



Butterknowle Primary School

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Newsletter 7 - Friday 19th October 2018

Whole School Attendance this week is 92.5%

Blackbirds – 93%

Owls - 96%

Robins – 88.5%

What's been happening in school this week?

This week in Blackbirds Class (Pre-school and Reception) we have been looking at things that make us different, and talking about what kinds of things make us special. We enjoyed discussing about why we look different, our favourite things and who we live with. We painted pictures of something that we thought made us special.



Y3 & 4 Tag Rugby Tournament

Staindrop Academy held their tag rugby competition. One of the most pleasing aspects of the day was seeing pupils play fairly and with respect, shaking each other's hands after the game and congratulating the other players. Our A team played very well, winning 3 out of 5 games. Ben played amazingly, scoring 8 tries! Our B team (which were our younger players) had a fantastic time despite losing all but one game. Good work everyone.



FLU Catch up clinics- if your child was absent from school last Friday, they may have missed their flu vaccination. Don't worry as you can make an appointment by calling 03000030013 and attend at one of the clinics below.

Date	Time	Venue
24/10/18	09.00 - 12.30	Barnard Castle Hub, Ing Lane, Staindrop Road, DL12 8TD
25/10/18	09.00 - 12.30	Woodhouse Close Childrens Centre, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6QL
10/11/18	09.00 - 12.00 13.30 16.00	Teesdale Leisure Centre, Barnard Castle, DL12 8DS Woodhouse Close Church, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6PD

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 morning from 8.30am onwards to deal with any queries.

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 – including transport and ticket for the event is £12.00. This is now payable via Parentpay.

Community Pie, Pea & Bingo Night

We will be holding our first community cash bingo night at school on 15th November from 5.30pm. Come along and join in the fun whilst helping to raise funds. Tickets are £2 per adult and £1 per child which includes entry, pie, peas & gravy. Tickets must be purchased by Friday 2nd November 2018. You can get yours from the school office or treasurer of the friends, Kimberley Batey. Bingo books will be on sale on the night for £1 per strip or £5 per book. Refreshments will also be on sale.

This event is open to families of the school as well as the wider community. Under 16's must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Poppies for sale in School

Poppies will be on sale the week commencing 5th November. The school council will be selling poppy appeal merchandise. All items are suggested donations of £1.00 or 50p and include pencil sharpeners, rulers, erasers and poppy reflectors.



Friends of Butterknowle School

As well as arranging our own events the friends also fundraise throughout the year which enables us to pay for, or contribute funds towards lots of activities and investment within school. These include;

- Travel costs for school trips meaning reduced costs for parents
- Christmas gift for each child
- Equipment for school
- Treats for children such as ice creams on school trips or sweets and juice at the pantomime.

Our meetings are very informal and relaxed. We welcome any parent, grandparent & carer etc to attend meetings and share their fundraising ideas and support in activities when able.

Our next meeting will take place at 1.30pm in school on Friday 2nd November 2018 where we will be discussing preparations for the pie, pea & bingo night and school Christmas nativity plus other upcoming events. Please feel free to join us.

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. Paper copies are available from the school office and can be viewed on the school website www.butterknowle.durham.sch.uk. Go to 'Parents' tab and follow the links /School Office/Food in School.

Music lessons

After half term Robins Class will begin guitar lessons on Thursday afternoon with Mr Paul Waite from Durham Music Service. School provides guitars.



Halloween themed day on Wednesday 31 October.

On Wednesday 31st October all children are invited to come to school dressed in their Halloween costume (no scary masks please!) Michelle is creating a themed school dinner. Following on from the school's 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.

Design your own Christmas Card!

Following his walk earlier in the year Bishop Paul has invited the children to design a card for him to send this Christmas. A template has been sent home with every child, please return this to school by Friday 2nd November.

Swimming lessons

After half term, starting on Friday 3 November, Year 2 – 5 pupils will be going to Teesdale Leisure Centre for swimming lessons. To help with changing, pupils may wear jogging /tracksuit bottoms on Fridays. Please make sure that your child has goggles.

Afterschool clubs after half term

Mondays	Football club - (please provide warm clothing)
Tuesdays	Arts and Crafts
Wednesdays	Gymnastics
Thursdays	Homework Club
Fridays	Board / Card Games

Don't forget to use the booking form so that we know who's booked in when, thank you.



Visit to war memorial.

The whole school will be visiting our village war memorial on Friday 9th November, walking from school at 10.45am. **Please make sure your child has a warm coat for this event.** We will be joined by Rev Brian and Councillor Heather Smith. We are often joined by local members of the community and any parents, family members and friends are welcome to join us. This year the Last Post will be played live!

Dates for your diary

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

Mon 29 Oct	School starts
Wed 31 Oct	Hallowe'en Day at school
Fri 2 Nov	Robins Class and Yr2 swimming Stay and Play 9.00 – 10.30 FOB's meeting at 1.30pm in school
Mon 5 Nov	Poppies will be on sale in school
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	Sports Festival (EYFS) at Staindrop School
Wed 12 Dec	Multi Skills Festival Y1 & Y2 Staindrop School
Thu 13 Dec	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime Trip to Georgian Theatre, Richmond. Details to follow.
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