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Newsletter 15- Friday 21st December 2018

Message from the headteacher, Tessa Fenoughty



I have had a wonderful four and a bit years serving as your head teacher and I can't quite believe it's time to say goodbye. Thank you to you all; children, staff, parents, carers and friends, for your expressions of thanks and best wishes. It has been an absolute pleasure and a privilege to lead this amazing school, and a small part of

me will forever belong to Butterknowle. Saying goodbye is hard but I know I leave the school in strong and capable hands, with dedicated staff, passionate governors and committed parents and carers. Have a wonderful Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Community Christmas Dinner



Michelle and her team pulled off another amazing feast on Wednesday. We had 100 very hungry children, staff, parents, family and friends, as well as some VIPs (the Bishop of Durham and his parliamentary assistant Lori), all keen to tuck into a tradition Christmas meal, and they were not disappointed! The Bishop of Durham opened proceedings with grace, followed by revealing the winning design for his official annual Christmas card. During the dinner, our enterprising children ran two stalls in aid of our Tanzanian Fundraising Project. Bertie made and sold pom-poms and Esme made and sold Tanzanian accessories including bags, ties and hair bobbles.

Christmas card winners.

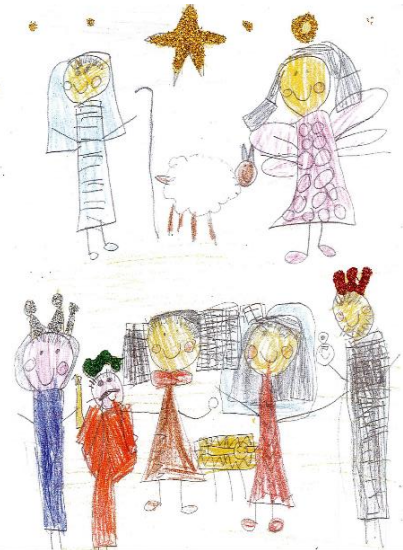


The winning Christmas card design was created by Ella (Year 3), and runners up were Bertie (Year 3) and Jack (pre-school). They each received a box of chocolates and a signed copy of the card from the Bishop. Over 800 cards will now be sent out by the Bishop to all corners of the country – what a wonderful advert for our school.

Thanks to Ella (7), Bertie (8) and Jack (3) from Butterknowle Primary School, Bishop Auckland.



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Tanzanian Fundraising.

After a term of fundraising, we can finally reveal that we have raised £180! This exceeds our original goal so we have the possibility of also raising enough money to buy a goat! We will keep you posted in the New Year. Many thanks to all for your efforts. This is a great result and will make a real difference to the life of a child.



Book Worm of the Term



We are pleased to announce that our Book Worm of the Autumn Term is Taran Middleton.



His name was pulled out of the hat and he wins a £5 book token. It could be you next time – all you have to do is read every week and we will put your name in the hat! Over Christmas get reading – remember 'Use it or lose it!'

Blackbirds notice - Wanted....

Spare clothes for Blackbirds class (pre-school and Reception). We desperately need boys trousers aged 3-4 and 4-5. Please drop off any donation at school. Thank you.



Winter weather arrangements

We 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 advice and information.



The Friends of Butterknowle also have a closed Facebook page, which has updated information about school. For access to this closed group message Kimberley Batey. Most parents and carers are part of this group which is run by the Friends, not school.

Start of the day school times.

Please could we remind all parents and carers that children who are not attending breakfast club should not arrive on the school yard before 8.45am as there is no adult supervision. A member of staff is on duty from 8.45am onwards.

Advanced notice for January 2019

Swimming lessons arrangements.

Robins and Year 2 will continue to attend Friday swimming lessons after Christmas for 6 weeks. After February half term on Friday 1st March 2019, all nursery, reception and Year 1 pupils will be going swimming.

Nursery children will be doing PE every Tuesday morning in the school hall. Please can you ensure that they have in school shorts and a t-shirt. These can be left in school.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) arrangements.

Starting week beginning Monday 14th January the whole school takes part in a four-week programme of Relationships and Sex Education. If you would like more information about the content of these lessons, please contact school.

From January, Mrs Carr, our new headteacher, 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. Mrs Carr can also be contacted at Woodland on 01388 718271 or Frosterley on 01388 528358.

Dates for your diary

Tue 8 Jan School pens for start of Spring Term

Community News

BUTTERKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL
ROCK THE NEW YEAR IN
WITH
ROBSON FIELD
31st DECEMBER 2018
8.00pm till 12.30am
£5.00
FAMILY TICKET 2 ADULTS 2 CHILDREN £12.00
FULL BAR.....MUSIC.....DANCING.....GAMES.....RAFFLE
BRING OWN FOOD
TICKETS: 01388 710855
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
THE ROYAL OAK BUTTERKNOWLE

The staff team would like to thank parents, carers and pupils for all the greeting cards, thank you cards and gifts received this Christmas. Your generosity and appreciation means so much to us. Have a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

