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Newsletter 25 - Thursday 29 March 2018

Excellent Attendance Awards

This term we have 13 pupils with 100% attendance. This is fantastic news. Overall whole school attendance this term has been 96%. This is an improvement on Autumn Term.

Whole School Attendance this week is 97 %

This week's attendance figures are:

Blackbirds – (Class EYFS) 100%

Owls – (Class 1) 92 %

Robins – (Class 2) 98 %

Easter Egg Decoration Competition

We had an array of fantastic Easter Eggs entered into our Egg Decorations Competition. The theme this year was 'Sports and Games' Rev Brian had the difficult task of choosing the winners. He found it very hard as they are all winners! More photos on our school website.



Erupting Volcanoes!



On Wednesday afternoon, there was great excitement as the Robins Class (KS2 children) took their papier-mâché volcanoes onto the field. Our student teacher, Mr Mattison, demonstrated how to make them erupt by using a combination of bicarbonate of soda, vinegar and washing up liquid. This resulted in a chemical reaction, causing the volcano to erupt with bubbling 'lava'.

Great fun was had by all and there were a few rather soggy volcanoes by the end of the afternoon!

DON'T FORGET - Parents Evening on Tuesday 17 April

Please make sure you have received your invitation to parents evening.

It is the first day back after Easter!



Parents and carers of children in Blackbirds Class have individual appointments with Ms Fenoughty, however Mrs Grice and Mrs Harrison are also holding an open classroom session from 3.15pm onwards for all parents of Pre-school and Reception. Come along and meet the team and see what your child has been doing.

Teesdale League Football Match on Thursday 19 April

Also in the first week back is our first football competition. We will be taking Year 4 and Year 6 pupils to this event. Make sure you have football boots and shin pads. It starts at 12.45pm at Staindrop School

Y6 visit to Staindrop Academy Science Fair



On Tuesday, the Y6 pupils took part in a Science investigation afternoon at Staindrop Academy. They carried out two investigations; the first was to find out which material would be most suitable for a nappy for Tim Peake to use inside the ISS. The second investigation involved the children boiling red cabbage using Bunsen burners – the solution was then used to test the acidity of unknown liquids. A fascinating afternoon was had by all!

George Anderson commented,

"I liked using the Bunsen burners best, as we were learning how to use these safely when we go to our next school."



Year 6 SATs Easter Holiday booster session on Wed 11th April 2018 starts at 10:00am and finishes at 12 noon.

In preparation for the SAT's tests, we will, as usual, be running a 'booster' class during the Easter holidays for pupils in Year 6 only. It's a chance to come along in a relaxed environment and go over the key areas of the SATs papers. Drinks and snacks will be provided and the sessions are free.

Key Stage Two SATS week is Monday 14th May to Thursday 18th May 2018

Community News

*Butterknowle Village Hall Association
AGM*

Wednesday April 11th 7pm

All welcome

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Date for your diary

Tue 17 Apr	School starts
Tue 17 Apr	Parents Evening from 3.30pm onwards
Thu 19 Apr	Teesdale Football League matches from 12.45pm
Sat 5 May	Longsword Event at Bowes Museum
Tue 8 May	School photographer
Mon 14 May	KS2 SATS WEEK
Fri 25 May	Break up for half term
Mon 4 Jun	School starts
Thu 7 Jun	FOBS Sponsored Walk 6pm
Wed 13 Jun	Whole School Trip to seaside
Fri 15 Jun	Father's Day breakfast
Wed 4 Jul	School Sports Day
Thu 20 Jul	Break up for summer holidays

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