



Butterknowle Primary School



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Newsletter 4 - Friday 25th October 2019



Whole School Attendance:- 92%

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.



Outdoor Play and Learning

A drum roll please..... We are pleased to announce that we are officially an Opal Gold Award school. Thank you for all your help and support with developing the school grounds so that we are able to provide a safe place for children to play and explore. *It was a pleasure to observe such a wonderful playtime available every day to the children of your school today` Ingrid Wilkinson OPAL assessor*



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Sporting Events



This week the children in Robins have had the opportunity to take part in cross country, tag rugby and multi – skills run by Staindrop Academy. All the children have enjoyed

competing against other schools.



Spooky Activity Morning

On Thursday 24th October, Reception, Year 1 and 2



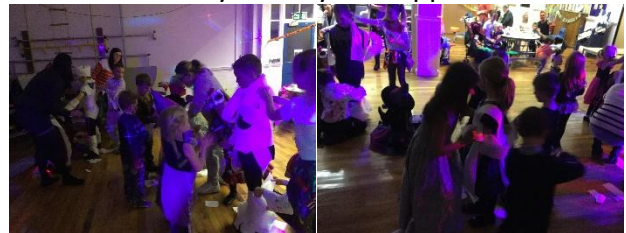
enjoyed a spooky morning with the children from squirrel class Woodland. The children made eye

ball cake pops and smoothies followed by slime, floating ghosts and magical book marks! (they help you to read you book at home!!)



FOBs Halloween disco

Thank you to everyone who attended the Halloween disco. Lots of fun was had by all. Thank you to Scott for providing the music and lights. The friends raised £128.48. Thank you for your support.



The next event run by the Friends will be on November 14th a community Christmas Fayre starting at 6pm.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Sunday 27th October. The nights will be getting darker so please stay safe and be seen.

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.

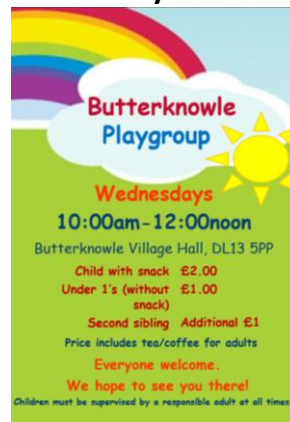
Photographer

A letter went home this week to let you know the arrangements for the **School photographer on Tuesday 5th November.**

Our school photographer will be in school from 8am on Tuesday 5th November. We are offering a limited number of bookable time slot for families who would like a photo taken with siblings. Please phone, email the school office, or drop in to book a appointment slot. If your child is in pre-school but does not normally attend on a Tuesday, you are welcome to bring them into school from 9.30am for a photograph.



Community Events



Christmas Community Fayre Thursday 14th November

Butterknowle Primary will be hosting a Christmas fayre at 6pm . Free entry and all welcome to come along and support your local school and join the family fun.

Blackbirds Class (Nursery and Reception) Notices:

- Please make sure that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

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

Robins class will continue swimming after half term. 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!

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. If you do not have internet access please contact us on 03000 032554. **Immunisations will be taking place in school on Wednesday 27th November. Your child cannot receive the vaccination if you do not apply for consent.**

Fire Fighters Charity Clothes Collection

Our next Fire Fighter collection will be Thursday 14th November.

After School Clubs this term:

Monday	Computers
Tuesday	'Lego' club
Wednesday	Art/ Christmas crafts
Thursday	Homework Club
Friday	Board 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 9.30am 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

- 5.11.19 School photos -siblings are invited
- 14.11.19 School Christmas Fayre
- 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