



Newsletter 3 - 13th October 2023

Dates for Your Diary

Here are some dates for your diary: -

17.10.23 - Y5/Y6 Cross Country competition, Straindrop

18.10.23 - Y3/Y4 Tag Rugby Competition, Staindrop

25.10.23 - 5-6.30pm Halloween Disco book on Parent pay

27.10.23 - 9.15 Harvest Festival Assembly all welcome

30.10.23 to 03/11/23 - **Half Term Holidays**

10.11.23 - Remembrance service at the war memorial 11am all welcome

15.11.23 - Y1/Y2 Multi-skills competition, Staindrop

15.11.23 - Parents evening in School Hall 2pm -5.30pm

16.11.23 - Photographer in school - individual photos

06.12.23 - Christmas play at Village Hall 6-7pm

12.12.23 - SEND review meetings

14.12.23 - Pantomime at Richmond theatre



Congratulations to our Times table Rockstars this week:

Matthew
year 6,
Scarlett
year 5,
Kian Year 4



Hannah
year 3,
Jacob Year 2

These Children have beaten the time of 21 mins per week and were the highest in their year group!



Halloween Disco

The Friends of Butterknowle School are holding a Halloween disco at school on:-
Wednesday 25th October 5.00pm-

6.30pm.

Children are invited to come in fancy dress and have a spooktacular time! Children can be dropped off at 5.00pm and collected at 6.30pm.

Book now on Parent pay at £3.00 per child including refreshments. Please note payment needs to be made via Parentpay no later than Thursday 19th October to secure your booking.

No bookings can be made after this date.

Foodbank Donations

This year for our Harvest Food Collection, we are delighted to support our friends at TCR The Hub. The Hub provide care packages throughout Teasdale and would appreciate support by bringing in items such as – tinned meals such as meatballs, spaghetti, beans and sausages, tinned veg with a ring pull lid, tinned fruit with a ring pull lid, pasta and pasta sauce, rice, quick cook packet meals such as noodles, rice, pasta. Quick cook desserts such as sponges, rice pudding and custard. Squash, juice, tea, hot chocolate, coffee, sugar, flour, salt, pepper, stock cubes, tinned fish with a ring pull lid, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, soap, flannels and sponges. Disinfectant spray, washing up liquid, washing powder or liquid, sponges and cloths. Refuse sacks, biscuits, cakes, coloured pencils, glue sticks, coloured and plain paper.

Please can any donations be brought into school by Wednesday 25th October

Play and Stay

Play and stay will be on fortnightly on Friday afternoons 2-3pm. All are welcome to come along and join in the fun. Each session costs £1 which goes towards refreshments and resources. Our next Play and Stay session is on 27.10.23

Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that we encourage the junior children to bring a healthy snack for break time. Nursery, Reception and KS1 children are provided with fruit.

Staffing

Mrs Charlton will be leaving us in the middle of November to start a new job. We would like to say a big thank you for everything that she has done for Butterknowle throughout her time with us. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Coats

As the weather changes please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school which is clearly labelled with their name.



Learning Around School

Blackbirds

As the autumn days have set their sights upon us, Blackbirds have been exploring different elements of the autumnal bounty. Conkers, acorns, pine cones and pumpkins have been a great source of investigation. This week, the children have been decorating pumpkins with pens. As the children are enjoying this activity so much, if the children would like to



bring a pumpkin into school by the end of next week, we would happily add it to our children's autumn fun, however, it must be noted that these pumpkins will not be returning home as all of the children may get involved.

Owls

This week in science the children learnt about sound and how it travels so that we can hear. They watched rice bounce on the top of



drums to show how our ears work. They made telephones in History to recreate the experiment that Alexander Graham Bell did when inventing the telephone.

Robins



Year 3 and year 4 are reading the book; The Tin Forest by Helen Ward. We have just started to create our very own Tin Forest using tin foil! This will help us write our story next week. Keep your eyes peeled for the finished pieces!

We are super proud to announce our handwriting star this week are Lucas and Jack. Wonderful letter formation and presentation. Our vocabulary of the week is: emerge, exotic and windswept, all taken from our book The Tin Forest. I wonder if you children can tell you the definition of these words?

The year 5 and 6 children have been making potions this week linked to their English text 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone'. They have included a wide range of ingredients including pickled rose petals and dragon saliva.



In Science we have continued our learning on Forces with a focus on water resistance this week.





Friends of the school Christmas raffle

It is coming to that time of year again when we are thinking about the annual Christmas raffle. This year we are putting together a 'Christmas' themed hamper and are asking for donations e.g. Tinned goods, chocolates etc. Please send any donations to school. Your support is greatly appreciated. Monies raised by Friends of the school go towards providing transport, refreshments at the pantomime and other fun events.

After School Clubs

Please give 24hrs notice for bookings or cancellations

Monday – Computers

Tuesday – Outdoor Games

Wednesday – Homework

Thursday – Messy Club, Playdough etc

Friday – Lego

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

Starting School
Will your child turn 5 between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025?

If so, you need to complete an application online to tell us which school you would like your child to attend from September 2024.

Visit www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces where you can access a useful guide to help with your application. The easiest way to apply is online, 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 2023 and close midnight 15 January 2024.

For more information please contact
School Places and Admissions Team
www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions
03000 265896

Application for a School Place – September 2024



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 2023

Guidance on how to apply is available on the following website:

www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

School Admissions – 2024/2025 Academic Year

Web Site – Dales Partnership

We have launched our new Dales Partnership website!

Its full of useful information, please take a look using the link below:

<https://www.thedalespartnership.co.uk/>