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## Newsletter 14- 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021



### Congratulations to all our stars

**Nursery:** Joey, Jacob

**Blackbirds:** Ferne, Sonny

**Owls:** Ollie, Zander

**Robins:** Harrison, Ava



### Staff Changes

At the end of this term, we will be sadly saying goodbye to Mr Adams and Mrs Marshall who are both retiring. They will both be sadly missed but we wish them all the best in their retirement.

Miss Henderson will also be leaving us as she continues her journey to becoming a teacher by going to University to complete her PGCE. We wish her all the best for the future.

We will be welcoming three new members to our staff team:

Mrs Makin who will be our full time KS2 teacher and teaching years 5/6 on a morning for Maths and English.

Mrs Eatough who will be teaching Years 3/4 for English and Maths on Monday and Tuesday mornings (Mrs Dauber will be teaching years 3/4 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning.

Miss Weir who will be our new TA supporting in KS1/KS2 and Mr Mason who is supporting in EYFS as an LSA

### A gentle reminder....



We understand that parking outside school is difficult and there is limited space, however we would like to remind everyone to park considerately and away from the yellow markings outside the school. The markings are there to make the area safer for the children and

Families, coming to and from school and to ensure that there is space for cars to pass safely along the road. As you may have seen this week, we have had a visit from our local PCSO's to observe traffic outside of school and they will continue to monitor over the next few weeks.

### Sports Day

**Sports Day this Friday is now cancelled and will take place on Friday 9th July 2021.** We apologise for the inconvenience and look forward to hopefully seeing you next Friday. If there are any more positive cases of Covid then this may be reviewed.

**Blackbirds (Nursery and Reception) will have their races from 11.15 – 11.45** and one adult will be able to attend per family. We will ask you to observe social distancing and wear a face mask whilst on the premises.

**Owls (KS1) will have their races from 1.15 – 2pm** and one adult will be able to attend per family. We will ask you to observe social distancing and wear a face mask whilst on the premises.

**Robins (KS2) will have their races from 2.15 – 3.15pm** and one adult will be able to attend per family. We will ask you to observe social distancing and wear a face mask whilst on the premises.

### Owls Bubble

Lessons will be available online via teams and work packs are available to be emailed and to collect if a paper copy is required. If you have any queries, please email Mrs Harmer at [class2@butterknowle.durham.sch.uk](mailto:class2@butterknowle.durham.sch.uk) or via class dojos.

### Covid 19 Update

Just a reminder to everyone that if a child or another member of your family has Covid 19 symptoms, everyone should isolate until a PCR test has been carried out and a negative result returned. LFT tests are for asymptomatic testing only. Many thanks for supporting us to keep everyone safe. You can either book a PCR home test or you can book an appointment online for the walk-in centre which is currently in Bishop Auckland.



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### **Friends Fundraiser**

The FOBS have arranged a random number generator game to win a £50 Sainsbury's voucher.

**Cost:** £1 per number

**Prize:** £50 Sainsbury's voucher

**Deadline for entries:** midnight on Monday 12th July 2021

**Drawn:** Wednesday 14th July 2021

**How to play:** Simply pop onto parent pay and pay the amount you would like to play. We will then allocate random numbers to each entry. Random numbers will be allocated on your behalf. You can enter as many times as you like.

The Friends of Butterknowle School are a group of parents & grandparents who fundraiser to pay for extra treats within school as well as arranging fun activities for the children.

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

Please help support us... & GOOD LUCK

### **School Meals**

**If your child is currently in Y2 and will be in Y3 in September, there will be a charge for their school dinners.** If you would prefer for your child to go onto a packed lunch please inform the office before the end of term. From September 2021 school meals will cost:

School Pupils £2.15 Y3-Y6

Nursery meal prices £2.26

### **Brass Festival**

Sadly, the Brass Festival which was going to take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> July has had to be cancelled due to the rise in COVID cases across County Durham. This decision was taken by the organisers. Hopefully this will be able to return next year.

### **Reports**

This year's school report will be sent home with your child on Monday. If you need to speak to the class teacher following this, please contact the school office to arrange a telephone appointment. Thank you.

### **Rounders and picnic**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July the year 6 children asked if they could have a picnic and a game of rounders. The picnic will be for all children so if your child usually brings a packed lunch, they will be able to eat this outside weather allowing. A hot meal will not be available on this day.

### **VACANCY - Lunchtime Supervisor**

Required - Temporary Lunchtime Supervisor

For Thursday 2nd September 2021

To work 5 hours per week 11.45am until 1pm, Monday to Thursday, term time only.

Closing date for applications is: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 midnight

Application forms and more details are available from the school,

### **Dates for your diary**

- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day of Term
- Thursday 2nd September - Autumn Term starts

This newsletter is available on the school website [butterknowle@durhamlearning.net](mailto:butterknowle@durhamlearning.net) or a paper copy is available on request.