



Dear Parents and Carers

Hello again everyone. My journey to work takes around 35 minutes and it gives me a chance to reflect on life at Burrough Green, the wider community and indeed all over the world. There are so many conflicts going on in 2023 (a quick 'Google' will reveal the full extent), whether it is Israel - Hamas, Ethiopia or Yemen it is truly sad to see. On a lighter note Christmas is in full effect. I see Newmarket has its light switch on today (17th) and Ben's Yard near Ely is already lit up. Wherever you all chose to celebrate the onset of the festive season, do it safely and kindly.

Year 5 and 6 are off on their residential trip next week and excitement is rising here. Staff are prepared and are looking forward to the experience. These trips really are the stuff of memories – if I look back at my schooling (slates had just been replaced by paper – hahaha), pretty much all I can remember from my time are the trips and events that happened on them. They represent an excellent opportunity for the children to grow and develop in readiness for their next school. I am sure you will join me in wishing them a most excellent time.

Jordan Catchpole

Last Monday, Burrough Green has been inspired by Jordan Catchpole MBE. He is a British Paralympic swimmer from Beccles in Suffolk. He won gold in the S14 mixed 4 x 100m freestyle relay at the delayed 2021 Summer Paralympics in Tokyo. He spoke to the whole school, answering questions about his sport, lifestyle and his autism. In my 28 years of teaching, this was one of the most inspiring schools visits I have ever seen - his quest for excellence over adversity is just the message the children of Burrough Green need and all of them realise that there is literally nothing that can stand in the way of their individual dreams and aspirations. Mrs Moxom did an excellent organising this event which raised over £500 towards Jordan's training fees and living expenses. To see the children actually training with an Olympic athlete was tremendous. I am sure you would like to join me in wishing Jordan good luck in his quest for multiple gold medals at the 2024 Paralympics in Paris. We will be keeping a close eye on his progress.

Remembrance

Thank you to those of you that came to our service in the church on the 10th November. The children had a chance to remember and learn about why make this a yearly event. The speech by Robbie Dow on why we wear a poppy was perfectly pitched for the children and those that I spoke to afterwards could remember the reasons. A big thank you to Robbie for giving up his time to be with us.

Parent Communication

This week, I have had many parents tell me about things that may affect their learning at school. This is amazing and thank you – anything at all, please, please tell us – either via email through the office, Class Dojo or Tapestry – if there has been any change in circumstance to your children. This may be simply telling us they have had Calpol (other children's medicines are available!), a bad night's sleep or that something else has happened that may affect them at school. It will help us to provide the best possible education and care for your child and strengthen the partnership between us all. Thank you.

Nuts

Unfortunately nuts were seen on the school premises earlier this week. This is a polite reminder that we have children in school with a nut allergy and that we are a nut free school. Thank you.

That's all from me this week.

Have a restful weekend and we will all see you next week.

David Sandford

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Keystage 2 Run

On Wednesday we had 23 pupils take part in SCSSP Small Schools Cross Country, at Milton Country Park. They followed the Junior Park Run course, and showed tremendous resilience – especially as it was the first time some have run that distance in a competition. Some of our seasoned runners attempted to beat their personal best from before. Congratulations to our Year 6 Boys who came 2nd in their category!

If your child would like to take part in the Junior Park Run, on a Sunday, click the link below for details <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/cambridge-juniors/>

ELSA

This term, you may have heard people in school talking about ELSA and wondered what they meant. Is ELSA a pupil who started this term, or maybe a new member of staff? In fact, ELSA stands for Emotional Literacy Support Assistant and we now have two of these at Burrough Green.

Emotional literacy is all about recognising, naming and managing our emotions. Just like other kinds of literacy, some people find it easier than others, but it is something which all of us need to learn. Mrs Brown and Mrs Pizey have completed training to become ELSAs and are now using their skills daily to develop the emotional literacy of pupils in school. This might mean helping with de-escalation when pupils are having a disagreement, or knowing what to say (and what not to say) when someone is upset.

Sometimes a pupil can be going through a rough time in their life and finding it particularly difficult to understand and regulate their emotions. When this happens, it has an impact on other aspects of their learning and relationships. With parental consent, class teachers can refer a pupil for short-term 1:1 ELSA sessions, administered through the SENDCo, Mrs Kelly. Our ELSAs then use child-friendly methods to give pupils the space and tools they need to get through a challenging time. We are very pleased to have welcomed ELSA into our school!

