



Butterknowle Primary School

Newsletter 19- Friday 1st February 2019

Whole School Attendance this week is 93%

Blackbirds - 96%

Owls - 93%

Robins - 89%



Book worm class of the week: Robins

Well done to all the children who have read at home this week. Keep up the good work.



Well the 1st February has brought the first snow of the term! All staff were on site today and Neil did an excellent job making sure the paths into

school were safe for everyone. The children were really excited to have snow and if children have their wellies and waterproofs we can take them out to enjoy it at playtime. Just a reminder that if school is closed for any reason, we will put a message on the front page of the school website as soon as that decision has been made. We will also send a text via the Parent Pay system so please make sure that your mobile number is registered and up to date. **Please always check the website if you are concerned that school might be closed.**



We have a school council made up of pupils from each year group. They meet every month with Mrs Marshall. At their monthly

meetings they discuss any issues raised by any child in the school. They also look in the 'Pupil Voice' box for any comments or suggestions. This month they discussed the following:

- World Book Day Thursday 7th March – The school council decided that from all the suggestions received, to dress up as a character from a favourite book.
- Pupils are also invited to write a book review, design a book cover or write a story with

themselves as the main character. Prizes will be awarded to all who enter.

- The theme for this year's Easter egg competition is linked to this terms topic and is to be a famous landmark from either a UK or European country.



School Cross Country race on Thursday 7th February

At 9.10am on Thursday 7th February we will be holding

our school Key Stage 2 (Robins) cross country event. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit and outdoor PE trainers – it may well be muddy. Parents, carers, family and friends are warmly invited to attend this event and cheer on the children. Each participant will receive a certificate.



The FISCH report by Alex, Jasmin, Will and Lewis. FISCH is a

brilliant thing for your kids. In FISCH we learn about how to stay healthy and we do lots of exciting games to keep us fit. We have been learning about things like how much water to drink during the day and ways we can be happy. Each week we keep a diary – it's getting quite thick already. This Tuesday we did lots of fun activities and exercises. We measured how high and how far we could jump. We also counted how many jumps we could do in 20 seconds. There were some amazing results! If you enjoy the FISCH activities, you can stay to the afterschool club. Lenny plays games we have played before but then she makes them into her own games. We played Dodgeball, but there were three different levels: Ordinary Dodgeball, The Three In One Game and Deadman. We call it Extreme Dodgeball and its great fun. We think FISCH is a good influence on children because it really makes us think about how to be healthy.

More from the FISCH Team next week....



Year 2

On Thursdays from 3.15pm to 4pm in Owls class with Mrs Harmer. All Year 2 pupils are invited to attend.



On Thursday our year 5 pupils took part in Staindrop Academy's Multi-skills week.

They enjoyed a fun packed morning taking part in a wide range of activities. In History they learnt about America in the 1920's, in science they developed their scientific skills and carried out an experiment with a balloon. They then took part in basketball, trampolining and circuit training. They all seemed to have enjoyed this great opportunity.

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.



This week parents and children enjoyed baking cakes and taking part in a variety of different activities.

Year 5 Netball Tournament on Wednesday 13th February

On Wednesday 13th February the Year 5 children will be attending a netball tournament from 12.30 to 2.30pm. Please make sure that your child is wearing a school PE kit (black/blue jogging bottoms can be worn if cold) and a school jumper.

Year 1 and 2 Multi sports Festival on Thursday 14th February

On Tuesday pupils in Class One (Yr1, Yr2) will be attending a Multi-Sports Festival at Staindrop School from 9.30am to

11.30pm. Please make sure your child has their school PE kit and suitable PE footwear.

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. **Our next Friends meeting is 6pm Monday 4th February in school.**

After school clubs:-

Monday - Computers

Tuesday - Creative club

***FISCH for children in years 3-5.**

Wednesday - Cookery club, don't forget your container.

Thursday - Homework Club

Friday - Board/card games

Dates for your diary

- **4th February FOBS meeting in school 6pm**
- 7th February School Cross Country race for Robins
- 13th February Year 5 netball tournament
- 14th February KS1 sports festival
- 15th February school breaks up for half term
- 25th February school starts
- 28th February FOBS 'Scentsy' night more details to follow.
- 1st March County cross country event, B/A College
- 7th March World Book Day
- 14th March Red Nose Day
- 20th March Owls and Robins trip to Beamish museum – more details to follow
- 26th March EYFS Festival
- 27th March Mother's day afternoon tea 2pm we will let you know when booking is open on parent pay
- 1st April Parents evening and showing of Butterknowle Boots
- 5th April End of Term assembly and Easter Egg presentation.

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