



# Butterknowle Primary School

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## Newsletter 3 - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### Whole School Attendance:- 98%

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.



### Bonfire night safety talk



On Monday afternoon we had a very informative talk about how to keep safe on bonfire night by Durham and Darlington Fire Service. This was a brilliant introduction to Guy Fawkes which Owls class have been



learning about this week.



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest festival and Macmillan coffee morning we raised the magnificent amount of £181.83. We have this week received a thank you card from the food bank for our harvest donations. Many thanks again for all your support.



**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

### 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.
- Junk is needed so that the children can continue to make junk models ie egg boxes, kitchen towel tubes, cereal boxes and yoghurt pots.

### 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. 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!

### Spooky Activity Morning



On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, Reception, Year 1 and 2 will be visiting Woodland primary school for a spooky Halloween activity morning. Your child is invited to come to school in their spooky costumes. We will be returning to school in time for lunch.

### After School Clubs this term:

Monday Outdoor activities  
(please bring in suitable footwear and outdoor clothing. in the case of inclement weather ICT will take place).  
Tuesday 'Lego' club  
Wednesday Art  
Thursday Homework Club  
Friday Games



### Outdoor Play and Learning



The children have been developing their play area and have constructed dinosaur world and a digging area in

the old raised beds so that all children can access these easily. At playtimes the children are enjoying being able to freely access these areas. All children are encouraged to bring into school suitable clothing and footwear.

### Hallowe'en Disco

We are holding our Hallowe'en Party on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 5.30-7.00 pm. This is a whole school event run by the Friends of the School. Children of all ages are welcome. Dressing up is encouraged, but please be mindful that we don't want our youngest children to have nightmares. Cost is £3.00 this includes entry, party games, hotdogs and juice. Mix-ups will be available to buy for £1. Tickets are available from Kimberley Batey. All school pupils and siblings are welcome, but **all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.**



### 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.**

### 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 9.30am at the latest. If your child has school dinners it ensures that we can cancel your child's meal and avoid incurring a charge.

### Dates for your diary

- 21.10.19 Parents evening more details to follow
- 21.10.19 Cross Country Y5 & Y6, Staindrop school
- Friends meeting in school 6pm in 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
- 15.11.19 Children In Need
- 11.12.19 Christmas Nativity 6pm
- 13.12.19 Panto – Aladdin at Richmond Theatre
- 13.12.19 Christmas Jumper Day

### Fire Fighters Charity Clothes Collection

Our next Fire Fighter collection will be Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November.