



Newsletter 18- 1st July 2022

Dates for your diary

The forthcoming weeks are very busy with lots of things happening in school and out of school here are some dates for your diary:-

- 5th July – Nursery/Reception, Hall Hill Farm Trip
- 6th & 7th July – Transition Days at Staindrop Academy
- 7th & 8th July Transition Days at St Johns School
- 7th In school Transition morning
- 8th July – Transition Day at Teesdale School
- 11th July – Whole School Sports Day 1.15pm FOB's providing ice pops and juice.
- 13th July – Y5, Y6 Athletics Competition at Staindrop Academy
- 13th July – Summer Play at Village Hall 6pm
- 14th July – 'Bollywood' Brass Festival in School 10.30am - 11.30am – All welcome
- 18th July End of term leavers assembly 2pm all welcome
- 19th July Friends of the school 'Fun Day' more information to follow from the FOBS.
- 20th July end of term school closes for the Summer Holidays and re-opens 7th September

Blackbirds trip to Hall Hill farm

Next week, on Tuesday 5th of July, it is our class trip to Hall Hill farm. We will be leaving at 9.30 and returning to school around 2.30. Please could you make sure that your child comes to school with sensible shoes, a waterproof coat and sun hat. All children on school dinners will have a packed lunch provided.

Transition days:

Next week the year 6 children are out visiting their respective secondary schools. On Thursday 7th July we will be having our in-school transition day where the children will have the opportunity to visit their new classes for the morning.

- Reception will be visiting Mrs Harmer in Owls class
- Year 2 will be doing a few visits to Robins so that they get to meet their new teachers. Tuesday – Mrs Eatough, Wednesday pm Mrs Makin and Thursday am Mrs Dauber
- Year 4 will go to Mrs Makin

Brass festival



We have been lucky enough to secure a visit from

Bollywood Brass as part of Durham Brass Festival this year. The UK's pioneering Indian-style band, playing the great tunes and compulsively danceable rhythms of the most popular music in the world. Wielding saxophone, brass, dhol drums and a colossal sousaphone, the BBB are one of the most colourful, joyful and exhilarating acts around. Hot horns and funky drummers blend the biggest Hindi film hits with riotous Indian wedding music and Punjabi beats. The band has travelled the world, taking their music to festivals in over 25 countries. **Please come along and join us for this event on Thursday 14th July 10.30-11.30 am**

Hoodwinked – Summer play



Dear Parents,

As you may be aware we are performing a summer play on Wednesday 13th July.

All children need to wear a dark t-shirt and dark trousers under their costumes. Costumes will be provided by the school (unless you have been contacted separately). Starting next week we will be starting to practice at the village hall.

All costumes need to be in school by Monday 11th July.

On Wednesday 13th July please can all children arrive at the village hall for 5.30pm.



FOBS – RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

Friends of Butterknowle School are holding a raffle this summer selling tickets at the summer play at the village hall. They would be grateful of any good quality raffle prizes which can be sent into school from Monday. Many thanks for your support.

Reminder:

- PE – Up until the summer holidays all children will continue to have PE on a Thursday and Friday.
- Please could our parents check to make sure that all children have their names written inside their school uniform. This will really help to make sure they get their own jumpers and cardigan back if they go missing.
- Just a reminder that Reception now need to bring their reading book into school on a Monday please.
- Also, as we spend a lot of time learning outdoors, on sunny days could you please apply sun cream before school and then send it to school in a named bottle for them to put on at lunchtime. Please advise us if they require any assistance to do this. They will also need a hat to protect their head.

WANTED

Mrs. Cowper is on the hunt for real-life items for our mud kitchen if you have any items in your kitchen cupboard that you no longer need such as old pans, utensils or baking trays we would be happy to have them.

Stay and Play

Stay and play is still taking place every Friday morning in school from 9.15am until 10.30am. Anyone with pre-school children are very welcome to come along. We look forward to seeing you there.



Robinwood

On Wednesday Morning we waved goodbye to the children who are taking part in the residential at Robinwood. Watch out on the school blog for updates and we look forward to hearing all about it when they return.



Owls

This week Owls have enjoyed learning in DT about dips and where they come from in the world... did you know Hummus originated from Egypt! Thousand island dressing comes from the islands between America and Canada.



Learning Around School

Blackbirds

As part of our healthy eating project in Blackbirds class, we have been exploring different vegetables. This week we have found out all about carrots and made our own yoghurt dip to go with them. Everyone gave it a try and it went down very well with most of the class. Delicious!



Robins



On Tuesday the Year 5 and 6 children went to Staindrop for a curriculum day. They had taster lessons for English, ICT, Art, Science and PE.



Junior Training at Raby Castle Cricket Club

We run four junior teams at the club Under 9s, 11s, 13s and 15s. Each team plays in the South West Durham Junior Cricket League.

Our training sessions are run on a Tuesday Evening starting at 18:30pm at the Cricket ground at Raby Castle.

If any of the children at Woodland or Butterknowle would like to come to training please contact Scott Hedley details as below for further details.

Email Address: Smh281994@outlook.com

Phone Number: 07590537953

After School Clubs

Monday - Cricket

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.

School Reports

School Reports will be sent out on Friday 8th July, if you would like to discuss your child's progress, please arrange an appointment by e-mailing or contacting the School Office.

School Meals

Please note the price of a Primary School lunch will be increasing from **5th September 2022**. Please find the new meal prices below.

VAT on Private Nursery and Adult Meals also returns to the standard rate of 20%.

Primary and Day Special

- Pupil £2.25
- Butterknowle School Nursery (Governor Lead) £2.70 (£2.25 + 20% V.A.T.)

If you think your child may be eligible for free school meals please contact the School Office where we can check your eligibility.

Reception, Year 1 and Year2 children are entitled to a free school meal. If your child will be in year 3 from September they will no longer receive a free school meal.