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## Newsletter 1- 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

### **Welcome Back!**

We would like to warmly welcome all our existing and new pupils and parents to the new school year. If you have a concern or a query please do not hesitate to contact the school either by phone or by email.

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Here are some dates for your diary: -

- 30<sup>th</sup> September: Macmillan coffee morning
- 17<sup>th</sup> October: Cross country all KS2 children
- 19<sup>th</sup> October: Y3/4 Tag rugby 9-12pm Staindrop
- Harvest festival school hall 2pm all welcome
- 21<sup>st</sup> October: Halloween activity day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November: Parents evening 2-5pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Day service at the war memorial 11am
- 14<sup>th</sup> November- Antibullying week
- 16<sup>th</sup> November - Influenza Immunisation Programme
- 18<sup>th</sup> November- Children in need
- 7<sup>th</sup> December Christmas play at Village hall

### **School Council**



This year's school council looking very smart with their prestigious badges. I have already heard on the grapevine that they have a few ideas up their sleeves so watch this space!!

### **Uniform Swap**

We are planning on holding a uniform swap. If you have any good quality second hand school uniform that no longer fits your child and would like to donate it for the uniform swap please send it in to school. There will be an opportunity at parents evening for children and parents to look and see if there are any items that could be of use saving money and the environment.

### **Play and Stay**

Play and stay will be on Friday mornings starting from 16<sup>th</sup> September 9.15-10.30

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

### **Residential Trip to Edinburgh**

The year 5 and 6 children received a letter this week informing them of a proposed residential next year. If you are interested in your child participating please make sure that you let the school office know by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

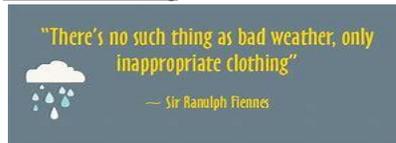
### **Notices :**

**Blackbirds:** This week, Reception children have been given a story book to take home and share together with a family member. Please could you record in their reading record when you have looked at the book together and return it to school each Monday where we can exchange them for a new book.

### **PE**

It has been lovely seeing everyone in their new PE kits. Can we just remind you that children with earrings ideally should remove them for PE or they can be taped and long hair needs to be tied back.

### **Outdoor Learning**



Reception and Owls class will be going down to the forest school's area on a Friday morning. Please make sure that your child has appropriate

clothing as it can get muddy down there and the seasons are changing so also a bit chilly.

Depending on the forecast we might decide to change the day so if your child has some suitable clothing that can be left at school that would be great. Thank you



MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September we will holding our annual Macmillan coffee morning 9.00-10.00 to be held in the school hall. All are welcome. Donations will be sent to Macmillan. Lynne our school cook has kindly agreed to make cakes.

### **FOBS are Friends of Butterknowle School ( FOBS)**

The friends of the school are looking to hold a tombola at the Christmas fayre and the village hall on 19<sup>th</sup> November. All donations are welcome to be dropped off at school.



## Learning Around School

### Blackbirds

In Blackbirds this week they made fruit dinosaurs, have been busy in the outdoor area making a den and a bug hotel and had fun in PE using the apparatus.



### Owls



Owls this week learnt about why crocodiles lie with their mouths open. We enjoyed the September sun and did some number work outside and found different ways to travel along apparatus in PE.

### Robins



The children in Robins class have settled back into school beautifully and are already enjoying a variety of lessons. Ms Hughes came back this week to start our music lessons and we have begun learning all about Europe.

### After School Clubs

Monday - Basketball

Tuesday - Science Experiments

Wednesday - Forest School (Please provide old clothes and wellies to change into)

Thursday - Homework

Friday - Board Games

Please send an email to [butterknowle@durhamlearning.net](mailto:butterknowle@durhamlearning.net) to book your child into after school club or breakfast club

### Flu Immunisations



The flu vaccine will be offered to all primary school children from reception to year 6. Nasal flu vaccination is delivered in school.

Please use the following link to give consent, the code for Butterknowle School is **HD114102**:

<https://www.hdftsais.co.uk/Forms/Flu>



# Starting School

**Will your child turn 5 between  
1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024?**

If so, you need to complete an application online to tell us which school you would like your child to attend from September 2023.

Visit [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. We encourage you to apply online wherever possible. Although restrictions have been lifted, staff will sometimes be working from home. If you are unable to apply online, paper application forms are available on request.

You still need to apply even if your child attends the nursery unit attached to the school, or already has a sibling at the school. You will also need to apply for a place in Year 3 in a junior school for an older child.

**Applications open 5 September 2022 and close midnight 15 January 2023.**

**For more information please contact**  
School Places and Admissions Team  
[www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)  
03000 265 896



## Application for a School Place – September 2023



If your child is due to transfer to secondary school in September next year you will have received a letter about how to apply. The application process will be open on 5 September 2022, the closing date is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**.

Please apply on-line at [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## Harvest Songs of Praise at St John's Lynesack

St John's Lynesack will be holding a Harvest Songs of Praise on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm and we would like to invite the families from Butterknowle school to join us. We would also like the children to choose a favourite harvest hymn/song which we will sing at the service. If there are sufficient children in attendance at the service we would hope to invite them to sing one verse before the remainder of the congregation join in too.