



Butterknowle Primary School

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Newsletter 6 - Friday 22nd November 2019



Whole School Attendance:- 95%

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.

Goodbye to Mrs Alderson

Mrs Alderson will be leaving us at the end of November to take up her new role looking after her granddaughter. Many thanks to Mrs Alderson for all her support. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her when she pops into school. We are delighted to say that Lisa Weir will be joining our team to look after breakfast club and lunchtime.



Children in Need

On Friday 15th November the children came to school in non-uniform and bought cakes in aid of Children in need. We raised a magnificent £76.11.



Celebration assembly

On Wednesday 27th November Ingrid Wilkinson from OPAL will be coming to school to present us with our Gold OPAL award. All are welcome to join us at 9.00am for this special assembly.

Remembrance day

On the morning Georgina's grandma came into school and talked about her time in the forces, showing the children lots of



memorabilia. Both the children and staff enjoyed her talk.

At 11 o'clock the whole school gathered at the memorial in Butterknowle and Rev. Lloyd led us in prayer. Children from school laid their handmade wreaths. We were also joined by members of the community.



Friends of the school Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair. Whether it be by donations for the tombola or attending to show your support you helped the friends of the school raise £275.46. This will go back into supporting our children and the school. A huge thank you to Nora for baking and donating a lovely Christmas cake for our 'guess the weight of the Christmas cake'

We are still looking for donations towards the Christmas raffle. If you have any unwanted gift sets, alcohol, chocolates etc or even items that can be added to hampers please pop them into school by Monday 2nd December. If you know of any local businesses that may like to support us by donating goods, services or vouchers...or maybe even match funding our Christmas nativity income then please get in touch! 😊 We really do appreciate all of your help. The more we raise the more we can enhance the school and our children's experiences.

Nursery and Reception Notices:

- **WANTED** : 4pt milk bottles washed as Blackbirds are wanting to make an igloo. Please hand them to a member of staff.

Owls class: (Year 1 and 2 Children) Notices:

- **WANTED** – If you have small baked bean tins please can you keep them and send them to school. Please can you send in any old dry rice, pasta, lentils along with small junk such as yoghurt pots etc as we are going to be making junk musical instruments.

Robins class: (year 3,4,5,6) notices

- **Last swimming session Friday 29th November**
- 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!

Fire Fighters Charity Clothes Collection

We raised a superb £ 39.30 for the school and £10.48 for the charity. Thank you to all who donated their unwanted clothes.

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.**



TINS NOT TINSEL

Tins Not Tinsel is an organisation that supports local foodbanks by giving them tinned food and other non-perishable donations. From Monday the 25th we will be asking for any spare donations to go to this charity. We suggest

just one donation per family, but feel free to bring in more. This is the eat or heat season for many local people or families meaning they have to choose between paying for food or paying for heating in the house.

We are looking for lots of different things: tinned meat and fish, rice, dried pasta, pasta sauces, soups, jams and spreads, tinned fruit and vegetables, gravy, toiletries, soap and other hygiene products, cat and dog food, biscuits, chocolate, Christmas pudding, and other children's treats.

Thank you for supporting us.

School Council.



Tea towels for sale

This year our Christmas play is tea towels and tinsel and will be on Wednesday 11th December. We are going to be selling school tea towels which the children have designed. These will be on sale for £4.00 and will be available to buy from the school office. *Watch this space to see when they are in stock.*

Stay and Play

Our popular Stay and Play takes place every Friday 9 – 10.45am. 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.



Lost property:-

A swimming kit has gone missing, it is in a camouflage bag and the towel inside may have the pupils name on it. Please check in-case you have accidentally taken these items home.

After School Clubs this term:

Monday	Computers
Tuesday	'Lego' club
Wednesday	Art/ Christmas Arts & Crafts
Thursday	Homework Club
Friday	Board Games

A few reminders ...

- As the weather changes please ensure that your child comes to school in a coat and suitable footwear.
- Please could pupils riding bikes/scooters to school ensure that they enter and leave the school slowly.

Dates for your diary

- 27.11.19 Nurses in school – flu vaccination
- 29.11.19 Folk Band, Cream Tees – pop up performance
- 10.12.19 Multi Skills Festival at Staindrop – Nursery & Reception
- 11.12.19 Christmas Nativity 6pm
- 13.12.19 Panto – Aladdin at Richmond Theatre
- 13.12.19 Christmas Jumper Day
- 16.12.19 Christmas party day
- 18.12.19 Community Christmas lunch
- 18.12.19 Christingle service at Lynesack church
- 19.12.19 End of term assembly
- 19.12.19 Last day of term, school closes

