



Newsletter 6- 27th November 2020



Well done to our stars:

Blackbirds: Lucinda, Niamh

Owls: Sophie, Nathan

Robins: Ava, Oliver

Catch up club!

Last Catch up club this term for years 1,3 and 4 Monday 30th November 3.15-4pm

Parking

Just a reminder to park considerately outside school when dropping off and picking up and not to park on the chevrons. Thank you.

Homework

This is a gentle reminder that homework is now being given out via Class Dojo. Class Dojo will also be used to distribute work when it is necessary for a pupil to isolate at home.

Full guidelines were sent out before half term for each child. If any parent has any difficulties with accessing this programme, please contact your class teacher.

Christmas Foodbank Collection

 We will be collecting donations for the Storehouse Food bank, which is at the Influence Church, Barnard Castle. Donations of tinned and non-perishable food would be extremely well received. If you would like to donate, please bring your item to school from Monday 30th November – a box will be placed at each of the 2 entrances for you to put your donation in. All donations will be collected the week beginning Dec 7th. Thank you for your support

Wanted : Blackbirds are looking for bikes and trikes to ride in our outdoor area. If you have any bikes at home in good condition which you no longer need please could you contact the school if you are willing to donate them. Many thanks Mrs Fawcett-Smith

Reading books: Please could Reception Children remember to bring their reading books in to school on a Friday morning so that we can change their reading books.



Lots of Christmassy things have been going on around school. The sound of scripts being read and songs being learnt can be heard all in preparation for this year's Christmas festivities and the class bubbles videos!

Christmas activities



Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Panto Day. Come to school wearing your favourite Christmas jumper/top.

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch 'in bubbles'

Please let us know if your child normally has a packed lunch but would like a Christmas dinner provided on this day.

Thursday 17th December - Christmas Party.

This will be within the current 'bubbles', children can wear party clothes and food will be provided.

Friday 18th December - Christmas Film Day

Children can wear their normal clothing to come to school.

If your child does not attend nursery on any of the above days but you would like them to join in, please contact the school to arrange.

Please note: The Christmas video link release date - to be confirmed.



Rich fields of learning



Class Dojos



Please check on your child's profile to see some of the things that they have been learning about and watch out for any class notices that be displayed.

An update from the Friends of Butterknowle School

We are supporting the school to run lots of activities by providing treats for our children over the festive period. We have therefore arranged a Christmas Bonus Ball to win a **£50 M&S voucher**. We hope that you will join in the fun to enable us to raise funds.

How to play: The bonus ball has been added to parent pay. Each number is £2, simply pay the amount you would like to play and we will allocate you a random number. Random numbers will be allocated on your behalf once a payment has been received. You can buy as many numbers as you like.

Deadline for entries: Thursday 10th December 2020, a full list of entries with allocated numbers will be sent to parents / published in the newsletter and on our FOBS Facebook page on Friday 11th December 2020.

Drawn: Monday 14th December 2020.

All money raised will go back to our children and the school to provide extra activities, treats and improvements.

GOOD LUCK & thank-you for your support.

Learning around school



This week in EYFS we have been learning about the time. We had lots of fun looking for the clocks hidden around the playground.

"Hickory Dickory Dock, it's four o'clock!"

In Owls this week we have been looking at the weather in science and have been making weather vanes and tried them out on the playground.



Robins Class

As part of our P.E. lessons the Robins class have been getting to grips with Hiit training (High intensity interval training). This involves the children repeating an exercise with a few seconds rest in between. Their favourites include 'Kangaroo Hops' and 'Star Jumps'



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