



## Newsletter 2-29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Dates for Your Diary

Here are some dates for your diary: -

- 05.10.23** - Flu Vaccinations R to Y6 – In school
- 17.10.23** – Y5/Y6 Cross Country competition - Straindrop
- 18.10.23** - Y3/Y4 Tag Rugby Competition – Staindrop
- 25.10.23** – FOB Halloween Disco – Further info to follow
- 27.10.23** - Harvest Festival Assembly
- 30.10.23 to 03/11/23** – Half Term Holidays

### Ofsted

Thank you to everyone for your support and lovely feedback to Ofsted over the last few days.

The inspectors commented on how what lovely children we have at Butterknowle School (we do!) and said that they were made very welcome by children and staff.

Once the report is published it will be shared with everyone but until then it is confidential.

Thank you again!

### Play and Stay

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

Each session costs £1 which goes towards refreshments and resources

**WORLD'S BIGGEST  
COFFEE  
MORNING**

MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT



Thank you to everyone who came along to support this morning's coffee morning. A Huge thankyou to Lynn for making the cakes. It was lovely to see a busy bustling hall and the school council did an amazing job of serving the cakes and making everyone feel welcome. We raised £181.91!

### Learning Around School

#### Blackbirds

Blackbirds have been redesigning our outside area, adding new areas to play and tidying up old areas. The children have had ideas and some of them have decided on names of the areas, including the 'muck heap'.



We now have a reading area, water workshop, mud pit, mud kitchen, sports area, investigation area and the start of a Fantasy Forest. If anyone has any old kitchen equipment for our mud kitchen that would be safe for the children to play with, we would gladly accept these for our use.



### Owls



This week Owls continued their Computing learning to log on and off of a laptop and using the track pad to navigate to use a program.

*We logged onto the laptops and practised our mouse skills*





### Robins

This week Year 3 and 4 children have made an Anglo-Saxon village to inspire their descriptive writing.



KS2 began their recorder lessons with Mrs Unwin this week. The children were all very excited and can't wait until next 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

- Monday – Computers
- Tuesday – Outdoor Games
- Wednesday – Homework
- Thursday – Messy Club, Playdough etc
- Friday – Lego

Please send an email to [butterknowle@durhamlearning.net](mailto: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](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

### School Admissions – 2024/2025 Academic Year



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](http://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](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)  
☎ 03000 265996

### 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.thedalesspartnership.co.uk/>



## Community News

**BABY TODDLER  
& CRAFT  
TABLETOP SALE**  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**JACK!**  
Little Seeds Music

Discover the truth behind the original fairytale hero. You will be singing along before you can say Fee Fie Fo Fun! Suitable for ages 5+ and their families.

Woodland Village Hall  
DL13 5RH  
Sat 28 October 4:00pm  
Tickets £8 | U18s £6 | Family £24 | 07971 988752  
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