



Newsletter 13-21st April 2023

Dates For Your Diary



- 21/04/23 - Reception, Year 1 and 2 start swimming
- 1/05/23 – May Bank Holiday
- 4/05/23- Coronation day
- 8/05/23 – Coronation Bank holiday
- 9/05/23- 12/5/23 KS2 SATs week
- 22/05/23 – Y1/Y2 Orienteering, Staindrop
- 24/05/23 – Y3/Y4 Cricket Competition, Raby Castle



Coronation Celebration Day

You are invited to celebrate the Kings Coronation with us on Thursday 4th May.

12.00pm- Join us for a Coronation buffet lunch – booking is essential and payment must be received with booking by no later than Thursday 27th April. The cost is £3.50 to be paid on Parent Pay (this item will become unavailable on Parent Pay at 12 noon on 27th April). Refreshments will be available for adults.

Coronation Activities:-

- 1.00 Parish Council to present children with their Coronation Coins.
- 1.30pm Activities indoor/ outdoor
- 2.00-2.45 Coronation colour run paid for with Funds of FOBS
- 2.30-3.00 Ice cream van ice creams / ice lolly paid for by the school for all school children and will be available to buy for additional children and adults

The children and guests are invited to wear red white and blue clothes on this day. We look forward to seeing you all at this historical event.

Swimming

Starting Friday 21st April Reception, Year 1 and year 2 will be going swimming at Teesdale Leisure Centre.

Please can all children bring their swimming kit to school in a named bag with a costume, towel and they will need goggles if they are in big pool. Swimming hats can be worn but are not essential.

Easter Crafts Competition

Congratulations to all the children who won a prize in the Craft Competition. It was lovely to see the different entries.



Thank you to the Friends of the school and Morrison's for providing the prizes and the eggs for all the children.

Many thanks to all who supported the raffle and the FOBS raised an amazing £100!

T-shirts colour run

We are holding a colour run as part of our Coronation celebrations on Thursday 4th May. A permission slip and waiver has been sent home with your child which needs to be returned no later than Friday 28th April. Any forms that have not been returned will result in your child not being able to take part in this event.

Your child will need an old t-shirt, old shorts/trousers and old shoes to take part in the colour run.

NSPCC

Next week the children in Year 5 and 6 are taking part in an NSPCC workshop in school called 'speak out, stay safe' Further information and other information suitable for different age ranges can be found on the NSPCC website:

[Speak out Stay safe programme | NSPCC Learning](#)

WANTED

Blackbirds need the following items:
Dressing up clothes
Baby doll equipment and accessories

If you think you can help please see Mrs Fawcett-Smith who will be able to provide you with further information.



Learning Around School This Week

Blackbirds

This week we have been reading the story of The Princess and the Frog. We have learnt about the frog life cycle and also



about castles. We have especially enjoyed making our own model castles and playing in our new Fairy Tale role play area.

Owls

This week we started our Science and DT project. In Science this term we are going to be looking at plants and what they need to grow so we cleared out the raised beds ready for some new compost.



Robins

We have had 2 great afternoons this week completing our felt phone cases. The children persevered and had some wonderful finished projects.



Afterschool Clubs

Monday – Arts/Crafts

Tuesday – Forest School (Please bring clothes and wellies to change into).

Wednesday – Computers

Thursday – Homework

Friday – Games/Puzzles

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

butterknowle@durhamlearning.net



Community News

Kings Coronation there will be a songs of praise service to be held at St Mary's Woodland on Sunday 7th May 3pm, Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Raby Castle Cricket Club

Raby Castle Club is offering All Stars cricket for ages 5-8 starting Tuesday 16th May which is an 8 week programme that will teach the children the basics of cricket and is a fun way to learn how to play cricket. We are also offering Dynamos for ages 8-11 starting Tuesday 18th July for 8 weeks. This will help grow the children's love of the game, and will give them the opportunity to socialise and make friends in a safe environment.

We are also starting an under 11's girls softball team within the club. We are looking for girls between the age of 5-11 years to join and they do not need any previous experience within the sport. This will be run by our coach Molly on a Tuesday evening from 6pm at Raby Castle Cricket Club. If anyone is interested, please contact our junior co-ordinator, Scott Hedley, on 07590537953 or smh281994@outlook.com

Our outdoor training is also starting Tuesday 18th April at 6pm. We are running 5 junior teams this year (U9s, U11s, U11s girls softball, U13s & U15s). If anyone is interested in joining the club, please contact our junior co-ordinator (see details above).

The newsletter can be found on the school website www.butterknowle.durham.sch.uk If you require a paper copy of the newsletter please inform the school.