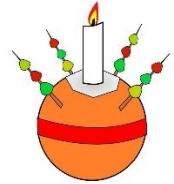




# Butterknowle Primary School

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## Newsletter 12 - Friday 1 December 2017



### Attendance this week:

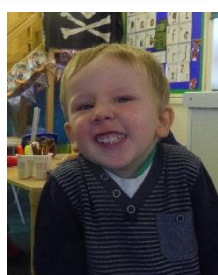
**Whole School: 96%**

Class 1: 89% and Class 2: 96%

### New pre-schoolers visit

This week three new pre-schoolers came to visit us for the morning session and school dinner. They had a fabulous time exploring the classroom and playing with all the resources. Outside they helped reception children build an obstacle course.

In January we will have 9 children attending our pre-school. Any parents or carers wanting to register their child for our pre-school group can contact the school office, or drop into school on a Friday morning from 9.00am and join our Stay and Play Group.



### We Walk to School Initiative

Well done to all children who walked, scootered or cycled to school this month. George, our monitor for this month and has handed out 17 badges. During December Jasmin Jackson is our monitor. Look out for her on the playground and make sure she records your journey to school each morning.

### 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 13 December.



### KS2 SATS booster

Last year our KS2 SATs results were very good. 100% of our pupils achieving at the expected standard in Reading and 73% in Writing and Maths, compared to 61% nationally. Furthermore 45% of our pupils achieved a high score in English Reading (nationally it was 25%), 36% achieved a high score (nationally it was 31%) and 27% achieved a high score in Maths (nationally it was 23%).

Next week we will be starting our weekly KS2 SATS booster sessions 8.30 – 9.00am. No booking required, just turn up and enjoy!!

- Tuesdays Maths – Ms Fenoughty
- Fridays English – Mrs Dauber

### Christingle, Lynesack Church, Friday 8 December.

Rev Brian will lead the service this year. School children and staff from Butterknowle Primary School will be walking to church for a 2pm start and end at 3pm. We would like any parents who are not attending the service to collect their children from the church at 3pm. Any uncollected children will walk back to school with staff arriving around 3.30pm.



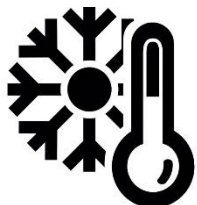
### Winter clothing and footwear.

As the cold weather approaches, please remind your child to wear a warm coat, gloves, scarf and wellies to school. Indoor shoes or sensible slippers may be kept and worn in school. If there is snow, we recommend waterproof trousers or an all-in-one suit so that they can enjoy the snow without getting wet through! As ever, please make sure all items are labelled!

## Hockey Tournament Monday 11 December

Years 1 and 2 will be taking part in an interschool hockey tournament at Alan Armstrong Sports Centre on the afternoon of Monday 11 December. They will need their PE kit and a warm tracksuit (or equivalent)

## Winter weather arrangements



If at all possible we will endeavour to keep the school open during adverse weather conditions. In the event of school closure, the following procedures will be:

- At 7am – Tessa Fenoughty, Head teacher and Neil Widdas, school caretaker will assess the weather situation, school health and safety and travel conditions and make a decision.
- Between 7.30 am and 8.00am if it is decided that the school will not open the school closure will be posted on the 'News Feed' on the front page of our school website. We will send out emails and a text message to all parents. Parents are encouraged not to phone school unless there is no alternative as we only have one telephone line and this must be kept clear for emergency calls only.

In the event of deteriorating weather conditions during the school day, we will:

- Contact parents to collect pupils where possible.
- Send staff home if travel conditions deteriorate and staff may experience difficulties getting home.
- At least two members of staff will remain on school site until last child is collected.

This information is also on the school website under 'Parents' tab.

**Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.** Don't forget to book your child for our Whole School Pantomime Trip to Darlington Hippodrome on Friday 15 December. Cost is £10, including pantomime ticket, travel and refreshments. Payment can now be made using Parentpay.

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

**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.

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

## After school club activities.

From Monday 11 December we are changing the activities as follows:

**Monday**- Football (in school hall)

**Tuesday** -Art and Craft

**Wednesday**- Computers

**Thursday** -Homework

**Friday** Board games and card games

If any parents have any good quality board or card games that are no longer played with, please send them into school.

## 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).

## Community Christmas Gathering on Thursday 21 December 5 – 7pm

at Butterknowle Primary School. The Friends of the School (FOBS) are hosting this event. Admission is £1 per person (on the door), and includes all activities and refreshments. Activities for children include face painting, cupcake and biscuit decorating, make your own reindeer food. For the adults we have tea and coffee, mulled wine and mince pies and hot chocolate and juice for the children. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Dates for your diary

Wed 6 Dec	Class Two Sword Dancing (3)
Fri 8 Dec	Stay and Play 9am – 10.30am Christingle at church 2pm
Mon 11 Dec	Hockey Tournament Year 1 and 2
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 at 12 noon Community Christmas Gathering 5 -7pm
Fri 22 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and break up
Tues 9 Jan	School starts
Fri 9 Feb	Break up for half term
Mon 19 Feb	School starts
Thu 29 Mar	Break up for Easter
Tue 17 Apr	School starts