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Next Week's Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Hot dogs made with premium sausages in a hot dog roll (G)(SO)	Chicken pasta in tomato sauce (G)(MK)	Ham and cheese omelette (MK)(E)	Homemade beef meatballs with pasta and tomato sauce (G)(E)	Fish finger (F)(O)
Meat Free	Plant based sausage (G)(SO)(SD)	Halloumi fajitas (G)(MK)	Pizza – Margarita (G)(MK)	Butternut squash risotto (G)	Falafel pitta with Tzatziki (G)(MK)
Side dish	Homemade potato wedges, sweetcorn, peas	Carrots, broccoli	Baked beans, sweetcorn	Carrots, broccoli	Chips (G), baked beans, peas
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna mayo</i> (F)(E), <i>beans, beans & cheese</i> (MK), <i>cheese</i> (MK)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna mayo</i> (F)(E), <i>beans, beans & cheese</i> (MK), <i>cheese</i> (MK)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna sweetcorn and mayo</i> (F)(E), <i>beans, beans & cheese</i> (MK), <i>cheese</i> (MK)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna mayo</i> (F)(E), <i>beans, beans & cheese</i> (MK), <i>cheese</i> (MK)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna mayo</i> (F)(E), <i>beans, beans & cheese</i> (MK), <i>cheese</i> (MK)
Baguette	Baguette (G) Choice of, <i>tuna mayo</i> (F)(E), <i>cheese</i> (MK) or <i>ham</i>	Baguette (G) Choice of, <i>tuna mayo</i> (F)(E), <i>egg mayo</i> (E) or <i>ham</i>	Baguette (G) Choice of, <i>tuna mayo</i> (F)(E), <i>cheese</i> (MK) or <i>egg mayo</i> (E)	Baguette (G) Choice of, <i>tuna mayo</i> (F)(E), <i>cheese</i> (MK) or <i>ham</i>	Baguette (G) Choice of, <i>tuna mayo</i> (F)(E), <i>cheese</i> (MK) or <i>egg mayo</i> (E)
Dessert	Chocolate chip cookies (G)(SO)(E), Fruit or Yogurt (MK)	Fruit crumble with custard or ice cream (G)(MK) Fruit or Yogurt (MK)	Banana Muffins (MK)(G)(E), Fruit or Yogurt (MK)	Chocolate brownie (E) (G)(MK)(SO) Fruit or Yogurt (MK)	Fruit sponge, (G)(G)(MK) Fruit or Yogurt (MK)

Allergen Key: Celery (C), Cereals (G), Crustaceans (CR), Egg (E), Fish (F), Lupin (L), Milk (MK), Molluscs (MS), Mustard (MU), Nuts (N), Peanuts (P), Sesame Seeds (SE), Soya (SO), Sulphur Dioxide/Sulphites (SD)



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	Arlo – Dotty - Eva
Einstein Class	Aoife – George - Flora
Teresa Class	Amy – Finlay – (Ruhana – Gee – Dani)
Obama Class	Arthur – Lottie - JP



Upcoming Events

Please make sure you check our [school calendar](#) to stay up-to-date with information about future events, term dates, training days etc

PTA News

We had our Bag2School collection today! A massive thank you to all the parents, grandparents, friends and family for all your donations!

We have gathered 154 bags!!! That's roughly 2.5 bags per child!

We will update you as soon as we know how much we have raised.



Children in Need.

I'm sure all the children enjoyed coming to school in non-uniform today - thank you for all your donations to such a great cause. We raised a total of £70.

Elfridges Friday 8 December.

The elves have been incredibly busy making Christmas presents for the children of Burrough Green to buy for their family. This year we will have presents on sale for parents/carers, grandparents, siblings and pets. Every Christmas gift will be only **£1 per present**, and your child can buy something for everyone in your family if you so choose. Please can your child bring the correct amount of money on the day.

(For the younger children, you are welcome to put their money in an envelope with instructions, as we will help them)

The children will then be wrapping all their Christmas shopping in class, before going home that day, so **please could we ask for donations of Christmas wrapping paper** (which can be dropped off in the school office). Thank you so much.

Also on this date- **Christmas school disco!!!**

There will be adult refreshments available in the reading room "whilst you wait" and a nearly new sale of school uniform. If you wish to bring in uniform to 'trade in' then please ensure it is newly washed, thank you.

More details for both events to follow.

Have a great weekend!

Hannah & the PTFA team

Don't forget to use the "Easy Fundraising" and "My School Fund" when you are doing your shopping!



Easyfundraising.org –There are lots of retailers and service providers on the list, businesses you normally shop with anyway. Even if you log into your favourite retailer through the app half way through, it saves your basket, so you don't have to do anything different. Try it, it really does make a difference <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>



My School Fund

In association with Argos and Sainsbury's, we have a new way to fundraise for the school when you are shopping. Every time you make a purchase, both you and BG benefit with cashback. A flyer is attached to this email. Click on the link to register as an individual and link your account to the school. <https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/>