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Newsletter 10 - Friday 17 November 2017



Attendance this week: Whole School: 93%
Class 1: 93 % and Class 2: 93 %

Children In Need. Today we celebrated Children in Need with a spotty non-uniform day. Our Change Challenge was to cover a large outline of Pudsey with small change. Now we need to count all the money raised! Thank you to everyone for your generous donations.



The school council, with help from Mrs Marshall, organised a number of games for everyone to take part in before dinnertime.



Countdown to Christmas

This time of year is very busy in school with lots going on, so here's a breakdown of main events happening in school.

Christingle at Lynesack Church on Friday 8 December. Rev Brian will be leading our service this year. Once again we will walk to the church for a 2pm start and end at 3pm. All parents, family, friends and community members are welcome to this service.

Christmas raffle. This year Christmas raffle tickets will be available to buy at the nativity performance. All sales will be matched by our sponsor Barclays, so we hope for a good night of sales! We need good quality prizes which can be raffled individually, or made up into Christmas Hampers. Prizes can be dropped off at school. Thank you for your support.

Nativity Play on Wednesday 13 December at 6pm at Butterknowle Village Hall. The whole school will be involved in this year's production called 'Angel G's busy night'. We do not sell tickets for this event, but Friends of the School are selling refreshments including popcorn (50p), hot dogs (£1), tea, coffee and juice (donations). All family and friends are welcome.

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Whole School Pantomime Trip to Darlington Hippodrome on Friday 15 December. Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the school who have donated £300 to subsidise this trip, we are able to keep costs down so that the cost per child is £10 each. This includes pantomime ticket, travel and refreshments. Payment can now be made using Parentpay.

School Christmas Party and visit by Santa on Wednesday 20 December in the afternoon. Once again Friends of the School have provided funds to purchase a gift for every child. Children may come to school in their own party clothes on this day. Each year we ask parents for donations of 'party food' for this event.

Christmas Afterschool club film night on Wednesday 20 December. From 3.15pm to 5pm. Booking via Parentpay.

Community Christmas Dinner on Thursday 21 December. Letters have gone out via pupil book bags with details about our Christmas Dinner. Bookings can be made now via Parentpay. Please return your booking forms to the school office before Friday 1 December.

End of Term Assembly at 2pm on Thursday 21 December. All parents, family and friends are most welcome to this assembly.

Community Christmas Gathering on Thursday 21 December 5 – 7pm at Butterknowle School. This year we have a new and exciting event which is being organised by the Friends. We are hosting a community event for all families, friends and locals in the school hall. Admission is only £1 per person, this includes all activities provided and all refreshments included. Activities for children include face painting, cupcake and biscuit decorating, make your own reindeer food. For the adults we have mulled wine and mince pies and hot chocolate and juice for the children. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Christmas Jumper Day and Toy Day on Friday 22 December. This is the last day of term! School breaks up at 3.15pm. There will be no afterschool provision on this day.

The role of the Friends of Butterknowle School (FOBS)

As you will see from this week's newsletter, our Friends play a vital role in the school's life, and it's not just at Christmas. Without their support and financial help, we would not be able to offer our

children such wonderful opportunities and experiences.

Our school is located in a rural setting and the lack of public transport, local services and local leisure opportunities often make it hard for our families to have access to a wide range of events and activities. If you can help and support the Friends to continue to provide such wonderful events and trips, please come along to any of the events and offer your support. Thank you.

Class One trip to Locomotion Museum, Shildon.

On Thursday 23 November Class 1 will be off on their trip to learn about George Stephenson. Packed lunches and drinks will be provided for all pupils on school dinners only. No spending money is required. Pupils must wear their school uniforms and a warm coat. They will return before the end of the school day. The cost of the trip is £4.00 per child and can be paid via Parentpay.

Governor school questionnaires

At Parents Evening last week we handed out questionnaires. We would really appreciate it if all parents and carers could complete them and return to school by the end of next week. All feedback is valuable and enables us to continue to improve the school for the benefit of all.

Dates for your diary

Wed 22 Nov	Class Two Sword Dancing (2)
Thu 23 Nov	Class One trip to Shildon Year 6 to Safety Carousel
Fri 24 Nov	Stay and Play 9 – 10.30am Yr 2 – 6 swimming
Mon 27 Nov	Reception hearing, weight and Height measurement Year 6 Height and weight
Wed 29 Nov	Class Two Sword Dancing
Fri 1 Dec	Yr 2- 6 swimming
Wed 6 Dec	Class Two Sword Dancing (3)
Fri 8 Dec	Stay and Play 9am – 10.30am Christingle at church 2pm
Wed 13 Dec	Nativity Play at 6pm Village Hall
Fri 15 Dec	Stay and Play 9.00am – 10.30am Whole School to pantomime
Wed 20 Dec	Christmas Party pm
Thu 21 Dec	Christmas Dinner Community Christmas Gathering
Fri 22 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and break up

Community News

Butterknowle Under 3s Stay and Play

Every Friday morning at Butterknowle Primary School from 9.00am to 10.30 am. For more information contact school office.