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Newsletter 14 - 5th May 2023

Dates For Your Diary



- 8/05/23 – Coronation Bank holiday
- 9/05/23- 12/5/23 KS2 SATs week
- 22/05/23 – Y1/Y2 Orienteering, Staindrop
- 22/05/23 – Edinburgh Residential parents meeting 3.15pm in the school hall
- 24/05/23 – Y3/Y4 Cricket Competition, Raby Castle
- 26/05/23 – Half Term Holiday
- 08/06/23- 09/06/23 – Edinburgh Residential
- 29/06/23 – Whole school trip to the Oriental Museum
- 03/07/23 – Reports sent out to parents
- 05/07/23 – Sports day 1.15pm
- 12/07/23 – Whole school trip to Bowes Museum
- 17/07/23 – Leavers assembly 2.30pm
- 21/07/23 – End of Term



Coronation Celebration Day

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Coronation day yesterday. A BIG thank you to the Parish Council who donated money for the coronation coins alongside an anonymous donation, without this support

the children wouldn't have been able to have a memorable souvenir of this historical event. The Friends of the School who funded the colour run and the school who paid for the ice creams and ice lollies. It was a lovely way to celebrate the Coronation.



Year 6 SATS

The Year 6 children will do their SATs tests next week (9th May- 12th May). As soon as children arrive at school they are welcome to come inside where we will provide juice and some fruit. Please ensure children get a good night's sleep and have breakfast before coming to school each day. We want the children to be calm and relaxed about their tests and all we ask is that they try their best which we know they all will!

Swimming

Reception children will be stopping swimming on May 19th and nursery will be joining them in Jolly Jungle for the Friday session at the leisure centre.

Year 1 and 2 children will continue swimming until June 30th

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.

Delivering Better Value in SEND – Survey for parents and carers of children and young people with SEND

In line with our local SEND Strategy, we want to put children and young people at the heart of this plan and your views as a parent or carer are important to make sure we are focussing on the right areas.

The survey will take around 5 minutes to complete and is anonymous. The survey will be open until Monday 15th May and we encourage you to share the link with other parents and carers in your area so that we can hear the views of as many people as possible.

You can access the survey

here: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BIQER23xiUuKVYrF1-chljc3E8CTUBFFlaQM1NMotuhUN0FRMTVDODBMTU02RzIBNkVGRFc3MkpRMC4u>

For further information visit: [Delivering Better Value - your feedback on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) services - Durham County Council](#)

Friends of Butterknowle School

The next meeting will be held at school on Wednesday 24th May at 5pm to discuss future events and fundraising.



Learning Around School This Week

Blackbirds



This week in Blackbirds, we have been learning all about different plants and animals. We have been on a bug hunt, looked for tadpoles and frogs in the Forest school and planted beans like Jack to grow a beanstalk. I wonder if we'll find a giant at the top!



Owls

This week we have been learning about King Charles III. We wrote a letter to him at Buckingham Palace wishing him luck for his coronation and asking him how he was feeling about being King along with an invitation to visit Butterknowle. We have our fingers and toes crossed that we will get a reply!! We baked some Coronation cakes and decorated flags.

Robins



We have enjoyed lots of discussion about the upcoming coronation and King Charles III with the children asking some fantastic questions. We then created our own crests using important symbols.



Year 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Doctors surgery last week where they took



part in different hand on activities. Keep a look out for some healthy living posters that the children will be creating.



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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

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 girl's 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.