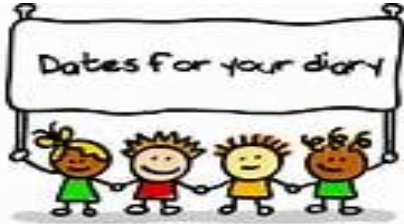


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Newsletter 16 – 9th June 2023

Dates For Your Diary



- 16/06/23 - 'Father's Day breakfast 'booking required
- 16/06/23 - Y5/Y6 Football Tournament at Staindrop
- 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 - Sports day 1.15pm
- 12/07/23 - Whole school trip to Bowes Museum
- 17/07/23 - Leavers assembly 2.30pm
- 19/07/23 - FOBS festival afternoon children can come to school dressed ready for a festival
- 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

Staff News

We would like to welcome Graham Copley onto the staff team as our school caretaker. Welcome also to Mrs Danushka Leo who will be working with pupils in Blackbirds until the end of the summer term.

At the end of this term Mrs Dauber will be retiring after 17 years at Butterknowle. We wish her all the best in her retirement and would like to thank her for all that she has done whilst being at Butterknowle.

Father's Day Breakfast - Friday 16th June 8-9am



On Friday 16th June children and a special person, Mum, dad, aunt, uncle, grandad, granny all are invited to come along for a bacon or sausage sandwich before school in the hall 8-9 am. Payment will be available via Parentpay £2.50 per person to include a sandwich and drink, payment will confirm your space. Please book a place no later than Wednesday 14th June. We look forward to seeing you then.

Year 1 Phonics screening

Children in Year 1 throughout the country will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during next week. Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1 or they have not taken the test before. The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard. The results of this screening will be sent home with the end of term reports.

Swimming

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

Play and Stay

On Friday 30th June there will be no Play and stay.

Memories of Lynesack Church

Lynesack church have asked if the children can make a banner to be displayed in church at the upcoming celebrations in October. The theme of the banner is Lynesack church and the community. If you have any memories or events that were held at Lynesack church such as christenings, weddings etc could you please let us know and then we will try and incorporate this in the design.

Friends of Butterknowle School

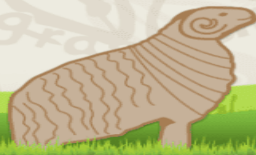
The Friends of the school will be holding a tombola stall at the Village hall on Saturday 8th July. If you have anything that you could donate to help raise funds for the Friends of the school please drop them off at school no later than Thursday 5th July.

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 30th 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.



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Learning Around School This Week

Blackbirds



This week, in Blackbirds, we have enjoyed learning about Superheroes. We have made superhero masks and capes, as well as building our own superhero headquarters. We have enjoyed listening to super stories and songs. We have also done some fantastic writing!



Owls

This week in Owls we have been continuing our learning about Haikus and have starting looking in history at the work of Barbara Hepworth.

In PE the children have started to practice for Sports day and we welcomed back Ms. Hughes for music.

We have started a time lapse video of some cress growing so fingers crossed it works!!

Robins

This week year 5 and 6 have started a new novel in English called Malamander, we looked at objects that belonged to the characters from the novel to infer information about them.

On Monday all the children in Robins created posters at the request of Butterknowle surgery about healthy lifestyles, keep an eye out for these appearing at the surgery.

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).

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 24th to Friday 28th 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>



BUTTERKNOWLE
Summer Fayre
SATURDAY 8TH JULY
11-2PM

ALL WELCOME

Join us and shop over 20 local stalls including • KD Cakes & Bakes
• Sofia Blooms Floristry • Connellys
Toy Shop • Handmade Cards •
Craft Stalls • Strawberries &
Cream • Tombola • Home
Fragrance • Sweet Stall •
Facepainting • Mi Patisserie Dog
Treats • Toddler Play Zone

Plus fresh homemade food, hot &
cold drinks available

BUTTERKNOWLE VILLAGE HALL
STALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT 07496882756

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

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
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