



Dear Parents and Carers

Hello everyone and Happy New Year to you all.

The festive period is always busy and full of visiting relatives, excessive food and relaxation. We have had an assembly on New Year resolutions and why we make them. A New Year resolution usually comes from a person's self-reflection, understanding that we can all improve ourselves whether it be physically or mentally. I'm sure many of these resolutions are already broken, but the important part is that self-reflection and understanding we all have on how we can make ourselves better. For myself – I am walking for 30 minutes every weekday night (so far so good!) rather than getting home and collapsing in front of the TV.

Good luck to everyone on their self-improvement journeys.

### **Trips**

Our next whole school trip is on Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>, we are visiting Kingfishers Bridge Nature Reserve. The aim of the visit is to immerse ourselves in geography fieldwork. It will be damp and cold – often the best weather for exploring and discovering nature and what it has to offer. I am passionate about geography and particularly the fieldwork element. This is the first of 2 visits – one in January and the other in May/June – this will allow children to contrast the same environment at different times of the year.

Next year's residential has been booked and deposits are slowly coming in. We are going from 9<sup>th</sup> December to 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025. We will be going to Flatford Mill which is a field study centre. The children will follow a 3 day course on Environmental Studies, being led by expert tutors. The course will be full of science and geography, with a little maths, art and astronomy thrown in!

I have run many residential trips to Flatford and, as well as being one of the most beautiful places in East Anglia, it has no light pollution which makes the environment all the more pure and untouched.

Last residential I ran there, we stayed in Willy Lott's Cottage! Those of you that know Constable's famous painting - The Hay Wain - will know that the building in the painting is that actual cottage!

Over the coming weeks I will be in contact regarding a parent's information evening so I can explain more about the venue, activities and what your child's life will be like for the aforementioned 3 days and nights!

### **Safeguarding**

Something that has come into focus for schools over the last 12 months is 'Peer on Peer Abuse' (Child on Child Abuse).

This is when, as the name suggests, when children abuse each other. According to Judicium, (a respected safeguarding website and training provider) examples include:

- Bullying
- Any kind of unwanted physical contact (e.g. hitting and kicking)
- Mental abuse (name calling etc)

Please rest assured that all incidents of this are taken seriously at Burrough Green (they should be everywhere) and will not be tolerated. Incidents can cause lasting trauma and potentially educational attainment.

Child on Child Abuse is massively underreported – but we must assume it is happening and be vigilant.

It is very hard for our young people to speak up on this issue (especially as they get older). They often don't see the point in reported as it happens so often, there are barriers to reporting – like reputational damage and finally some adults don't see it as problematic and are happy to write it off as a part of growing up (e.g. 'boys being boys').

At Burrough Green every incident that we know about is logged, and this data is kept on our systems, then transferred to a child's next school. Appropriate action is always taken.

We have a new safeguarding display in our entrance area – this features heavily.

### **Dates for Parents**

17-1-25 Teresa - Reading Café 9am

23-1-25 Einstein – NO OUTSIDERS: We All Belong Here Lesson 9am

24-1-25 Malala – Reading Café 9am

28-1-25 – KS2 Parent's Lunch

30-1-25 Malala - NO OUTSIDERS: We All Belong Here Lesson 9am

31-1-25 – GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO KINGFISHERS BRIDGE NATURE RESERVE

3-2-25 Parent Evenings 4.30pm – 6.30pm

4-2-25 Parent Evenings 3.30pm – 5pm

6-2-25 Teresa - NO OUTSIDERS: We All Belong Here Lesson 9am

7-2-25 Einstein – Reading Café 9am

11-2-25 KS1 Parent's Lunch

You can see from above that we are trying to get the community into school as often as we can. The Reading Cafes will be replacing our sharing assemblies for the near future.

Lots of you have already had the opportunity to see a No Outsiders lesson, and as explained before, there will one of these every half term.

**Please, please take advantage of these opportunities if you can – your children will absolutely love the opportunity to work alongside you in their work environments. Thank you.**

Katie Churchard, the new teacher in Einstein for this half term will be inviting parents into school in the very near future to attend a cooking workshop that she will run. If you remember her short biography from the last newsletter, you will know that she has worked in many high-end restaurants and has appeared on TV on Bake off – The Professionals!

I am definitely going and hope many of you will too – an opportunity for collect those hints and tips. Wonderful that she is already thinking about the wider community in which she is working!

### **Friday Reading**

We held our first Reading Event today. It was amazing to see so many parents sharing books.





### **Healthy Schools Week**

Next week is Healthy Schools Week. To promote it, can we all try the following:

- Ensure children have a healthy snack
- Food without packaging
- Send in a 'Health Selfie' – The best ones will be on next week's newsletter

Thank you.

