



Butterknowle Primary School

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Newsletter 16- Friday 11th January 2019

Whole School Attendance this week is 98%

Blackbirds - 100%

Owls - 96%

Robins – 97%



Thank you to everyone for a super first week at Butterknowle. I have enjoyed getting to know the children, starting to meet families and working with the wonderful staff team. Just as a short introduction, I live in Teesdale with my husband and youngest daughter who is in the sixth form at Teesdale School and our daft dog Oscar. My elder daughters live

and work in Edinburgh and Cambridge. As well as Butterknowle, I am the headteacher at Woodland and Frosterley and before that I was deputy at Ingleton. In my teaching career I have taught all ages from Nursery to Year 6, often in mixed age classes. I look forward to meeting more of you as the term goes on. Please do get in touch if you would like to speak to me. Clare Carr

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. Mrs Carr can also be contacted at Woodland on 01388 718271 or

Frosterley on 01388 528358. Alternatively an email can be sent to butterknowle@durhamlearning.net



Play and Stay

Come and join us on a Friday morning 9.30-10.30 for our Play and Stay session. All are welcome to come and take part in a range of activities. We ask for a 50p contribution towards refreshments and resources.

After school clubs

Monday – Computers

Tuesday- Creative club

***FISCH for children in years 3-5, see below for more details)**

Wednesday- Cookery (please bring a labelled container to take home your baked goods)

Thursday – Homework Club

Friday – Board/card games

The FISCH project

The FISCH project (*family initiative supporting children's health*) works within primary schools across County Durham and Darlington, delivering a programme of intervention to children in Key Stage 2 (7-11 years). The project which starts in school on 15th January is delivered for one term for approximately 10 weeks, within curriculum time, and includes both physical activity and theory-based sessions in relation to healthy lifestyles. FISCH are providing an additional physical activity/games session on a Tuesday after school 3.15-4.15 which will be available free for year 3, 4 & 5 pupils, starting 22nd January for 9 weeks.

Robins and Year 2 get active

On Thursday, despite being chilly, the Robins and year 2 had



a fun and active time outdoors with the Staindrop Academy PE Coach. **Please can you make sure that your child has a pair of trainers, jogging bottoms, warm top, shorts and t-shirt in school on a Thursday.** Y5 children will be taking part in a netball

festival at Staindrop Academy on Wednesday 6th February more information to follow closer to the time.

Lunchtime Cross Country Club



Starting Thursday 17th January Mrs Dauber and Mrs Charlton are running a cross country club at

lunchtime. If your child is interesting in taking part, they will need a pair of trainers that can get muddy and suitable outdoor clothing.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) arrangements.

Starting next week, the whole school takes part in a four-week programme of



Relationships and Sex Education. A letter went home in your child's book bag at the end of last term which gave an overview of the lessons. If you would

like more information about the content of these lessons, please contact school.

REMINDER!

Is your child starting in Reception in September 2019?

By now our pre-school children, due to start full time school in September 2019 should have registered with Durham County Council. There is still time as the final date for completed applications is midnight on 15 January 2019. If you are experiencing any difficulties, or want more information about what Butterknowle Primary School can offer your child, please contact the school office and we can help.

Year 2 SATS booster classes

These will start on Thursday 24th January and will be from 3.15pm to 4pm in Owls class with Mrs Harmer. All Year 2 pupils are invited to attend. No booking required.

Flu Catch up Clinics

To book an appointment call 0300 003 0013

19/01/19 - 09.00 - 12.00 at The Dolphin Centre, Horsemarket, Darlington, DL1 5RP 13.30 - 16.00 at Spennymoor Leisure Centre, High Street, DL16 6BD

26/01/19 - 09.00 -12.00 at The Louisa Centre, Front Street, Stanley, DH9 0TE 13.30 -16.00 at Chester le Street Community Centre, Newcastle Road, DH3 3TS



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Year 4, 5 & 6 Sports Programme

Staindrop Academy would like to invite your child to attend their free Year 4, 5 and 6 Sports Programme.

What is it?-They are looking to host an hour of sport per half term over the course of the academic year. It is an hour of sports activities at Staindrop Academy, where children can get an idea of the sporting opportunities available to them when they transition into secondary school. They also feel like this would be a great opportunity for pupils to come and meet other pupils in the local area.

Who is it for? -They are inviting year 4, 5 & 6 children to participate in a range of various sports at Staindrop Academy. Each session will run from 4 pm- 5 pm. Parents will be responsible for transportation of their child in order for them to attend the evening at Staindrop Academy.

Big Schools' Birdwatch 2019- 2nd - 22nd January

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Do you know the difference between a blue tit and a chaffinch? We have

signed up to this fantastic bird watching project and over the next few weeks we are collecting information on the birds that visit our school site. We would like parents and carers to get involved and help us by helping your child spot the common garden birds that visit your garden.

Dates for your diary

- 15th January FISCH meeting for parents 3.15pm in School Hall
- 17th January lunchtime cross country club
- 18th Play & Stay 9.30 – 10.30am
- Y2-Y5 swimming until 15th February
- 6th February Year 5 netball tournament
- 7th February KS1 sports festival
- 15th February school breaks up for half term
- 25th February school starts

Paper copies are available in school on request.

School newsletter comes out every Friday. It is available to view in colour on our school webpage at <http://www.butterknowle.durham.sch.uk/>