



## Newsletter 16 - 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Dates For Your Diary

Here are some dates for your diary: -

- 16/12/24 - Christingle 2pm, all welcome
- 17/12/24 - Christmas Lunch
- 17/12/24 - Christmas Jumper Day
- 18/12/24 - Panto, Aladdin at The Witham back by 3:30pm/3.45pm
- 19/12/24 - Christmas Party
- 20/12/24 - KS1 Pyjamas and hot chocolate day
- 20/12/24 - KS2 Bring a toy/game to school
- 20/12/24 - Break Up
- 7/01/25 - Back to School

**Attendance: 95.09%**

(95% and above green, 90-94.9% amber, below 90% red)

### Early Birds

Early Birds is finished until after Christmas and will start again the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January.

### Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas, thank you for all of your continued support! With love from The Butterknowle Team!

We had a great Christmas performance the children were fantastic. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch and support us!



## St John the Evangelist, Lynesack

5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear

*Friends, Teachers and children, Butterknowle primary school*

On behalf of the PCC of St John's Lynesack, I am writing to thank you for your participation in our Christmas Tree Festival which is taking place on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

We are extremely grateful for your support, as thanks to you and the other contributors we expect to welcome a great many visitors to our church over that weekend. This promises to be a fantastic opportunity to bring our local community together at this very special time of year.

With this in mind, we would like to invite you to join us in a service of Christmas celebration at 4pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

*J. Simpson*

Joan Simpson (Church Warden)

### Learning Around the School

#### Blackbirds



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Over the course of the autumn term, Blackbirds have been practising and refining their fundamental movement skills in PE. They've had lots of fun exploring different ways of travelling, jumping, rolling and balancing.

**Owls**



In maths this week owls were looking at patterns and the year 2 children made symmetrical patterns with 3D shapes.

**Sparrows & Robins**

We had great time making pencil cases in DT, thank you so much to all of the parents who came along to help. It was a wonderful afternoon!



**Breakfast and After School Clubs**

Attendance at breakfast and after school clubs has fallen significantly over recent years. As a school, we want to provide care and activities to benefit children and parents, but unfortunately the school is losing significant amounts of money by offering the service.

We propose to make some changes from January 2025 to continue to offer support whilst reducing our financial losses.

Breakfast Club would be available every day from 8am. After school clubs will be available until 4.30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

This would cover the care currently needed by our families. We appreciate that these changes could have an impact for parents and carers.

If there was a significant increase in demand, this could be reviewed.



Rich fields of learning



### **After School Clubs in January**

Tuesday – Mindfulness  
Wednesday – Indoor Sports  
Thursday – Homework

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

### **After School Club Supervisor**

We have a vacancy for an after-school club supervisor working one or two nights a week from 3.15 – 4.30. If you would be interested in this post, or know someone who would be, please contact the school office for further details and an application form.

### **Co-opted Governor Vacancy**

The Dales Partnership Governing Board have a vacancy for a co-opted governor. They would be particularly interested in a parent at Butterknowle or a candidate with business experience. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact the school office for further information.

### **Community News**

#### **Friends Of Butterknowle**

There are a few unclaimed raffle prizes left from last night. Here are the numbers:-

Blue 461-465  
Blue 601-605  
Yellow – 676-680  
White 51-55

Please contact Kimberley Batey or the school office to collect your prize.

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