



## Newsletter 6 - 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Poppy Day

The children and staff were joined by members of the community at the village war memorial.



The children placed poppies they had made in school on the memorial and some of the year 6 children read poems. The last post was played by the school cook Lynne on the cornet. It marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal British Legion and was a time of reflection for those that have given their lives in conflicts for us to live the lives we live today.



This year the children were invited to come to school in their pyjamas and take part in various activities including the Children in need Biscuit Build and a run around the playground which was organised by the school council. A BBC Children in Need donations page has been set up on Parent Pay if you would like to donate. Please use the link which was e-mailed from school.



### Anti- Bullying

Cyber bullying through online platforms has increased in recent times. We talk to the children about this in school and ask parents to be aware of what their children are doing online to keep everyone happy and safe.

### Odd Sock Day



On Monday all the children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks. This is to support the work that we have been doing on Anti-Bullying and by wearing odd socks it shows that it is ok to be different.

### Play and Stay

There will be no more play and stay sessions in school until after the Christmas holidays. This is due to rehearsals taking place in school for the Christmas performance.

### Learning around school

### Blackbirds



Last week our Nursery made their own shortbread biscuits. They followed the recipe, measured the ingredients and mixed everything together. Once they were baked, they decorated them with icing and raisins to look like poppies. They were delicious!

We have also been learning about different traditional stories. Our favourite story was The Three Little Pigs and we loved joining in with the words and actions. We even made our own houses for the three little pigs using straw, sticks and bricks. Afterwards we huffed and puffed like the Big Bad Wolf to see if we could blow them down!



In Owls this week we have been looking at recycling and the affects of plastic on sea life. We based our learning on the book 'Someone Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts we learnt about her work as an animal behaviorist and made kites out of plastic bags which is what happened in the story. We looked at arrays in maths and carried out some practical activities.



### Robins

Robins have started their project on bread and today they tasted and looked at various types of bread.



### Christmas Wreaths



Mrs Gonzalez our mid-day supervisor has been a florist for 18 years working from home. This year she is making Christmas Wreaths to be ordered. They cost £30 each and are freshly made with warm white battery lights to give that perfect touch of sparkle to your door. Her work can be seen on Instagram @sofia.blooms and

orders can be placed via Watts App on 07572051369 or via email [sofiablooms@outlook.com](mailto:sofiablooms@outlook.com).

All orders need to be paid for at time of booking no refunds will be given as stock is purchased upfront. Payment can be made by BACS or Paypal.

### Friends of Butterknowle School Christmas Bonus Ball

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:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, a full list of entries with allocated numbers will be sent to parents/published in the newsletter and on our FOBS Facebook page.

**Drawn:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

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.

### Butterknowle Community Christmas Fayre

Butterknowle Village Hall Saturday  
27<sup>th</sup> November 5-9pm

Free Entry – All Welcome

Enjoy a Christmas shopping night! Various stalls including cakes, magic tricks, toy stall, flowers, fudge, sweets, FM perfume, homemade crafts. Scentsy, Avon, plus lots more!