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## Newsletter 15 – 18th May 2023

### Dates For Your Diary



22/05/23 – Y1/Y2 Orienteering, Staindrop  
22/05/23 – Edinburgh Residential parents meeting  
3.15pm in the school hall  
24/05/23 – Y3/Y4 Cricket Competition, Raby Castle  
26/05/23 – Half Term Holiday  
07/06/23- Group photographs in school  
08/06/23- 09/06/23 – Edinburgh Residential  
27/06/23- Year 5 Curriculum Day at Staindrop  
29/06/23 – Whole school trip to the Oriental Museum  
03/07/23 – Reports sent out to parents  
05/07/23 – Sports day 1.15pm  
12/07/23 – Whole school trip to Bowes Museum  
17/07/23 – Leavers assembly 2.30pm  
21/07/23 – End of Term

### Owls class Orienteering Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

All the children in Owls will be going to Staindrop Academy on Monday to take part in Orienteering. Please can you make sure that your child has their PE kit and if necessary depending on the weather joggers/ leggings with their school PE top and school cardigan/jumper as we will be outside. Could long hair be tied back please and any earrings removed. Thank you.

### Cricket Tournament year 3/4 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

For the parents of Year 3 and 4 children. The children will be taking part in a Cricket tournament at Raby Castle on Wednesday 24th May in the morning. The bus will leave school at 9.00am and we will be back for lunch. The children should come to school in their uniform as they will get changed into their PE kit at school. Please can the children have a coat, a drink and a healthy snack in a small bag.

### Parents meeting Edinburgh Residential Trip

If your child is attending Edinburgh Residential trip there is a meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 3.15pm in the school hall. This is to provide further information about the trip and will provide opportunity to ask any questions.

### Swimming

Reception children will not be swimming from week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> May and nursery will be joining them in Jolly Jungle for the Friday sessions at the leisure centre. Year 1 and 2 children will continue swimming until June 30<sup>th</sup>

### Delivering Better Value in SEND – Survey for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND

In line with our local SEND Strategy, we want to put children and young people at the heart of this plan and your views as a parent or carer are important to make sure we are focussing on the right areas.

The survey will take around 5 minutes to complete and is anonymous. The survey will be open until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May and we encourage you to share the link with other parents and carers in your area so that we can hear the views of as many people as possible.

You can access the survey

here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BIQER23xiUuKVYrF1-chljc3E8CTUBFFlaQM1NMotuhUN0FRMTVDODBMTU02RzIBNkVGRFc3MkpRMC4u>

For further information visit: [Delivering Better Value - your feedback on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) services - Durham County Council](#)

### Friends of Butterknowle School

The next meeting will be held at school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm to discuss future events and fundraising.



### Well done

A Huge Well done to all the year 2 and year 6 children who worked incredibly hard in their SATs and made their teachers very proud!

### Free Thermometers

Our School has been provided with thermometers by the NHS which are available free of charge. If you do not already have a thermometer at home and would like to collect one, please come along to the school office at the start or the end of any school day.

The thermometers contain button batteries which are a hazard to children so need to be collected by an adult and stored safely at home out of sight and reach of children.



## Learning Around School This Week

### Owls



Well done to all the children with their swimming they are all trying hard and making good progress. Owls have also enjoyed learning new games in PE and this week even had some helpers from Robins, see if you can spot them!

Over the last few weeks, we have been learning different



rhythms to play on the djembe drums.

### Robins

We had great fun in Science this week looking at how our shadows change throughout the day. this helped us with our understanding of day and night.



### Blackbirds

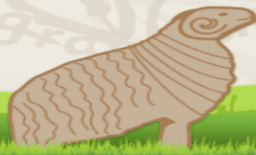


This week in Blackbirds, we have been learning about growing. We have read the story of 'The Tiny Seed' and have planted our own seeds and seedlings. We have set up a garden centre in the outdoor area and enjoyed painting flower pictures.

Stars of the week- Matthew, Indie.

Blackbirds class are enjoying practising their cutting skills so if anyone has any old birthday cards they no longer want please could you send them along to Mrs. Fawcett-Smith, Thank you.





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### **Raby Castle Cricket Club**

Raby Castle Club is offering All Stars cricket for ages 5-8 starting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May which is an 8-week programme that will teach the children the basics of cricket and is a fun way to learn how to play cricket. We are also offering Dynamos for ages 8-11 starting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July for 8 weeks. This will help grow the children's love of the game, and will give them the opportunity to socialise and make friends in a safe environment.

We are also starting an under 11's girls softball team within the club. We are looking for girls between the age of 5-11 years to join and they do not need any previous experience within the sport. This will be run by our coach Molly on a Tuesday evening from 6pm at Raby Castle Cricket Club. If anyone is interested, please contact our junior co-ordinator, Scott Hedley, on 07590537953 or smh281994@outlook.com

Our outdoor training is also starting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm. We are running 5 junior teams this year (U9s, U11s, U11s girl's softball, U13s & U15s). If anyone is interested in joining the club, please contact our junior co-ordinator (see details above).

### **Y5 & Y6 Staindrop Academy - Summer School**

We welcome Year 5 and 6 students to sign up for our summer school programme. The summer school week is a great way for students to familiarise themselves with Staindrop Academy, meet some of our teachers and meet other students from local primary schools.

Summer school is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. There is more information regarding food, consents and transport available as part of the booking link below.

There are only 100 spaces available each day so please book up early to avoid disappointment.

Further information and booking is available via this link - <https://forms.office.com/r/wsU2bjtkCE>

### **Afterschool Clubs**

Starting after half term:

Monday – Nature Club (Gardening/Nature)

(Please bring clothes and wellies to change into)

Tuesday – Sports Club (Rounders, Tennis, Football)

Wednesday – Homework

Thursday – Baking

Friday – Mindfulness Club (Arts, Crafts, Colouring)

To book your child into after school club or breakfast club, please send an email to:

[butterknowle@durhamlearning.net](mailto:butterknowle@durhamlearning.net)

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