



Butterknowle Primary School

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Newsletter 8 - Friday 3 November 2017



Attendance this week:

Whole School: 96%

Class 1: 94 % and Class 2: 98.5 %

A great start back to school this week with attendance exceeding our target of 95%!!

WOW - Walking to School Project



Our Walk to School Initiative has made a flying start with pupils this week achieving their October badge by walking to school at least once this week. Many thanks to George, our WOW monitor who is recording how your child gets to school.

Don't forget to tell him if you walk or 'Park and Stride'. We have received permission from the village hall to use their car park on mornings if parents and carers want to park and walk with their children. We hope this will also ease car congestion around the school gates and along Pinfold Lane.

Hedgehog Homes

Class One pupils are currently learning about hedgehogs. We want to make hedgehog homes to locate in our school grounds. We need materials such as untreated timber, screws, hay and roof felt as we intend to make our own hibernacula (hedgehog home). Work on the homes starts next Wednesday afternoon. If you can provide any of these resources, or expertise in carpentry for a couple of hours from 1 – 3pm, please contact school.



Friends of Butterknowle

Thank you to the Friends for organising our Hallowe'en Party and all who came and support in some wonderful spooky costumes!



The next Friends meeting takes place on Thursday 9 November at 5pm in school. All meetings are open and any parent, carer and member of our school community.

We're supporting



BBC
Children in Need

Children in Need on Friday 17 November

Our school council are currently planning our Children in Need Day. As it is a Friday and some pupils will be going swimming, it has been decided that it will be a 'dress down day' with a spotty theme for a suggested donation of £1.

Class Notices

Class One – Don't forget your PE kits on Thursday PE with Staindrop School PE specialist. This half term we are doing hockey outside. Please make sure your child has suitable outdoor PE shoes/trainers and warm track suit bottoms.

Class Two – This half term Class Two is taking part in the Long Sword Dancing project. Part of this exciting project is for each pupil to design and make their own costume and they will need a plain T shirt (any colour). We also need strips of coloured material (e.g. old T-shirts, shirts) to decorate their costume – see below for ideas! Please bring in T shirt next week so we can start creating.



Poppy Appeal.

All next week our school council will be selling poppy appeal merchandise. All items are suggested donations of £1.00 or 50p and include friendship bracelets, slap rulers, wristbands and poppy reflectors.



Visit to war memorial.

The whole school will be visiting our village war memorial on Friday 10 November, walking from school at 10.45am. **Please make sure your child has a warm coat for this event.** We will be joined by Rev Brian and Councillor Heather Smith. We are often joined by local members of the community and any parents, family members and friends are welcome to join us.

Afterschool clubs after half term

Mondays	Football
Tuesdays	Arts and Crafts
Wednesdays	Indoor Ball games
Thursdays	Homework Club
Fridays	Computer Club

Don't forget to use the booking form so that we know who's booked in when, thank you.

Dates for your diary

Fri 10 Nov	Stay and Play 9 – 10.30am Remembrance at memorial 11am
Mon 13 Nov	Rev Brian taking assembly
Wed 15 Nov	Class Two Sword Dancing (1)
Fri 17 Nov	9 – 10.30am Stay and Play Yr 2 – 6 swimming Children in Need Day
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
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.



Butterknowle Cubs

are holding a
Cub Café

At Butterknowle Village Hall

On Saturday 4th Nov

10am – 12 noon

Tea / Coffee and cake £1.50

In aid of Dorothy's Well Project Tanzania

Dorothy's Well is a project to provide water wells in schools to give villages clean sustainable drinking water.

To find out more about this charity visit

www.dorothyswells.org

Come along and support us!