



Butterknowle Primary School

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Newsletter 7 - Friday 6th December 2019



Whole School Attendance:- 92%

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.

Multi skills EYFS (Nursery and Reception)

On Tuesday 10th December Nursery and Reception children will be attending a Multi skills festival at Staindrop Academy. Please can all children arrive at school in their PE kits. This event will be indoors but we recommend that your child wears tracksuit bottoms with their school PE kit underneath along with suitable footwear. This event runs from 9.00 - 12.00 and the children will have lunch when they return.



Christingle

Christingle will be at Lynesack Church at 2pm on Wednesday 18th December following the community Christmas Lunch. We are asking parents and families who are at the lunch to transport their children to the church. We will have a minibus for any children who do not have a family member. We cannot let children go with another family unless this has been arranged in advance through the office. Children can be collected from the church at the end of the service and anyone in after school club will be taken back to school by staff. We hope you will all join us for this lovely service.



Christmas play arrangements

Each class have been given a letter with details of the arrangements for the Christmas play. All children are to arrive at the Village Hall at 5.30pm. Please refer to letters with regards to costumes or contact school. The play will start at 6pm.

Tea towels NOW IN STOCK

Tea towels are now available £4.00 each and can be paid for by cash or parent pay. These will be on sale at the Christmas production of Tea towels and Tinsel.

Christmas raffle

Our raffle prizes are growing in number and we would like to thank you for your contributions so far. Don't forget that prizes can be donated any time up to the day of the raffle on Wednesday 11 December.

Pantomime arrangements for Friday 13th December

The whole school will be off to the pantomime at 12.00 pm next Friday. We plan to be back to school for 4.20pm All refreshments will be provided.

Christmas jumper day

Friday 13th December is Christmas jumper day. All children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper to school.

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:

- 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!



TINS NOT TINSEL

Mrs Marshall dropped the first donation off on Tuesday. Thank you to all who have supported this charity.

Tins Not Tinsel is an organisation that supports local foodbanks by giving them tinned food and other non-perishable donations.

We are 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.

Pyjama day - Aladdin (Film):- Thursday 19th December

All pupils are invited to come to school in their pyjamas (onesie, dressing gown, slippers) for a movie afternoon which will include hot chocolate and watching the story on DVD.

Christmas Party arrangements

Children may come to school in their own party clothes on - **Monday 16th December**. This Year Party food will be provided by school, as a thank you for all your support throughout the year. Any Nursery children who don't usually come on a Monday are invited to come along. A special visitor will be coming along to join in the fun. Party starts at 1pm and will be finished in time for 3.15pm

Stay and Play

Friday 13th December will be our last Stay and Play for this term. 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.

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

- 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 Pyjama day and movie afternoon
- 19.12.19 Last day of term, school closes