



Rich fields of learning



Newsletter 1-15th September 2023

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: -

18.9.23 - Reading Event for parents and pupils

20.9.23 - Y1 & Y2 Trip to Lynsack Church

29.9.23 - Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am

27.10.23 - Harvest Festival Assembly

30.10.23 to 03/11/23 – Half Term Holidays

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!!

Reading event

As a school we would like to motivate all our children to read for pleasure and develop a love for stories. As part of this we are launching our new reading spine!

You are invited to join us on Monday 18th September from 3.15pm in the hall where there will be an opportunity for your child to share some of the reading resources they use in school. Staff will be available to answer questions you might have about supporting your child with reading at home. We look forward to seeing you. Refreshments will be available, and children are welcome.

Grapes

If your child has a packed lunch please can you make sure that if they have grapes that these are cut in half as they are a potential choking hazard.

Play and Stay

Play and stay will be on fortnightly on Friday afternoons starting from 15th September 2-3pm. All are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

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

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. The PE days for each class are as follows:

Blackbirds –Wednesday and Friday (Reception only)

Owls-Thursday and Friday

Robins- Thursday and Friday



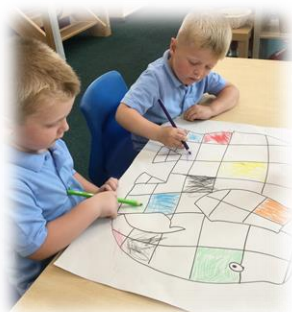
On Friday 29th September we will holding our annual Macmillan coffee morning 9.00am-10.00am to be held in the school hall. All are

welcome. Donations will be sent to Macmillan. Lynne our school cook has kindly agreed to make cakes.

Learning Around School

Blackbirds

Please can Blackbirds bring in a photo or send through Dojo a picture of a family member which can be used for a display. Please can these be sent no later than Friday 22nd September. Blackbirds have been reading the story of Elmer and how he is different from all of the other elephants, but still part of the elephant family. The children looked at all of the colours that made Elmer special. The worked as a team to colour a large patchwork Elmer.



Owls

Owls have been learning about the artist Van Gogh as part of their art this term and enjoyed painting some observational pictures of Sunflowers. They have been reading 'The Colour Monster' to learn about feelings and the different words that can be used to describe the different emotions as part of our work on vocabulary.



After School Clubs

- 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

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

Robins

We have had a wonderful start to the new year in Robins. We have enjoyed our learning about Norman Cornish and used him as inspiration to sketch a picture of our shoes.



The Y5/6 children began their new Science topic - forces. We investigated how a lubricant would affect jelly and how easy it was to pick up.



School Admissions – 2024/2025 Academic Year



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

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Community News

Butterknowle Village Hall



Mini – festival of music and drinks
Saturday 16th September 2023
3.00pm – Midnight
Live music throughout the afternoon and evening
Real ales and flavoured Gins and Vodkas available
Food available from 6.00pm.

-  MEMBERS £5
-  NON-MEMBERS £7
-  Member Children 5-16 years - £1
-  Non-Member Children 5-16 years -£2

BABY TODDLER & CRAFT TABLETOP SALE

Saturday 4th November
Woodland Village Hall 11am till 2 pm

Play Area will be available for children to enjoy

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON DAY

Stalls Available £5

To book stall or any enquiries please contact Anna on 07748872582