



To encourage and motivate our children to read we have set up a 'Class Reading Challenge'. Each week we will report which class (Blackbird, Owls or Robins) has achieved the highest percentage of reading at home. This includes independent reading to an adult and for the youngest in school, being read to by an adult.

We would greatly appreciate parents/carers help with this: when you listen to your child read (or you read to your child), please complete the next column in the child's reading record to state which pages have been read and then sign it.

## Afterschool clubs:-

Monday	Football club - (please provide warm clothing)
Tuesday	Arts and Crafts
Wednesday	Gymnastics
Thursday	Homework Club
Fridays	Board / Card Games

Don't forget to use the booking form so that we know who's booked in when, thank you.

## Play Outdoors

*'That every child has the **right** to engage in **play** and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child'*

As the weather is changing we would like our children to still have the opportunity to play in our wonderful school grounds. Please can your child have in school, a pair of wellies and, if possible, a pair of waterproof trousers. This would enable them to continue to play and not worry about getting muddy, as well as helping to protect our school floors!! We have lots of different size small wellies for the younger children, but have a limited number for the older children.

## Firefighter clothes collection

Please bring in any unwanted clothes items into school for our next Firefighter's Collection on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Money raised goes to this worthy cause as well as school receiving a percentage of this money.



**HELP UK Air Ambulance services by recycling your used postage stamps!!!!**

All funds raised will be distributed equally to all UK Air Ambulance Services. Please send any used stamps into school and pop them in to the box located at the school entrance.

## Dates for your diary

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

Fri 29 Nov	NO Play and Stay
Fri 7 Dec	Christingle at Lynesack Church 2pm
Fri 7 Dec	NO Swimming
Tue 11 Dec	Sports Festival (EYFS) at Staindrop School
Wed 12 Dec	Multi Skills Festival Y1 & Y2 Staindrop School
Thu 13 Dec	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime Trip to Georgian Theatre, Richmond. Details to follow.
Fri 14 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Play at Village Hall 4pm NO Swimming
Tue 18 Dec	School Christmas Party
Wed 19 Dec	Community Christmas Dinner at 12pm.
Thu 20 Dec	End of Term Assembly at 2pm
Tue 8 Jan	School starts for Spring Term