



# Butterknowle Primary School

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## Newsletter 9 - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020



**Whole School Attendance:- 97%**



### **BBC 2 500 words story writing competition**

It's that time of year again when we can start to think about all the exciting adventures that story writing inspires. On Thursday KS1 and KS2 watched a live lesson which introduced the theme for this year's entries. As it's the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of the story writing competition the theme is stories that defy time and space by travelling through time. If you would like to find out more please visit the [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk).

### **Norman Cornish 'Art' day**

Unfortunately the artist that was due into school to run the day was off sick. However, we still carried on and all the children enjoyed learning about charcoal and the effects that it can make. The children throughout the school have produced some super pieces of work which will be on view in our Norman Cornish Gallery in the school hall.

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January KS2 (Year 3,4,5,6) are visiting Palace Green library as part of the Norman Cornish project.



### **Swimming in the Spring term**

Blackbirds (Nursery & Reception) and Owls (Year 1 and 2) will be going swimming on a Friday afternoon. ***This will only include those Nursery children who attend school on that day.*** Swimming lessons will run weekly up until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Children will need to bring a swimming costume or trunks, and a towel.

### **RSPB Big Schools Bird watch**

We are once again taking part in the Big schools birdwatch. If you have lots of feathery visitors in your garden why not try making the following pine cone lardy seed feeder. More recipes and identification sheets can be found on the RSPB website [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk) The big garden birdwatch which you can do at home takes place on 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> of January.



## Pine cone lardy seed feeders

### Recipe

100 g suet or lard, cut into small pieces and left in a warm place for about an hour.

A handful of sunflower and/or pumpkin seeds or special bird seed.

A handful of raisins\*.

Some grated cheese.

Some unsalted peanuts\*\*.

Place the ingredients in a bowl and squash them together with your hands.

\* Raisin warning - don't use if you have dogs.

\*\* Peanut warning - nut allergy, don't put whole peanuts out in breeding season.

1. After making your speedy bird cake mix, stuff some of it in the cracks of your pine cones.

2. Tie a string on to the pine cones to hang them up.

3. Hang the cones from a tree so that you can see them from your window.





### **Play and Stay**

Come and join us on a Friday morning 9.30-10.30 for our Play and Stay session. All are welcome to come and take part in a range of activities. We ask for a 50p contribution towards refreshments and resources.



### **Checking your child's book bag.**

Please check your child's book bag regularly to avoid missing important letters or information.

**WANTED** : Blackbirds would like any old rolls of wallpaper for the children to draw on.

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### **School Uniform**

We have a selection of jumpers and fleeces in school which have been donated. If anyone would like them, please contact the school office. Free to a good home, Sizes are as follows:-

2 Jumper Age 10 years

1 Jumper Age 6-7yrs

Fleece zip up top – Age 4-5yrs

Fleece zip up top – Age 5-6yrs

### **After School Clubs Spring term:**

Monday	Animation club
Tuesday	'Lego' club
Wednesday	Arts & Crafts
Thursday	Homework Club
Friday	Board Games

### **Dates for your diary**

- 11.2.20 – Safer internet day
- 24.2.20 Rainbow week
- 25.2.20 Firefighter bags
- 5.3.20 World book day
- 10.3.20 Athlete visit to school
- 23.3.20 Parents evening 2-6pm
- 24.3.20 EYFS Multi skills at Staindrop
- 25.3.20 KS1 Football Competition Newton Aycliffe
- 30.3.20 KS1 Orienteering KS1 Staindrop
- 2.4.20 Y1-6 Trampolining at Staindrop
- 3.4.20 End of term assembly 1.30pm
- 3.4.20 Break up for Easter