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Newsletter 3 - Friday 21st September 2018

Whole School Attendance this week is 97.5%

Blackbirds - 100%

Owls - 92.5%

Robins - 100%

Butterknowle Boots Project Update



During this week's session, children drew self-portraits and learnt how to animate them. These will be made into a film using an Ipad APP next week.

Don't forget to write down your stories of Butterknowle on the **'Story Me'** sheet and return them to school as part of the project.

Autumn has arrived



On Monday afternoon, Owls class went for walk around the school grounds looking for signs of autumn. They were surprised to find a prickly visitor hiding at the side of the field.

After closer inspection, it became clear that it was a poorly hedgehog. 'A prickly problem hedgehog rescue' volunteer came and took Albert, affectionately named by Owls class, away to be fed and given some TLC. Watch this space as Albert will be returning to be released back into the wild when recovered.



On Tuesday afternoon Blackbirds went for a blustery walk around the school grounds looking for autumn treasures.

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 2019, **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.

Donations of cakes



We need cakes and

scones for the Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 28th September. If you have any donations please pop them into the school office.



The Coffee Morning and Open Day runs 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.

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 Friends Meeting on Friday 5th October at 1.30pm

Next meeting of the Friends will take place in school on Friday 5th October 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.

KS2 Friendly Football Match against Woodland School

After School on Wednesday 3rd October we have been invited



to take part in a football match against Woodland, starting at 3.15pm. We need help from parents to transport children to the match. If you are able to offer a lift to a member of the team could you please let Ms

Fenoughty know or alternatively contact Mrs Brown in the school office.

Tissues needed



If your child has a cold, please could parents send in pocket tissues, or a donation of a box of tissues for the classroom? We are experiencing a large number of runny noses at present, and our limited supplies of tissues are running out.

Introducing our new school nurse.

Lindsay Atkinson is our new school nurse. She will be in school on Friday 16 November and Friday 7 December from 9am – 10am. She can help parents/carers with support around:

- ✓ Parenting advice
- ✓ Keeping Healthy
- ✓ Sexual Health
- ✓ Weight management
- ✓ Immunisations
- ✓ Emotional health
- ✓ Drugs and Alcohol

NEXT WEEK.....



Monday 24th September

Super Splash Heroes, from Northumbrian Water will be visiting school.

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

Thursday 27th September

The Gaunless valley WW1 Memorial Walk along the Gaunless Valley.

The children and staff will be standing outside the school gates at 11am waving flags as the march passes through Butterknowle. Please feel free to come and join us at this event and don't forget your flag!!



Dates for your diary

Don't forget to keep checking your newsletter and website for new dates.

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 WW1 Workshop in school
'In the pink' film showing at 7pm in school
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