



Butterknowle Primary School

Newsletter- Friday 22nd March 2019

Whole School Attendance this week is 96%

Blackbirds - 97%

Owls - 95%

Robins – 97%



This week the following number of children read at home during the week:

- Blackbirds - 1/7
- Owls - 8/12
- Robins – 14/19

Beamish Museum



On Wednesday, Robins and Owls visited Beamish. Part of the visit was to learn more about the artist Norman Cornish. The Robins children looked at copies of some of his paintings and sketches and found out a little more about his life. Norman was a Pitman Painter and painted and drew lots of images from everyday life.

The children visited the cottages in the pit village and drew pictures of each other doing everyday things as Norman would have done. They also tried to find as many examples of art as they could in the houses. There were lots of different examples, including pottery, painted mirrors, clippy mats, quilts and many more.

After lunch, we waited for the tram to take us into the town where we visited the shops that would have been around in the early 1900s. The children saw the stables, what it was like



to visit the dentist and of course visited the sweetshop. We then sat around the bandstand enjoying a sweet or two before taking the tram back to the entrance....just in time for the bus! It was a fantastic day and the children really got to see what life was like one hundred years ago. They were impeccably behaved and more than one member of the public commented on this, so well done Robins.



The children in Owls class enjoyed seeing the baker, baking his morning loaves and later going back and buying one when it was still lovely and warm! They enjoyed eating it for snack on Thursday.

They learnt about what Florence Nightingale needed to become a good nurse in the Crimean war. We practiced our bandaging and learnt how to wash clothes using a dolly!! We baked ginger biscuits



measuring out the ingredients using traditional weighing scales before

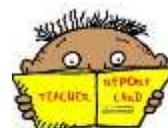


cooking them in the stove.



Parents Evening and Progress Reports

All Parent Evening appointment letters have been sent out. If you are unable to attend this meeting, or need an additional meeting booked for another parent, please contact the school office to make alternative arrangements.



We will be sending out the termly progress reports on Friday 29th March. These will be sent home via your child's book bag. If you need a duplicate copy, please let the school office know before next week so we can send copies home.

EYFS Multi – skills Festival

Tuesday 26th March the Reception children will be attending a multi-skills festival at Staindrop Academy.

They will be leaving school at 9.15 and arriving back in time for lunch. Mrs Harrison and Mrs Grice will be accompanying the children. Please ensure that your child has a school P.E kit including trainers, shorts/ tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt and a red jumper/ fleece.

Reminder for parents and carers.

As we are approaching the end of the financial year and the Easter Holidays. Please can you ensure that your payments are up to date on ParentPay. If you require any assistance please feel free to pop in to the school office.

Easter Egg Competition



Easter Egg competition – this year the theme is

famous landmarks. It has been suggested by the Friends that this year the children should make their entries in school. Each child will need to bring:

- 2 hard boiled eggs
- egg cups
- any decorations that they would like to use.

School will provide paint and some arty bits **but if there is anything specific that your child would like, this will need to be sent into school.**

This will be done on **Tuesday 2nd April**. All entries will then be judged by a special guest and revealed in assembly on Friday 5th April. Prizes are to be donated by the Friends of the school.



Mothers' Day afternoon tea on Wednesday 27th

March at 2pm

Booking is now closed we look forward to seeing everyone who has booked , next Wednesday at 2pm.

After school clubs:-

- Monday - Computers
- Tuesday - Arts & Crafts
- *FISCH for children in years 3-5 last one Tuesday 2nd April**
- Wednesday - FOOTBALL CLUB
- Thursday - Homework Club
- Friday - Board/card games



Play and Stay

Come and join us on a Friday morning 9.30-10.30 am 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.



Bishop Auckland Girls FC

Bishop Auckland Girls FC have been successful in their application to run an SSE Wildcats Football Club, in association with Durham FA

Open to girls in school years 1-6. If you would like further information please contact: Alysha.Cook@DurhamFA.com



and the **Big Lottery Fund** will be hosting a six week dancing project for all abilities.

If you are aged between 5 and 15 and LOVE TO DANCE, this is a project that you will enjoy. We will explore a variety of starting points for dance and through creative movement workshops and physical development of skills, we will create a final work for camera.

Dates: Wednesdays: 05.06.19 12.06.19 19.06.19 26.06.19 03.07.19 10.07.19 Time: 5.30pm—6.30pm

Standard price: £20 / pupil

Workshop size is limited to 25 students and the closing date for bookings is 30th April 2019.

Dates for your diary

- 26th March EYFS Festival
- 27th March Mother's day afternoon tea 2pm booking is now available on Parent pay
- 1st April Parents evening and showing of Butterknowle Boots
- 2nd April Easter Egg decorating in school
- 5th April End of Term assembly and Easter Egg presentation.
- 5th April last day of term - Easter Holidays
- 23rd April school starts

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