



## Newsletter 17 – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

### Dates For Your Diary



- 27/06/23 - Year 5 Curriculum Day at Staindrop
- 29/06/23 - Reception to Y6 School trip to the Oriental Museum
- 30/06/23 - Play and Stay cancelled
- 03/07/23 - Reports sent out to parents
- 05/07/23 - STRIKE ACTION
- Blackbirds - closed AM only
- Owls - open all day
- Y3/4 - closed AM only
- Y5/6 - open all day
- Children should come into school at 12 for lunch.
- 05/07/23 - Sports day 1.30pm
- 07/07/23- STRIKE ACTION –
- Blackbirds - closed all day
- Owls - open all day
- Y3/4 - open AM only, children to be collected at 1pm
- Y5/6 - closed all day
- 11/07/23 - Durham Brass, Girlesque in school, further information to follow.
- 12/07/23 - Reception to Y6 trip to Bowes Museum
- 17/07/23 - Leavers assembly 2.30pm
- 19/07/23 - FOBS festival afternoon 1pm
- 20/07/23 - Y6 Treat/Outing to TCR
- 20/07/23 - Film night held by school 3.00-4.30pm with refreshments booking will be available on Parentpay.
- 21/07/23 - End of Term

### WANTED

Early years are looking for any old mobile phones, remotes or old rolls of wallpaper that you might have lying around and no longer need. Please contact Mrs Rogers or Mrs Fawcett-Smith if you can help. Thank you.

### Reminder - Play and Stay Cancelled

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June there will be no Play and stay.

### Oriental Museum Trip

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June children in reception to year 6 will be going on a trip to the Oriental museum and Botanical gardens in Durham. This is linked to their learning about Japan and is funded by Bowes Museum.

The children will be leaving school at 9am and returning back to school for 3.15pm.

Please can all children bring with them a bag that they can carry their lunch and water bottle in, suitable footwear and school uniform needs to be worn. If the weather is warm we suggest a hat as they will be outdoors for some sessions, if wet, a coat will be required, as we will be walking from the Oriental Museum to the Botanical gardens.

### Japanese Printing workshop

We had a lovely day on Thursday where all children in KS1 and KS2 took part in a Japanese printing workshop with Suzie

from Bowes



Museum. They created some beautiful artwork.



### Swimming

Year 1 and 2 children will continue swimming until June 30<sup>th</sup>

### Friends of Butterknowle School

The Friends of the school will be holding a tombola stall at the Village hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. If you have anything that you could donate to help raise funds for the Friends of the school please drop them off at school no later than **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July.**

The friends will be running a raffle at sport's day this year they are asking for donations of nonperishable food that can be made into a hamper. Please can these be sent to school no later than **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

### Free Thermometers

Our School has been provided with thermometers by the NHS which are available free of charge. If you do not already have a thermometer at home and would like to collect one, please come along to the school office at the start or the end of any school day.

The thermometers contain button batteries which are a hazard to children so need to be collected by an adult and stored safely at home out of sight and reach of children.

### Learning Around School This Week

#### Blackbird



This week, in EYFS we have been learning about different super powers! We have enjoyed investigating how magnets work and exploring floating and sinking. We have especially enjoyed making our own parachutes! We have also

learnt how we can be superheroes by eating healthily, exercising and getting a good night's sleep.



#### Owls

This week as part of our design technology we learnt about hygiene when cooking, how to juice a lemon, using a knife safely and how to make a simple tuna salad. We then evaluated what we had done and how it could be improved. The children made suggestions such as missing out the butter beans and adding cucumber or sweetcorn instead. Some budding chefs in the making!



#### Robins

Robins had a creative writing workshop on Wednesday where they completed some different writing tasks including making a 26 word poem.





Rich fields of learning



### **Raby Castle Cricket Club**

Raby Castle Club is offering All Stars cricket for ages 5-8 starting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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).

### **Y5 & Y6 Staindrop Academy - Summer School**

We welcome Year 5 and 6 students to sign up for our summer school programme. The summer school week is a great way for students to familiarise themselves with Staindrop Academy, meet some of our teachers and meet other students from local primary schools. Summer school is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. There is more information regarding food, consents and transport available as part of the booking link below. There are only 100 spaces available each day so please book up early to avoid disappointment.

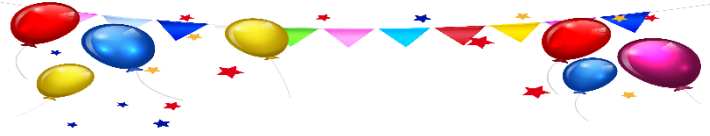
Further information and booking is available via this link - <https://forms.office.com/r/wsU2bjtkCE>

### **Afterschool Clubs**

Monday – Nature Club (Gardening/Nature)  
(Please bring clothes and wellies to change into)  
Tuesday – Sports Club (Rounders, Tennis, Football)  
Wednesday – Homework  
Thursday – Baking  
Friday – Mindfulness Club (Arts, Crafts, Colouring)

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

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



## **Butterknowle Summer Festival Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July- 1pm**

The friends of Butterknowle school would like to invite your child to the Butterknowle Summer Festival on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm.

This fun filled afternoon will include the following activities:-

Glitter Face Decorating, Tattoos, Music, Bubbles  
Mini Water Fight, Dancing, Garland Making,  
Pasta Jewellery, Giant Games.

Refreshments will also be available. For this event to go ahead the Friends are asking for a contribution of £2 per child. Payments need to be made in cash which can be sent in a named envelope to the school office by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Events like these can only be run with donations so please support this event. Children are invited to come to school dressed in their festival outfit, ready for the fun! If your child would like to bring a pop-up tent for the event they are welcome to do so.

We look forward to welcoming your child to the Butterknowle Festival 2023!

