

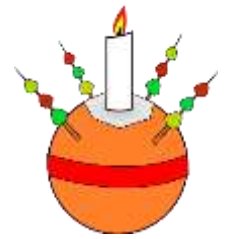


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Newsletter 13 - Friday 7th December 2018

Whole School Attendance this week is 89%

Blackbirds – 91%

Owls - 82.5%

Robins – 94%



This week our book worm class of the week is Robins.

Posada Tradition comes to Butterknowle



On Monday, Reverend Brian Whitley visited school to tell us about an exciting Christmas tradition called the 'Posada.' The Posada is a Mexican tradition where young people dress up as Mary and Joseph then travel from house to house asking for a room for the night. Modern day Posada uses nativity figures that travel from home to home where the host celebrates with their visitors that night.

Our Posada figures of Mary and Joseph, an advent calendar, some candles and a small book to record the visit are travelling around Butterknowle. Each night one of our pupils takes the Posada home with them.

So far, the Posada has visited Mason's house where they had tea then watched a bit of TV before continuing on their journey. At Ethan's house, Mary and Joseph met Arthur the dog, had pasta for tea, and then played with Jingles the Elf. I wonder who will be the next host ...?

Tanzania Fund update

Welcome to our totalizer, Gilly the Giraffe, which is recording the amount of money we have raised in school so far towards our Tanzanian Fund. Thank you to all who have made donations so far. We have raised £115.48 and our aim is to raise £150.



Pom-pom sale for our Tanzania Appeal.



This week Bertie arrived a school with a written request.

'Mrs Fenoughty, Please can I sell some pom-poms at the Christmas dinner and please put it on the newsletter? They are 50p each and I am raising money for Tanzania. Bertie Mcnab.'

We think this is a great idea and already lots of children want one because they are so soft! So don't forget your money on Wednesday 19 December!

Parents meeting with Mrs Carr on Tuesday 11th December at 3.15-4.00pm. As requested by parents, there is another opportunity to meet Mrs Carr on Tuesday 11th December at 3.15-4.00pm. Governors will also be available to answer any questions. If you have any questions, but are unable to attend, please feel free to email your queries to school and we will ensure that they are included at the meeting.

From January Mrs Carr will be in school each week on:

- Mondays – all day
- Wednesdays – am only
- Fridays – am only alternate weeks

If you would like a meeting with Mrs Carr, please contact the school office to arrange a suitable time.

Important arrangements for next week!

- **Monday** – dress rehearsal at the village hall 1pm. If you have been asked to bring in items of clothing for your costume – please don't forget! The Teesdale Mercury reporter is coming to take photos at 2pm.
- **Tuesday** – Blackbirds are taking part in a Sports Festival at Staindrop School, 12.30pm – 2.30pm. They need their school PE kit as well as warm clothing (tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirt) as some activities may be outside. They will be transported by a TCR minibus and driver.
- **Wednesday** – Owls are taking part in a Multi-skills Festival at the Alun Armstrong Centre at Shildon. Please can you ensure that your child has warm clothing for this event. The centre can be very cold, even though it is inside, so we suggest that pupils bring tracksuit bottoms/coats. Ms Fenoughty will transport the children in the Staindrop mini-bus.
- **Thursday** – Pantomime whole school back by 4.30pm.
- **Friday** – Christmas Play at the village hall. Please note that children do not need to bring their book bags to school on this day.

Photographs and filming during our Christmas Play

Due to GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations), we request that you refrain from taking pictures during the performance of this year's Christmas play. If you would like to take a picture of **your child** there will be an opportunity at the end of the play.



If you have a picture of another child, please do not post this on any social media platform without the permission of parents. This is to ensure that all children are safeguarded and that their personal images are not used without consent. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school or email dpo.butterknowle@durhamlearning.net.

Christmas raffle tickets sent home.

Every family have received £20 worth of tickets to sell. Please could ticket stubs and unsold tickets be returned to the school office, with any monies, by Wednesday 12th December.



Our raffle prizes are growing in number and we would like to thank you for your contributions so far. Don't forget that prizes can be donated any time up to the day of the raffle on Friday 14th December.

Annual Parent and Carer School Questionnaire

Thank you to parents and carers who have returned their questionnaires. We really appreciate your opinions on how we can make our school the best. If you have lost your copy, pop into the school office and pick up a copy.

Your views really do matter.



Winter weather arrangements

If at all possible we will endeavour to keep the school open during adverse weather conditions. In the event of school closure please look on our school website for up to date information.



Firefighter clothes collection

Please bring in any unwanted clothes items into school for our next Firefighter's Collection on **Wednesday 12th 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 into the box located at the school entrance.

Dates for your diary

Mon 10 Dec	Dress rehearsal in village hall.
Tue 11 Dec	Sport Festival (EYFS) at Staindrop School
Wed 12 Dec	Sports Festival (KS1) at Alun Armstrong
Thu 13 Dec	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime Trip to Georgian Theatre, Richmond.
Fri 14 Dec	Christmas Play at Village Hall starts at 4pm
Mon 17 Dec	Pyjamas, games and movie day
Tue 18 Dec	School Christmas Party at 1pm. Donations of party food needed.
Wed 19 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day – bring a donation for our Tanzania appeal.
	Community Christmas Dinner at 12pm
Thu 20 Dec	End of Term Assembly at 2pm, last school day
Fri 21 Dec	School Closed for staff training.
Tue 8 Jan	School Opens for start of Spring term.