



## Newsletter 7 - 3/12/2021



Thank you for all your support for Children in need. We raised in school £54.10 and the children enjoyed watching the biscuit building challenge.

### Friend of Butterknowle School

The Friends of the school raised an amazing £196 at the Tombola at the Christmas Fayre last weekend. Thank you for all your kind donations of items for this event.

The Friends of Butterknowle School are collecting money for Mr Widdas who will be retiring at the end of term. If you would like to donate you can send it to school in an envelope and it will be passed to a FOBs member or catch Lisa on the playground.

### Teesdale Mercury

On Monday the Teesdale Mercury will be coming to school to take a cast photo of each play, please make sure that your child has their costume in school on Monday.

### Learning around school

December has arrived at Butterknowle School and after a chilly start to the week and no electricity we have managed to make the most of things and embraced the month of December and the excitement that this brings.

### Blackbirds

Forest Schools: This week, in EYFS we have been learning all about Winter. We had lots of fun on our expedition to the Forest Schools area to look for signs of Winter. Brrr! It was very cold but we wrapped up nice and warm. We even had time to toast some marshmallows on the fire. They were delicious!



### Owls

Have had a busy week practising for their Christmas play and making Christmas crafts. On Monday we had a lovely afternoon exploring in the forest school's area with Blackbirds looking for signs of winter and toasting marshmallows. On Wednesday the classroom smelt lovely with the smell of gingerbread for our Rudolf biscuits (I think some had begun to be nibbled before they left school!).

The Naughty elf Mrs Harmer is reliably informed, has been leaving sparkly glitter footprints in the classroom and a wooden door has appeared, which is very mysterious!



### Robins



This week in Robins, Christmas has truly begun. We have been baking and decorating reindeer cupcakes. Although not as successful as we hoped, the children enjoyed the task. I was especially impressed with the Year 5 and 6 children who made them. The children have also been making some Christmas crafts which are extremely charming.



### **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.

### **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.

### **Christmas Lunch**

We will be having Christmas lunch in school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. If your child normally has a packed lunch but instead you would like a Christmas lunch provided please let us know by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. Many thanks.

### **Dates for your diary**

- **6th/7th December** –KS2 filming Christmas play to share with parents and carers
- **Tuesday 7th December** – Christmas Performance for the children – refreshments provided
- **Friday 10th December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Monday 13th December** Christmas Parties – children can come in their party clothes – food provided. A gift for each child from a special visitor.
- **Tuesday 14th December** – Christingle in school for the children
- **Wednesday 15th December** – Christmas Lunch – with Christmas crackers.  
**2.30pm Christmas Carols** on the playground – all are invited to join us
- **Thursday 16th December** – Christmas Film Day - Last day of school – Christmas Holiday
- **Wednesday 5th January** – Children return to school