



Rich fields of learning



## Newsletter 8- 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Dates For Your Diary



- 13/1/23 - KS2 (Robins) start swimming
- 27/1/23 - No play and stay
- 1/2/23 - FOBS meeting in school 2.30pm
- 7/2/23 - Safer internet day
- 15/2/23 - Year 5/6 Netball Tournament
- 17/2/23 - Break up for Half term
- 27/2/23 - Children back
- 2/3/23 - World Book day and book swap more information to follow
- 18/3/23 - Red nose day
  - Mother's Day coffee morning
- 21/3/23 - N/R Multi Skills Festival
- 22/3/23 - Year 1/2 Football Tournament
  - Parents evening
- 27/3/23 - Y3/4 Orienteering
  - 2pm Easter Assembly
- 28/3/23 - SEND parents meetings

### Start of the School Day

Thank you to everyone who has come back to school for the spring term in their complete school uniform and on time each day.

Just a reminder that it is really important to arrive in time for the start of the school day. Children need to be in a good school routine and settled in the classroom with everything they need for the start of lessons so that they do not miss important teaching and learning. This helps children to feel more confident and secure and to make good progress.

There is supervision in the playground from 8.45am.

### PE

Robins will be having PE on a Thursday with the Staindrop Sports coach and Blackbirds and Owls will be having PE on a Friday afternoon with a sports coach. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at the start of the term and these will be sent home at the end of the half term. Please ensure that your child doesn't wear jewelry on PE days and that they have long hair tied back.

### RSPB Big Schools Bird Watch 2023



Do you know the difference between a blue tit and a chaffinch? We have signed up to this fantastic bird watching project and over the next few weeks we are collecting information on the birds that visit our school site. We would like parents and carers to get involved and help us by helping your child spot the common garden birds that visit your garden. The RSPB big garden bird watch takes place on 27- 30 January.

### After school Clubs

Monday – Art

Tuesday – Board Games

Wednesday – Cookery

Thursday – Homework

Friday – Creative Stories

To book your child into after school club or breakfast club, please send an email to:

[butterknowle@durhamlearning.net](mailto:butterknowle@durhamlearning.net)

### Bags

Please can children bring to school a bag so that any notices, books or homework can be sent home in them. A gentle reminder that reading books should be going to and from school each day so we ask that everybody brings a bag to school to bring them in.



## Learning around school

### Blackbirds



### Owls

We have been learning about our community in PSHCE and how we can help people. In PE we learnt about balancing in gymnastics.



### Robins

Robins have been learning to use the pages app on the I-pads. We created a page about Romero Britto who is a Brazilian artist that we have learnt about in our Art lessons. We have also enjoyed our first swimming lesson back at the leisure centre.

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## February Holiday Camps

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Multi-sports  
5-8 years

Dance & Games  
5-8 years


Sports and Wellbeing Park, Stockton Road, Durham, DH1 3SE  
Free onsite car parking



## Junior Sports Clubs

\*Location: Durham University Sports and Wellbeing Centre (DH1 3SE)

Monday	Tuesday	Sunday
<b>LTA Tennis Starter Programme</b> 4-5pm Age: 3-8 year-olds £29.99 	<b>Junior Volleyball</b> 5-6pm Age: 10-16-year-olds £3.50 per session 	<b>Junior Hockey</b> 9.30am-10.30am 6-9 year olds 10.30am- 12.00pm 10-16 year olds £4.50 per session 
<b>Junior Tennis</b> 5-6pm Age: 3-8 year-olds £3.50 per session 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Further information email  <a href="mailto:teamdurham.community@durham.ac.uk">teamdurham.community@durham.ac.uk</a></p> </div>	



**BUTTERKNOWLE PLAYGROUP**

**Wednesday's, 10am -12noon**  
**Butterknowle Village Hall, DL13 5PP**

- ☑ First child, with snack - £3
- ☑ Additional siblings, with snack - £1.50
- ☑ Baby under 6 months, without snack - £1

Includes tea/coffee & biscuits for adults

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

This is a volunteer parent led playgroup, all parents are expected to help with washing & tidying away.  
 Children must be supervised at all times.

The newsletter can be found on the school website [www.butterknowle.durham.sch.uk](http://www.butterknowle.durham.sch.uk) .If you require a paper copy of the newsletter please inform the school.