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Newsletter 6 - Friday 12th October 2018

Whole School Attendance this week is 96%

Blackbirds – 100%

Owls - 92%

Robins – 95%



This week Robins Class were set an ICT challenge "Can you make a windmill and make it's sails turn?" This was their introduction to using computing to control a device. The children rose to the

challenge and quickly made windmills with varying success. Some sails hit the floor, some would not turn, but after a little time and a little help from Mr Petty, (our super ICT helper) we all had a working windmill.

Then the children used the Scratch programme to write a set of instructions or code so that the sails would turn. Some sails turned quickly, some slowly. Some went backwards, some went backwards *and* forwards and finally everyone had a working windmill.



It was a great challenge...with more to come next week!

Reminder for Owls class

As part of this half term's learning about 'Toys from the past' the year 1 and 2 children have been asked to bring into school their favourite Teddy bear/ cuddly toy on Wednesday.

'The Christmas Truce' Christmas Play

This year the whole school Christmas performance will be on **Friday 14th December at 4pm at Butterknowle Village Hall.** The children will stay on at school at 3.15pm and then will be escorted to the Village Hall ready for the performance at 4pm. Make sure you book time off for this show!

Save the date.

Our popular Community Christmas Dinner takes place on **Wednesday 19th December 2018.** Details and booking forms to follow.

Harvest Festival



Thank you to everyone who came along to our Harvest Festival assembly this week. We had a large turn out and they enjoyed a packed programme of songs, prayers and Autumn facts. Thank you to Revd Brian for leading us in prayer. Thank you also for donations. These have now been donated to our local foodbank.

Football Match against Woodland Primary School

Woodland and Butterknowle Primary Schools took part in a friendly football match after school this week. It was an exciting match to watch the final score was 2-2. All players involved demonstrated great sporting attitudes and there is plenty of emerging talent amongst both teams.

Sleeping Beauty on Thursday 13th December

The whole school will be going to the Georgian Theatre Royal at Richmond for this year's pantomime performance! Coach leaves school at 12.30 and departs from Richmond at 3.45pm with an estimated arrival back at school - 4.20pm to 4.30pm. Cost per child - includes transport and ticket for the event is £12.00. This is now payable via Parentpay.

Nursery Children Only:-

Please note a ticket has been purchased for all nursery children, so if your child does not usually attend nursery on a Thursday, please let us know if you would like them to attend and also if you would like a school meal to be provided on this day.

Nursery children will need to be in school at 11.30 am for a school lunch or alternatively they will need to come to school for 12.20 prompt.

Please note nursery children who normally attend nursery on a Thursday all day, please bring your child at the normal time.

More information to follow shortly.

Parents Evening Monday 15th October

Letters have been sent out with appointment times for Parents evening. If you need to rearrange your allocated time please contact the school office. If you are unable to attend, please let us know.

Nursery children starting school next year.

Have you completed your 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.

Reminder for parents and carers.

As we approach half term, please check your school Parentpay account and ensure that all payments are up to date. If you have any queries, Mrs Brown is available on Friday mornings from 8.30am onwards to deal with any queries.



*'That every child has the **right** to engage in **play** and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child'*

As the weather is changing we would like our children to still have the opportunity to play in our wonderful school grounds. Please can your child have in school, a pair of wellies and, if possible, a pair of waterproof trousers. This would enable them to continue to play and not worry about getting muddy, as well as helping to protect our school floors!! We have lots of different size small wellies for the younger children, but have a limited number for the older children.

New Winter menu from Monday 29th October

After half term there will be a new winter menu. The children will be invited to choose from the daily options, rather than pre-booking a set meal. If you would like discuss food options with your children please look on the school website for the new 3 week menus. Alternatively paper copies are available from the school office.



Halloween themed day

On Wednesday 31st October all children are invited to come to school dressed in their Halloween costume. Michelle is creating a themed school dinner.

Following on from the schools Halloween party why not let your child unwind with a Halloween themed movie night at school.

The cost is £3 per child which includes juice, popcorn and a mix up. Cash Payment can be made to the treasurer of the friends, Kimberley Batey at School prior to the event. For more info or to arrange payment contact Kimberley on 01388 710747. This event is open to school children only (including nursery children). Children must be collected from school by an appropriate adult at 4.30pm.

NEXT WEEK.....

Monday - Parents evening 3.30-6.00pm

Wednesday - Year 3 /4 Tag Rugby at Staindrop Academy 12.30-2.30pm Please ensure that your child has a school PE kit including trainers to change into. We suggest that pupils wear their school red jumpers /cardigans if required in order that we all look smart. A coat and water bottle should also be brought (if not all ready at school). Year 1 and 2 children need to bring in their Teddy/ cuddly toy

Thursday - Year 5 multi skills at Staindrop Academy 12.30-2.30pm Please ensure that your child has a school PE kit, including trainers to change into. We suggest that pupils wear their school red jumpers /cardigans if required in order that we all look smart. A coat and water bottle should also be brought (if not all ready at school).

Friday - Last swimming session for N,R,1 children
After half term Year 2-5 will be swimming



School Breaks up for Half term don't forget the clocks go back Sunday 28th.

Dates for your diary

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

Wed 17 Oct	Tag Rugby (Yrs 3,4) at Staindrop School
Thu 18 Oct	Multiskills (Yr5 only) at Staindrop School
Fri 19 Oct	B'birds and Year 1 swimming
Fri 19 Oct	Break up for half term (previous date was Wrong – sorry!)
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
Fri 9 Nov	No Stay and Play Whole school remembrance at 11am Robins Class and Yr2 swimming
Thurs 15 Nov	Community Pie, pea & bingo night 5.30pm start
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.
Fri 14 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Play at Village Hall 4pm
Tue 18 Dec	School Christmas Party
Wed 19 Dec	Community Christmas Dinner at 12pm.
Thu 20 Dec	End of Term Assembly at 2pm