



Butterknowle Primary School

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Newsletter 8 - Friday 2nd November 2018

Whole School Attendance this week is 92%

Blackbirds – 86%

Owls - 96%

Robins – 94%

This week

On Tuesday we were very fortunate, with the help of modern technology, to have a live link with Kirsty Brien who is currently in Tanzania. This was an amazing opportunity for the



children to ask Kirsty questions. These are some of the children who were the recipients of the pencils that we sent with Kirsty. Kirsty has been busy building goat shelters and providing solar powered lighting to the village where she is staying. More information about Kirsty's trip is available on the school website.

Tanzania Day for Children in Need on Friday 16 November

This year we have decided to raise money for the 'children in need' in Tanzania. Kirsty Brien has agreed to come into school and talk about the recent trip. More details to follow.

Sports Coach Session

On Thursday afternoon, reception, year 1 and 2 children enjoyed taking part in a range of activities based around agility, led by the Staindrop PE coach.

Please can you ensure that your child has a pair of trainers to wear and also a pair of track suit bottoms as these sessions will be outdoors when the weather allows!



Creative afternoon– part of Halloween

Robins class had a spookalishus afternoon creating slime, making monster bookmarks, drawing charcoal sketches and making skeletons. Owls and Blackbirds visited the storytellers house (the Outdoor classroom) to listen to Mrs Charlton's re-enactment of the story 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson

Sleeping Beauty on Thursday 13th December

All children this week should have received a booking form for the Pantomime, please can this be returned to school to the school office as soon as possible. Payment can be made via Parent pay. Thank you

Community Pie, Pea & Bingo Night on 15th November

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.

New Winter menu from Monday 29th October

This week the new winter menu started. 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.

Afterschool clubs:-

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. 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!

Next week.....

Monday	Poppies will be on sale
Thursday	Sports Coach Reception , Years 1 and 2 6pm showing of ' In the pink' film
Friday	NO Play and Stay Robins and Year 2 swimming

Dates for your diary

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

Mon 5 Nov	Poppies will be on sale in school
Thu 8 Nov	WW1 Workshop in school 'In the pink' film showing at 6pm 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 16 Nov	Children In Need
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