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Newsletter 2 - Friday 14th September 2018

Whole School Attendance this week is 99%

Blackbirds 100%

Owls 99%

Robins 99%

Great start everyone!

Butterknowle Boots Project



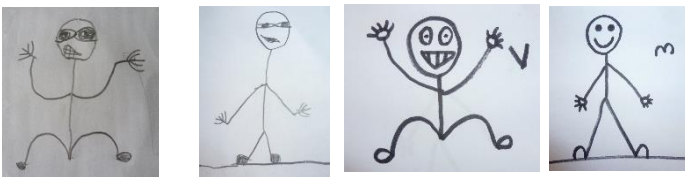
This term we are embarking on an ambitious whole school project called '**Butterknowle Boots**'. This project marks the start of our year journey towards achieving an Artsmark Award. The Artsmark is a national award scheme, which recognises and celebrates schools who

are developing exciting and innovative arts provision. Throughout the year our pupils and staff will be working with a range of professional artists from photographers, animators, filmmakers to poets and musicians, to help us tell the stories of Butterknowle through the eyes our pupils and families.

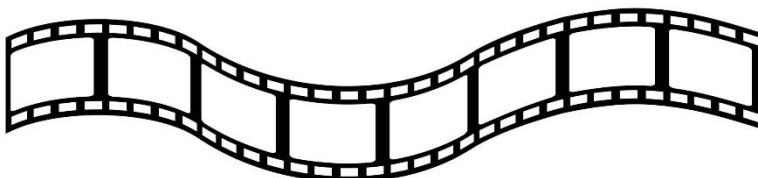


Animations

This week Sheryl Jenkins, our lead artist for the project, came into school and led a workshop on animation and filmmaking. During the session, pupils made their own animations and a short film.



Over the coming weeks pupils in school will be working on developing their own stories as they put on their boots and travel around the Butterknowle area. These stories, both fact and fiction, will become part of an exhibition to be held in school later in the year. We also need parents, family and friends to help us retell Butterknowle stories. We will be sending home a '**Story Me**' sheet for you to fill in and return to school. What tales, folklore, and traditions do you know about Butterknowle? They might even be turned into a film!



School Open Morning on Friday 28th September.

We are holding a Coffee Morning and Open Day on Friday 28th September from 9am to 10.30am. Come into school and see all the school improvements, meet the staff and pupils, have a coffee and help to raise money for Macmillan. As well as current parents, carers, family and friends, we want to encourage new families in the village to come and see our superb educational facilities, so if you know of a family, please invite them to come along and have a look around our school.

Come and join us.



WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

Firefighter clothes collection

Please bring in any unwanted clothes items into school for our next Firefighter's Collection on Tuesday 25th September. Money raised goes to this worthy cause as well as school receiving a percentage of this money.

Friends of Butterknowle (FOB) news

The friends of the school will be holding a raffle at the Macmillan coffee morning. If you have any unwanted items, chocolates, wine or other goodies and would like to donate these Please send them into school before Friday 28th September. All donations are much appreciated.

Next meeting of the Friends will take place in school on Friday at 1.30pm in the school community room. Why not come along to this meeting, and after the meeting stay and join our weekly Celebration Assembly in the school hall? All welcome.

Message for Owls Class (Years 1 and 2)

WANTED . Baby Photos

As part of our topic this term, the children in Owls class is looking at how they have changed as they have grown. Please can you send to school a baby photo of your child so that we can use them in our science lesson on Monday 24th September. All originals will be copied and returned.

End of the school day arrangements

Due to the rise in school numbers, pupils in Blackbirds (Reception and Pre-school children), will now be entering and leaving school via the **EYFS wooden gate into their little playground**. Please could parents and carers come through the gate and wait in the playground at 3.15pm to collect their children. We will try to be prompt so that families with children exiting from the Main Entrance (Years 1 and 2) and Junior Exit (years 3 – 6) can gather up all their children safely.

Nursery children starting school next year.

Will your child be 5 on or between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020? If so, you need to complete an application to Durham Schools Admission before the deadline on 12 January 2109, **even if they come to our pre-school**. Complete your application online at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. If you need any help with this online application, please come into school and we can provide you with assistance.

'In the pink' - World War One Stories from the Gaunless Valley.

The Evenwood, Ramshaw and District History Society and the Gaunless Valley History Trust have worked on a project this year to pay tribute to the 244 local men and families of those who did not return from the Great War. Resulting from this work, they have commissioned a film entitled 'In the pink' which will be shown at venues throughout the area. We are hosting one of these screenings on Thursday 8th November at 7pm in our school hall. Screenings are free and on a first come first served basis. A copy of the DVD and book will be available to purchase at £5.00. A short trailer of the film can be viewed at <https://vimeo.com/crackintoast/inthepinktrailer>



Dates for your diary

Here is a first look at this term! More dates will be added, so keep checking your newsletter and website.

Fri 21 Sep	Stay and Play 9.00 – 10.30 B'birds and Year 1 swimming
Mon 24 Sep	'Splash Show' at 1.45pm
Fri 28 Sep	Macmillan coffee morning 9.00 – 10.30 No Stay and Play B'birds and Year 1 swimming
Tue 2 Oct	Friendly football match at school 3.30pm
Wed 3 Oct	Friendly football match at Woodland
Fri 5 Oct	Stay and Play 9.00 – 10.30 FOBs meeting at school at 1.30pm B'birds and Year 1 swimming Join our Celebration Assembly at 2.45pm
Wed 10 Oct	Harvest Festival Assembly at 9am in school
Fri 12 Oct	Flu immunisation in school (R – Year 5 only) Stay and Play 9.00 – 10.30 B'birds and Year 1 swimming
Wed 17 Oct	Tag Rugby (Yrs 3,4) at Staindrop School
Thu 18 Oct	Multiskills (Yr 5 only) at Staindrop School B'birds and Year 1 swimming Break up for half term
Mon 29 Oct	School starts
Wed 31 Oct	Hallowe'en Day at school
Fri 2 Nov	Robins Class and Yr 2 swimming Stay and Play 9.00 – 10.30
Thu 8 Nov	WW! Workshop in school In the pink showing at 7pm in school
Fri 9 Nov	No Stay and Play Whole school remembrance at 11am Robins Class and Yr 2 swimming
Fri 7 Dec	Christingle at Lynesack Church 2pm
Tue 11 Dec	Sport Festival (EYFS) at Staindrop School
Thu 13 Dec	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime Trip to Georgian Theatre, Richmond. Details to follow.
Fri 14 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thu 20 Dec	End of Term Assembly at 2pm Close for Christmas holidays
Tue 8 Jan	School starts for Spring Term