



Newsletter 15 - 29th November 2024

Dates For Your Diary

Here are some dates for your diary: -

- 10/12/24 – 1:15pm KS2 parents invited into school to help make pencil cases in DT
- 12/12/24 - Christmas Performance
- 17/12/24 - Christmas Lunch
- 17/12/24 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 18/12/24 - Panto, Aladdin at The Witham
- 19/12/24 - Christmas Party
- 20/12/24 - Break Up
- 7/01/25 - Back to School

Attendance: 94.53%

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

Poppy Appeal!

Thank you so much for taking part in the Poppy Appeal 2024, the contribution from the schools this year has been very generous. In Bishop Auckland area alone, we have made over £3000! Which is amazing and we could not do that without the support of each school.

The total for Butterknowle School was £124.51, this is brilliant, thanks so much!

Learning Around the School

Blackbirds



Over the past two weeks in Science, Blackbirds have been using torches to investigate light. First, they sorted objects made of different materials into groups by saying whether they were transparent or opaque, and then they explored how shadows are made.

Owls

This week Owls have been looking at 3D shapes and finding out about their properties. We had a go at making our own 3D shapes. We found out that some shapes have the same properties and used mathematical vocabulary to describe them.



Sparrows





Sparrows have enjoyed reading our class text; The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. We thought the Witch was very mysterious and sneaky when she tried to bribe Edmund with the Turkish Delight. Mrs Ferguson brought Turkish Delight into class for us all to eat. Some of us thought it was tasty and others thought it was HORRIBLE! The Turkish Delight inspired us to create an advert - advertising the magical Turkish Delight. We designed our product then used our computer skills to make the advert.

Robins

In Geography this week, Robins have been learning about tectonic plates and how they can change the landscape. We made our own model of the Earth labelling the 4 layers.



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 you have any questions, queries or wish to discuss the proposal further, please contact the school to arrange to speak to staff.

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

After School Clubs

- Monday – Lego
- Tuesday – Baking
- Wednesday – Homework
- Thursday – Drama
- Friday – Creative Writing

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



Community News

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

THIS YEAR, THE FRIENDS OF BUTTERKNOWLE SCHOOL ARE LOOKING FOR COLOUR THEMED RAFFLE DONATIONS. WE HAVE ALLOCATED EACH CLASS A COLOUR. WE WOULD LOVE IT IF EACH CHILD FROM THAT CLASS COULD BRING IN AN ITEM OF THEIR COLOUR. THIS COULD BE CHOCOLATES, WINE, CRISPS, TREATS, BOOK, TOY ETC. THESE ITEMS WILL THEN BE MADE INTO COLOUR HAMPERS TO SUPPORT FUNDRAISING AT THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT. EACH CLASS WILL HAVE THEIR COLOURED BOX IN THEIR CLASSROOM FOR COLLECTIONS. PLEASE HAVE ALL DONATIONS INTO SCHOOL TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT 😊

 <p>BLUE - BLACKBIRDS</p>	 <p>RED - OWLS</p>
 <p>GREEN - SPARROWS</p>	 <p>GOLD/ YELLOW / ORANGE ROBINS</p>



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