



Rich fields of learning



Newsletter 4 : 8th October 2021



Our star of the week:

Blackbirds: Jacob, Oliver

Owls: Jack, Nathan

Robins: Monique, Teddy,
Jack Slater, Oliver Massey

Play and Stay

Play and stay will be changing to a Friday morning, 9am-10am from 22nd October and will be held in the school hall. Facemasks will need to be worn inside and we request where possible that you still social distance. If this is your first visit to play and stay then please contact the school to book a place either by phone or by email.

Each session costs £1 which goes towards refreshments and resources.

School PE Kit

Please can you ensure that your child has the appropriate school PE kit. White t-shirt, black joggers/leggings or shorts and trainers with long hair tied back and jewellery removed.

Harvest Festival 20th October 2.30pm

If the weather is dry this will be outside and all parents are invited to join us.

Thank you to all of the families that have donated to the food bank and the shoe box appeal so far. A blue bin has been put outside on the yard for donations. If you have any old adult shoe boxes that are no longer required, please can you send these into school so they can be filled for the shoe box appeal.

School photographer

The school photographer will be coming into school on Tuesday 12th October and children will be having their individual photos taken and photos with their siblings who attend school, unfortunately this year we won't be able to invite younger or older siblings who are not at Butterknowle to have their photograph taken as a family group.

Owls class do not need to come to school in their PE kits on Tuesday as it is photograph day.

Friends of Butterknowle School

There is a meeting on Tuesday 19th October at 5pm via Zoom. An email has been sent out and all are welcome to attend. The FOBS do a fantastic job organising fundraising to support treats, activities and extras for all the children. Everyone is welcome so please use the link below to join us.

<https://zoom.us/j/97915735672?pwd=SXl3eUlrWlo1ZTlYQWhGS01jQ0N4QT09>

Meeting ID: 979 1573 5672

Passcode: 8krH9a

Halloween activity day

On the last day of half term Friday 22nd October the children are invited to come to school in their Halloween costumes, we ask that masks are not brought into school or accessories to avoid any items getting lost.

The children will have a day of activities based on Halloween and will have a special visitor in the afternoon who will be doing a spooky magic show. The FOBS will be providing treats for every child.

Cross country event Y5/6

On Monday 18th October the year 5 and 6 children will be taking part in a cross-country event run by Staindrop Academy. Please ensure your child is wearing the appropriate school PE kit as they will be representing the school.

Hamsterly Forest Trip

Next Thursday 14th October Blackbirds will be going on a trip to Hamsterly Forest to explore the forest environment and look at the Autumn changes.

We will be leaving school at 9.30am and will be returning to school at 2.30pm. Children are required to wear school uniform making sure that they are wearing wellingtons, waterproof coat and trousers. There will be no PE.



Learning around school

Blackbirds have been looking at the signs of Autumn around the school grounds and creating some super Autumn pictures.

Owls class have been learning about Fables and the meaning behind them. Last week we made Beetroot muffins using our home-grown beetroot, which were 'actually quite nice' according to the children and this week we made shortbread fingers which were very yummy!



This week, Robins Class have started their project with Glaxo Smith Kline (GSK). After talking to Morgan from GSK via Teams, the children worked in pairs to make soap following a recipe given to us from GSK.

Robins asked some excellent questions to Morgan to find out more about their industry and what happens there and showed excellent team-work when working in pairs to make their soap, although some were more successful than others.

Next week we will be continuing on with the project looking at toothpaste.

Dates for your diary

12th October - Robins (KS2) Ancient Egyptian Virtual visit to Oriental museum pm

14th October – Blackbirds (EYFS) visit to Hamsterley Forest.

18th October - Years 5/6 Cross country am

19th October – Owls (KS1) virtual trip looking at local history with Durham University

20th October - Harvest festival outdoors if weather is fine at 2.30 and parents are invited.

22nd October - Halloween Dress up day with activities

Friday 22nd October – School closes for Half Term Holidays