



# Butterknowle Primary School

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## Newsletter 2 - Friday 27th September 2019

### Whole School Attendance:- 94%

On each newsletter we will be publishing our whole school attendance. Please make sure your child attends school every day as this has a major impact on their academic and social outcomes. If you need to take your child out of school during term time, you need to apply for authorised absence. Forms are available on the school website or from the school office.



**2-Year-Old Provision** We are going to offer 4 places for two-year-olds within our EYFS class from Monday 4th November 2019. We will be offering 5 mornings from 9-12 each day. Priority will be given to those who qualify for a Golden Ticket (15 hours funded) and those who require the 15 hours (£5.50/hour). If you think you might qualify for a Golden Ticket, we have some leaflets available in the office. If you are interested in 2-year-old provision, please contact the office. Thank you



### EYFS Open Afternoon

All EYFS parents, grandparents and carers are invited to an open afternoon in Nursery and Reception from 1.15 on Wednesday 2nd October. Come along for the afternoon or drop in to see how the children are settling in and have a chat with the teachers.



### Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. We would be particularly interested in someone who could take responsibility for monitoring safeguarding in school. If you think you might be interested, or for more information about the role, please contact the school office to speak to Mrs Carr. The closing date for applications is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

### Allotment news

Last Friday nursery and owls went over to the allotment we managed to dig up 12 swedes, A tray full of potatoes, some runner beans 2 rather large courgettes/marrows/pumpkins!! We cleared the fruit cage of weeds and generally tidied up the area. It is now nearly ready for winter.



### 'Fun to Cook'

The 'Fun to Cook' project, delivered by Taylor Shaw began this week. A group of 8 children practised their measuring and team skills to produce a delicious

Apple Crumble – the smell of baking was whetting the appetite of others in the school! Well done to the children and thank you to Taylor Shaw.



### Stay and Play

Our popular Stay and Play takes place every Friday 9 – 10.45am and this week it was very busy. We are always looking to invite new parents and toddlers to our group. If you know of any families in our community who might like to come along, please tell them about us and invite them along. We only ask for a donation to help with snacks and drinks.

### Blackbirds Class (Nursery and Reception) Notices:

- Please make sure that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- A letter went home this week with a list of missing uniform. If you do find something that has got mixed up please could you bring it in to school. Many thanks

### Owls class: (Year 1 and 2 Children) Notices:

- Owls will be having PE every Friday afternoon up until Christmas. Please ensure that they have a white t-shirt, shorts and outdoor shoes.
- Please ensure that reading books are brought into school each day and that if your child has been heard to read at home that this is marked off in their reading record. Homework is due in on a **Wednesday.**

## Robins class : (year 3,4,5,6) notices



Please can you ensure that your child has some goggles to wear for swimming on a Friday.

- A reminder that as part of your child's homework Robins should read aloud to an adult at least 3 times per week. Parents and carers. Many thanks parents and carers for your support with this.
- Homework is given out on a Thursday and should be returned by the following Tuesday, please!



### Outdoor Play and Learning

As part of our outdoor learning this term the owls



and blackbirds have been developing the play area. They measured and erected a new fence (with a little help from Mr Widdas!) and have created a digging

area and a problem solving area where the children have to get from A to B and not step in the shark-infested water!

### After School Clubs this term:

Monday Outdoor activities – please bring in suitable footwear and outdoor clothing. in the case of inclement weather ICT will be done.

Tuesday 'Lego' club

Wednesday Art

Thursday Homework Club

Friday Games

### A few reminders ...

- Please could pupils riding bikes/scooters to school ensure that they enter and leave the school slowly.
- A change of footwear is required if pupils want to use the school field at playtime.
- If your child is unwell and off school, please contact school as soon as possible, and by 9.30 at the latest. If your child has school dinners it ensures that we can cancel your child's meal and avoid incurring a charge.

## Will your child turn 5 between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021?

If so, you need to complete an application online to tell us which school you would like your child to attend from September 2020.

Visit [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. Paper application forms are available on request.

You still need to apply even if your child attends the nursery unit attached to the school or already has a sibling at the school. You will also need to complete an application for a place in a junior school for an older child.

**Applications open 12 September 2019 and close midnight 15 January 2020.**

### For more information please contact

School Places and Admissions Team

[www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

03000 265 896



### Applications for Secondary schools

The application process will open on 12th September 2019. You must only complete one application and this must be to the Local Authority to which you pay your council tax (i.e. Home Local Authority). If you live in County Durham, you need to complete an application to tell us which school you want your child to attend. You should list up to 3 school preferences and applying for just 1 school Does Not improve your chances of gaining a place at that school. You can apply for any school/academy in County Durham or in another Local Authority area. Please apply on-line at [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### Reception, Y1,2,3,4,6 parents.

The flu vaccine is being offered to your child, to consent please visit: [www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent](http://www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent). If you do not have internet access please contact us on 03000 032554. **Immunisations will be taking place in school on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Your child cannot receive the vaccination if you do not apply for consent.**

### Dates for your diary

- 21.10.19 Parents evening more details to follow
- 21.10.19 Cross Country Y5 & Y6, Staindrop school
- 23.10.19 Tag Rugby Competition Y3 & Y4, S
- 24.10.19 Multi Skills Festival Y5 & Y6, Staindrop school
- 24.10.19 Rec/1/2 spooky visit to Woodland for an activity morning.
- 24.10.19 Halloween disco in school tickets on sale from FOBs starts 5.30pm
- 25.10.19 – Break up for Half Term Holidays
- 5.11.19 School photos -siblings are invited