



# Butterknowle Primary School

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## Newsletter 17- Friday 18th January 2019

### Whole School Attendance this week is 89%

Blackbirds – 84%

Owls - 92%

Robins – 90%



Book worm class of the week: Owls

### 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 will be continuing with our 'Class Reading Challenge'. Each week we will report which class has achieved the highest percentage of reading at home. 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.



### Winter clothing and footwear and arrangements

As the cold weather approaches, please remind your child to wear a warm coat, gloves, scarf and wellies to school. Indoor shoes or sensible slippers may be kept and worn in school. If there is snow, we recommend waterproof trousers or an all-in-one suit so that they can enjoy the snow without getting wet through! As ever, please make sure all items are labelled!

### 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, the following procedures will be:

- Between 7.30am and 8.00am, if it is decided that the school will not open the school closure will be posted on the front page of our school website. Where possible we will send out emails and a text message to all parents.

**Please ensure that your details on Parent Pay are up to date to ensure a text message can be received.** Parents are encouraged not to phone school unless there is no alternative as we only have one telephone line and this must be kept clear for emergency calls only. This information is also on the school website under the 'Parents' tab.

### Butterknowle Boots project.



This week the children, alongside Sheryl, continued their work on our 'Butterknowle Boots' project. Owls and Blackbirds added sound effects to their superb animations. Not long to go until the efforts of all their hard work be unveiled to the public. Watch this space for the date and time!!



### Checking your child's book bag.

Please check your child's book bag regularly to avoid missing important letters or information.



### 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.

### Year 5 Taster day at Staindrop

On Thursday 31st January Year 5 children have been invited to attend Staindrop Academy for the day, they will be collected from school in a school minibus accompanied by a member of staff at approx. 9.05am and return to school at 12.30pm.

Please can children come dressed to school in their P.E. kit plus joggers a school sweatshirt and trainers. Children also need to bring a water bottle. (This clothing can be worn the rest of the school day so no change of clothes required).

A complimentary lunch will be provided for all children. An email has been sent to all Year 5 Parents or Carers.

### After school clubs:-

Monday - Computers

Tuesday - Creative club

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

Wednesday - Cookery club will be making flapjack, so don't forget to bring a container!

Thursday - Homework Club

Friday - Board/card games

## The FISCH project

This week saw Robins take part in the first of their FISCH sessions to be held in school, all seemed to be having a good time.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> January for 9 weeks.

## Lunchtime Cross Country Club



On Thursday lunchtime Mrs Dauber and Mrs Charlton are running a cross country club. If your child is

interested in taking part, they will need a pair of trainers that can get muddy and suitable out- door clothing.

## 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

**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

## Wanted

If anyone has any spare goggles please can they be donated to school as spares.

## 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](mailto:butterknowle@durhamlearning.net)

## Dates for your diary

- 31<sup>st</sup> January year 5 taster day at Staindrop
- 13<sup>th</sup> February Year 5 netball tournament
- 14<sup>th</sup> February KS1 sports festival
- 15<sup>th</sup> February school breaks up for half term
- 25<sup>th</sup> February school starts
- 1<sup>st</sup> March County cross country event, B/A College
- 7<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day

## COMMUNITY NEWS

BUTTERKNOWLE SEA SCOUTS- Providing Adventure for children aged 6 -14 in the Upper Gaunless Valley. We currently have approx. 30 children from 7 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

To find out more contact James at [butterknowlescouts@gmail.com](mailto:butterknowlescouts@gmail.com).

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/>