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Newsletter 12- Friday 13th March 2020



Whole School Attendance:- 94%

Please remember that the school day starts at 9.00 am and the bell will ring at 8.55 am. If your child arrives after 9.00 am they will receive a late mark. Registration closes at 9.15.

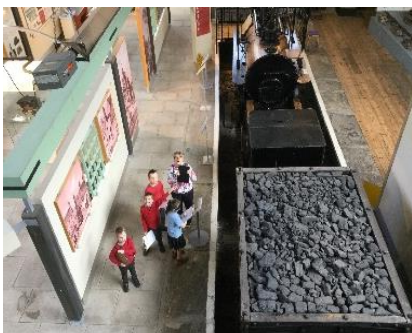
Coronavirus Advice from the Government

Butterknowle School is closely following the advice for schools on what precautions and actions to take amid current concerns regarding the spread of coronavirus. The government has now moved to the 'delay' phase of its approach to coronavirus. The advice remains for schools to stay open and for everyone to practise good personal hygiene. ***In addition, if anyone has a persistent cough or a temperature, they are to stay at home for seven days.*** Please help to support us in minimising the risk to all of our school and community by following this advice. We are also asked to remind everyone about the government campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

Head of Steam visit



On Thursday morning, Owls and Robins visited the Head of Steam Railway museum at North Road in Darlington. They had a fabulous time



exploring the local history of the railways and climbing onto some of the real old steam trains. The Locomotion No.1 is currently at the museum and the children were very

excited to see this at close hand and to learn all about the link with George Stephenson.

Homework Reminder for each class.

Blackbirds (Reception): Just a reminder to parents and carers, could we kindly request that you try to find time to listen to your child read at home at least twice a week. Regular practice helps with phonic and word recognition. Homework is due in on a **Wednesday** please remember to return it each week.

Owls (Year 1 and 2): Homework is given out on a Thursday and is due back on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child has completed their homework which includes reading regularly at home.

Robins (Yrs 3,4,5,6): Please note that homework will be given out on a Thursday and should be handed in on a **Monday** (Tuesday at the very latest). Please ensure that your child has completed their homework which includes reading regularly at home.

Sports for Champions

On Tuesday 10th March all of the children across the school took part in a sponsored fitness circuit to raise money for Sports for Champions UK. We were lucky enough to be



joined by David Smith, a professional athlete from Team GB, who came to help and tell us all about his job as a champion High Jumper. The children had lots of fun keeping fit and raising money for a special cause. Thank you to everyone who contributed, we were able to raise a grand total of £303.00 pounds!

Coffee morning Friday March 20th

On Friday 20th March at 9.00-10.30 we will be holding a 'Special person' coffee morning, everyone is welcome to come along and have a piece of cake, a cuppa and a chat.

Year 5 Staindrop Visit

On Monday 9th March children in year 5 were invited to spend a day at Staindrop Academy as part of curriculum week. They took part in various sessions which included Maths, English, PE and Wellbeing. Mrs Thompson was very proud of all our children who participated fully and came back bearing a range of certificates.

Parent Pay

Please can parents ensure that your parent pay account is up to date. Payments for school meals, after school clubs, breakfast clubs and school trips should be paid for in advance. **All 7.30 am bookings for Breakfast club need to be done at least 24 hours in advance to ensure that we have staff on the premises.**

Parents evening appointments

Every year we hold two formal parents' evening, one in the autumn term and one at the end of the spring term. The primary aim of these meetings is to provide you with an update on your child's academic progress and attainment. It is an opportunity to discuss any other general issues related to your child's educational experience. Appointment times have been sent home with your child. If you are unable to attend this appointment please inform the school office as soon as possible and we will rearrange a more convenient time for you.

World Book Day Thursday 5th March 2020



On Thursday 5th March the whole school enjoyed taking part in world book day. All the children participated by dressing up or by bringing in their favourite book to share. Mrs Jeanette Newell one of our school governors came and talked to the children about nursery rhymes and her job as a librarian. Congratulations to all the children who entered the book cover competition run by the school council.

School Uniform

We have a selection of jumpers and fleeces in school which have been donated. If anyone would like them, please contact the school office. Free to a good home, Sizes are as follows:-

2 Jumper Age 10 years
Fleece zip up top – Age 4-5yrs
Fleece zip up top – Age 5-6yrs

After School Clubs Spring term:

Monday	Animation club
Tuesday	'Lego' club
Wednesday	Arts & Crafts
Thursday	Homework Club
Friday	Board Games

PE Kit

Please remember your child's PE kit! PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday. They can be left in school until the end of term.

Trip to Edinburgh

The next instalment for the Edinburgh trip the next instalments of £30 on Wednesday 1st April and Friday 1st May. These can all be made via parent pay. On Monday 18th May at 3.30pm there will be a meeting for parents to discuss the final arrangements for this trip.



Checking your child's book bag.

Please check your child's book bag regularly to avoid missing important letters or information.

Dates for your diary

- 23.3.20 Parents evening 2-6pm
- 24.3.20 EYFS Multi skills at Staindrop
- 25.3.20 KS1 Football Competition Newton Aycliffe
- 30.3.20 KS1 Orienteering KS1 Staindrop
- 2.4.20 Y1-6 Trampolining at Staindrop
- 3.4.20 End of term assembly 1.30pm
- 3.4.20 Break up for Easter