



# Butterknowle Primary School



## Newsletter- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - issued fortnightly

### Whole School Attendance this week is 97%

- Blackbirds – 97%
- Owls – 98%
- Robins – 96%

### Butterknowle visit to Killhope lead mining museum

Last Thursday, Robins class and Year two went to Killhope lead mining museum.

Carole (their leader) split them into two groups, group A and group B. Group A went in the mine first, while Group B went

to find minerals. In the mine, it was dark and wet though some parts were dry. In the tunnel, Oliver



mentioned that it was wet on the right hand side. Carole said it was because wet clay had got in from the mud above and to the side of the stone. Once they got out, they had lunch.

Then group A started to do the wash boy job where you either: washed the rocks to find minerals, used the splash

buckets to find minerals or smash rocks to find the minerals and galena inside with a special type of flat hammer! While they did that group B went down the mine.

They all had a great day.  
By Will Huntington



This Thursday Robins and Year 2 learnt how to build a dry stone wall, the children commented, 'what a good job it would be later on as you can earn some good money but it takes a lot of effort and skill'.

### Water and Fire safety talk

We recently had a visit from the Fire brigade to tell us about how to keep safe near water, what to do in the event of cold water shock and how they would help us in an emergency.

### Caterpillar update



This Week Owls and Robins released their butterflies in to the forest schools area and made sure that they had a bowl of



flowers sprinkled with sugary water. Blackbirds have had one so far as the rest are still snuggled in their chrysalis.

### Parliament Outreach session in KS2

On Wednesday, Gillian Bell from Parliament Outreach came to visit Robins class to teach us about how Parliament works. We looked at pictures of the Houses of Parliament, the House of Commons and the House of Lords. She explained about the two Houses and how laws were made. We learnt that laws start as bills then get debated in the House of Commons. We discussed some laws that have recently been made including the sugar tax.

We tried out a new voting system called voting pods so that our opinions were counted electronically and we could see the results straight away. We then set up the House of



Commons in the school hall and had two debates. We voted in two corridors just like in the House of Commons. Mrs Eatough was the speaker and enjoyed shouting, "Order!" if we were too unruly!

We learnt a lot about our electoral system and we are thinking about a new topic we can debate in school.

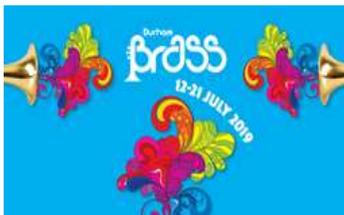


On Monday we had a lovely talk from a local cheesemaker, who showed us how cheese was made and we were then lucky enough to try some of this delicious cheese made on our doorstep (almost). Many thanks to Teesdale Cheesemakers



**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm**

All are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available for a donation to the Friends of Butterknowle Primary school.



**Tuesday 18 July Brass Festival at 1.30pm**

We have invited pupils from Woodland Primary School to join us this year for our Durham Brass festival band performance. All are welcome to come and join us at this lively event!

**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. **Our last play and stay for this term will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**School meals update.**

Michelle is currently running down her food store ready for the summer holidays. As a result, there will be slight variations in the school menu up to the end of term.

**Community Rounder's Match.**



Thank you to all you came along to the Rounder's match on Thursday. Everyone seemed to have a good time and despite giving their best efforts the Adults were victorious against the children. Thank you to the Friends of the school for organising this event.

**Sea scouts Car Boot Sale Saturday 13th July 10-12**



Car Boot Sale Saturday 13th July 10-12 at Butterknowle Primary School Cars £5 Vans £7 sellers set up from 9am. Suggested donation for entry £1 for

adults

Refreshments available to purchase on the day Enquiries to [butterknowlescouts@gmail.com](mailto:butterknowlescouts@gmail.com)

**Swimming**

There will be no swimming on **Friday 19th July 2019**. Swimming starts again on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Pupils in Years 3-6 will be swimming up until October half-term.

**Dates for your diary**

- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm - Sports Day
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Parents Evening (appointments upon request)
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - End of Term assembly 9am
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Autumn Term starts