



# Butterknowle Primary School

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## Newsletter 9 - Friday 9th November 2018

**Whole School Attendance this week is 91%**

Blackbirds – 91%

Owls - 87.5%

Robins – 94%

**Extract taken from the School Log Book one hundred years ago on 12th November 1918 declaring that Germany has surrendered.**

### Remembrance Events this week.



This week all pupils in school attended a workshop on WW1 delivered by Kevin Richardson from the Evenwood, Ramshaw and District History Society and the Gaunless Valley History Trust and school governor, Jeanette Newell.



### Children in Need day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

This year, to further our international links, we have decided to support the Tanzanian school that Kirsty Brien visited recently. To support this the School Council would like everyone to wear a colour or all the colours from the Tanzanian flag (green, blue, black and gold) with a suggested donation of £1. Money raised will be used to help fund the education of children from the village Kirsty visited. On Friday we are also holding a sale of cloth bags made from Tanzanian fabric at £1 each. We will be holding a cake stall, donations of cakes and biscuits welcome. These will be on sale for 20p each at playtime.



Thank you to everyone who joined us this morning at 11am at the war memorial. A huge thank you to all the staff involved in knitting and crocheting the poppies that are in the

school hall. Children throughout the school have made poppies which have been placed on the war memorial in memory of the men who died in WW1.

**New staffing.** We would like to welcome Mrs Kathryn Davis to our school staff team. She will be working in Robins class supporting children on a Thursday and Friday morning.



### Christmas raffle.

Once again we are running our Christmas Raffle. If you have any good quality raffle prizes, please bring them into school before Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Raffle tickets will be sent home to be sold prior to the draw on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Dinner** – deadline for booking your place is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Please return your booking forms to the office with your menu choice so that we can order food in plenty of time.



*'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.

### **Community Pie, Pea & Bingo Night on 15th November**

#### **TICKETS ON SALE .....**

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.

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.

### **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.

### **Reading at Home**



As part of their homework, all pupils should be reading to an adult 3 times per week. Although we read in class and do many reading activities throughout the week, it supports the children enormously if they also read regularly at home – this encourages confidence in reading,

which in turn helps to improve their learning in all aspects of the curriculum.

To encourage and motivate our children to read we have set up a 'Class Reading Challenge'. Each week we will report which class (Blackbird, Owls or Robins) has achieved the highest percentage of reading at home. This includes

independent reading to an adult and for the youngest in school, being read to by an adult.

We would greatly appreciate parents/carers help with this: when you listen to your child read (or you read to your child), please complete the next column in the child's reading record to state which pages have been read and then sign it.

### **Afterschool clubs:-**

Monday	Football club - (please provide warm clothing)
Tuesday	Arts and Crafts
Wednesday	Gymnastics
Thursday	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.

### **Firefighter clothes collection**

Please bring in any unwanted clothes items into school for our next Firefighter's Collection on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Money raised goes to this worthy cause as well as school receiving a percentage of this money.

### **Lynesack Church Fair on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

The Church Christmas Fair is being held on Saturday 19th November in Butterknowle Village Hall and will be opened by Rev Lloyd Evans at 2.15 pm. Stalls include, tombola, raffle, toys, books, cakes, Mothers Union, games etc. Santa will be visiting during the afternoon to meet the children. This year we are holding a Christmas Jumper competition and there are prizes for best girl, best boy, best lady and best gentleman's jumper. Teas will be served during the afternoon. Everyone welcome. Anyone who can help with donations for any of the stalls please drop them into the village from 10 am on the Saturday morning. We look forward to seeing you.

## **Dates for your diary**

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

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