



Newsletter 15- 6th May 2022



Welcome back to the start of the Summer term.

New Starters

If your child is due to start Reception in September you are invited to attend a meeting to be held in school with Mrs Fawcett-Smith on Wednesday 8th June at 3.30pm in Blackbirds class.

The Dales Partnership

As of 25th April, Butterknowle Primary School is now part of The Dales Partnership. The new governing body held its inaugural meeting on Tuesday 26th April at Frosterley School. The next meeting will be in June at Butterknowle. Our new Chair of Governors is Joy Bellis, who was previously the Vice Chair at Frosterley. Jeanette Newell from Butterknowle is Vice Chair along with Karen Horrocks from Woodland. The governors from all three schools are looking forward to working together for the benefit of all the schools in the partnership.

Reminder:

PE – This half term all children have PE on a Thursday and Friday

Reading Books:

We have recently changed our reading scheme and the children who are not yet accessing accelerated reader are bringing a book home once a week. The book needs to be read regularly throughout the week to build up fluency before being changed.

Please can you make sure that your child returns their books on a Monday.

Football Friendly

The KS2 children have asked to play a friendly football match against Woodland. They will be travelling up on Wednesday 18th May for 3.15 with school staff and will need to be collected from Woodland when they finish at 4.15. (If you have a problem with transport, please let us know.) Mr Mason will be with the team. Spectators are welcome. A letter will be sent out next week for children who would like to take part.

Cricket Sessions Run by Raby Castle Cricket Club

On Wednesday 11th and 18th May Year 1-6 are please can children come to school in their PE kits with appropriate footwear.

Year 6 SATS

The Year 6 children will do their SATs tests next week (9th May- 12th May). As soon as children arrive at school they are welcome to come inside where we will provide juice and some fruit. Please ensure children get a good night's sleep and have breakfast before coming to school each day. We want the children to be calm and relaxed about their tests and all I ask is that they try their best which I know they all will!

Learning Around School Blackbirds



Quack, quack

This week we have been learning about farm animals. The children have loved exploring the different tuft trays we have had out and making masks.



Old McDonald had a farm e-l-e-l-o



Mooooo!

PIC-COLLAGE

Owls



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Reception and Owls enjoyed a music session with Ms Hughes learning about pitch and rhythm. Everyone listened well and participated in the lesson.

Owls also planted some French beans and radishes this week so watch this space!



Robins



Preparations are well under way for our Jubilee celebrations. Children in Robins have drawn portraits of the Queen this week. We have some amazing artists in our class. These are just some of them!

After School Clubs

- Monday** - 3.30-4.30 Football Club Years 3-6 (booking essential)
- Monday** -- 3.30-4.30 Football Club Years R-2 (booking essential)
- There is no charge for Football Club.
- Tuesday** – Cookery
- Wednesday** – Board Games and Jigsaws
- Thursday** – Homework Club
- Friday** – Loom Bands

Please send an email to butterknowle@durhamlearning.net to book your child into after school club or breakfast club.

Dates for Your Diary

- **Monday 9th May – 12th May SATS week**
- **11th and 18th May KS1/ KS2 Cricket Session by Raby Castle Cricket Club 1-3pm in school**
- **24th May – KS2 Trip to Life Centre, Newcastle**
- **25th May – Y3, Y4 Cricket Competition at Raby Castle Cricket Club**
- **25th May – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee School Fete**
- **26th May – Y3, Y4 Multi Skills Festival at Staindrop**
- **30th May to 3rd June – Half Term Holiday**
- **6th June School Closed**
- **7th June Year 1 Phonics Screening week**
- **7th June – Photographer in school for group photographs**
- **8th June New Starters, Reception Meeting 3.30pm with Mrs Fawcett-Smith**
- **9th June – School Trip Beamish Y1-Y6**
- **17th June – Father’s Day Breakfast**
- **29th June -1st July Robinwood Residential**
- **11th July – Whole School Sports Day**
- **13th July – Summer Play at Village Hall 6pm**



Community Events/Notices

*Join us to Celebrate the
Queens Platinum Jubilee
at our Community Event*

**Butterknowle Village Hall
Sunday 5th June 1-8pm**

Homemade Afternoon Tea 1-3pm
(For one £8, For two £15 or Childrens Box £4)
Must be booked by 23rd May
Contact Carolyn 07496882756 or Hayley 07725856849
to get your afternoon tea order form

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| Bar | Games |
| Pimms Stand | Toddler Play Area |
| Facepainting 2-4pm | Raffle |
| Magician 4-5pm | Arts & Crafts Table |
| Disco 5.30-8pm | And more |

Proceeds to be split between the village hall, friends of the school, sea scouts and toddler group.

To celebrate the

Platinum Jubilee

of Queen Elizabeth II

St John's Church ~~luncheon~~ are inviting you to a

Family Picnic

In the church grounds
On Saturday 4th June at 2pm

Refreshments provided

Fun and Games for all the family, including, a treasure hunt, party games, craft table and much more.

Kids competitions to be judged on the day.....

- (1) Best dressed teddy bear in jubilee style
- (2) A poe of flowers fit for a Queen

SCHOOL CONNECT PROJECT

HELP YOUR SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS BY DONATING YOUR UNWANTED CLOTHING INTO THE CONTAINER SITUATED WITHIN YOUR SCHOOL!

REMEMBER TO INVITE THE COMMUNITY TO DONATE!

REMEMBER ONCE YOUR SCHOOL HITS £1000 WE GIFT THE SCHOOL AN APPLE TREE TO PLANT WITH THE CHILDREN



WHY IS RECYCLING IMPORTANT?

- RECYCLING REDUCES WASTE SENT TO LANDFILLS
- RECYCLING PREVENTS POLLUTION
- RECYCLING HELPS REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT





REMEMBER TO SPREAD THE WORD AND ENCOURAGE DONATIONS THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL CLOTHING CONTAINER. THIS CAN INCLUDE FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO HELP WITH FUNDRAISING FOR YOUR SCHOOL