### **Applying for a Reception placement for September 2025**

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, and you live in Cambridgeshire you need to apply for Reception for September 2025. **Application deadline Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025** - [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions)

### **School lunch price increase from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

We have tried to hold off as long as possible to increase the price of school meals, but due to the increase in groceries we have had to. School meals, from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, will increase to £2.75 a day, £13.75 a week.

Our menus are freshly prepared in our kitchen and we do not want to reduce the quality of the food.

### **Owls bookings – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, Owls will close at 5pm due to staff training.

### **Part of Brinkley High Street Closed**

We have been notified that part of the High Street will be closed Monday January 13<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>. The school bus will be picking up at Old School Lane as normal but will have to turn round there.

### **Speaking and Listening**

*Here are two more of my 'conversation starters'. Research tells us that it is so important that we engage in meaningful conversations with our children. It helps them to grow as both speakers and listeners.*

- 1) When are you at your happiest?**
- 2) Do children value education?**

These are just fun ideas for a discussion to have with your family or friends. The intention is to provide an opportunity for fun discussions as a family. Hope they are useful! I know some of you have used these and have had great fun with them. Enjoy!

That's all from me.

Have great week

David Sandford

Please make sure you check our [school calendar](#) to stay up-to-date with information about future

To see what's been happening at BGPA, please visit our [website](#)

### Next Week's Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Pizza – Margarita (G)(MK)	Homemade Chicken Nuggets (G)(MK)(E)	Homemade meatballs with pasta and tomato sauce (G)	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding (G)(E)(MK)	Chicken Pasta Bake (G)(MK)
Meat Free	Vegetable Risotto	Halloumi Nuggets (MK)(G)(E)	Omelette and Chips (G)(E)	Pasta in tomato sauce (G)	Chow Mein (G)(SO)(CR)
Side dish	Beans, Sweetcorn	Homemade Potato Wedges, carrots, Peas	Sweetcorn, Carrots	Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli	Peas, Sweetcorn
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, beans, beans & cheese (MK), cheese (MK), tuna mayo (f)(E)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, beans, beans & cheese (MK), cheese (MK), tuna mayo (f)(E)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, beans, beans & cheese (MK), cheese (MK), tuna mayo (f)(E)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, beans, beans & cheese (MK), cheese (MK), tuna mayo (f)(E)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, beans, beans & cheese (MK), cheese (MK), tuna mayo (f)(E)
Other Option	Cheese Baguette (G)(MK)	Fish Fingers Wholemeal Roll (G)(F)	Egg mayo Bread Roll (G)(E)	Tuna Bread Roll (G)(MK)	Pastry Sausage Roll (G)(MK)(E)
Dessert	Swiss Roll (G)(E) Fruit, yogurt (MK)	Fruit Muffin (G)(E)(MK) Fruit, yogurt (MK)	Chocolate chip cookies (G)(SO)(E)(MK) Fruit or Yogurt (MK)	Ice Cream (MK) Fruit, yogurt (MK)	Banoffee Pie (G)(MK)(SO) Fruit, yogurt (MK)
All Jacket Potatoes and Bread Rolls have a side salad. A slice of baguette is available to accompany the main meal.					

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### Larks and Owls

Please see below the schedule for this half-terms Larks and Owls.

Please book via the Arbor App/Portal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>13/01/24</b> Cooking: Cookies	<b>14/01/25</b> Craft, music	<b>15/01/25</b> Free play	<b>16/01/25</b> Prestige Sports Dodge ball	<b>17/01/25</b> Forest Experience
<b>20/01/25</b> Cooking: Butternut squash & sweet potato soup	<b>21/01/25</b> Craft, music and board game night	<b>22/01/25</b> Movie	<b>23/01/25</b> Prestige Sports Archery	<b>24/01/25</b> Forest Experience
<b>27/01/24</b> Cooking: Wraps with different fillings	<b>28/01/25</b> Craft, music	<b>29/01/25</b> Free Play	<b>30/01/25</b> Prestige Sports Nerf fun	<b>31/01/25</b> Forest Experience
<b>03/02/25</b> Cooking: Bread rolls with rosemary and honey	<b>4/02/25</b> Craft, music and board game night	<b>5/02/25</b> Movie	<b>6/02/25</b> Prestige Sports Football	<b>7/02/25</b> Forest Experience
<b>10/2/24</b> Cooking: Smoothies	<b>11/02/25</b> Craft, music	<b>12/02/25</b> Free Play	<b>13/02/25</b> Prestige Sports Laser tag	<b>14/02/25</b> Forest Experience



### Celebrating Achievement at Burrough Green

Every Monday, in our assembly, we recognise and celebrate children who have shown evidence of our school value Aspiration, Resilience and Kindness.

This week's ARK children are:

Malala Class	Ozzy – Arlo - Rex
Einstein Class	Mia – Archie - Vinnie
Teresa Class	Harvey – Charlie - Lunaire



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