



Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year to everyone – I truly hope it brings you all much happiness and joy.

Already there is lots happening at Burrough Green. Pupils are working hard and staff have prepared many interesting topics and work schemes for the children to enjoy. You can now find all the information you need about our new curriculum on our brand new website. Feedback I've had so far has been very positive – as always, if you cannot find what you are looking for, please contact the school office. We do understand there are a few issues with the website when viewed on a mobile phone and we are working hard to resolve this. With this in mind, please note that the eSchools app will no longer function and you may delete from your devices.

### **Academisation**

By now you will have received a letter from our Governing Body regarding Burrough Green joining ACT Academy Trust. I firmly believe this will not only secure the long term future of Burrough Green, but provide the support for us to flourish. I could not be more positive about this development in the school's journey and hope you all are too.

The reality is that there will absolutely no change for children or parents. It will still be Burrough Green School! Staff will be able to support and be supported by other colleagues, making our professional network bigger which means the children, if anything, will benefit more. Resources can be shared which again has nothing but positive benefits. It is an exciting time.

As the letter indicated, Alison Anderson, the CEO of ACT, governors and myself will be available on the 24<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm for your questions. The reason for giving you all 2 weeks 'notice' before the meeting – the letter went out on the 10<sup>th</sup> January in an envelope, it is also on the school website under the parents / letters tab - was so you had a proper amount of time to consider this development and to formulate your questions as I'm sure you will have many.

### **New Reading Spine**

Last Monday (the 8<sup>th</sup>), we introduced our new reading spine. We wanted to give reading a higher priority in school and teachers were tasked with finding 6 books (including 1 poetry and 1 one non-fiction) for each year group. Teachers thought hard about the types of books to include. This project was part funded by the Elizabeth March Charity from Brinkley who made us an incredibly generous donation of £500. Each year group has 3 copies of each text, so there will be plenty of opportunity throughout the school year for every children to read these wonderful books. There will be awards at the end of the year for children who read all 6 books!

Below is a complete list of the books for each year group and the authors – in case your children are super inspired and want to read more by the same author!

### **Year 6**

Goodnight Mr Tom – Michelle Magorian

How Everything Works – Dorling Kindersley

Shadow Jumper – JM Forster

Funky Chickens – Benjamin Zephaniah

Armistice Runner – Tom Palmer

The Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

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### **Year 5**

Tom's Midnight Garden – Philippa Pearce  
Wonder – RJ Palacio  
Arctic Star – Tom Palmer  
Bright Bursts Of Colour – Matt Goodfellow and Aleksei Bitskoff  
Factopia – Kate Hale and Andy Smith  
Which Way To Anywhere – Cressida Cowell

### **Year 4**

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe – CS Lewis  
The Great Chocoplot – Chris Callaghan  
The Barnabus Project – The Fan Brothers  
Shackleton's Journey – William Grill  
How To Train Your Dragon – Cressida Cowell  
Welcome To My Crazy Life – Joshua Seigal and Chris Piascik

### **Year 3**

Puffin Brilliant Book Of Poetry  
Three Cheers For Inventors – Marcia Williams  
The World According To Humphrey – Betty G Birney  
The Creakers – Tom Fletcher  
The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark – Jill Tomlinson  
Planet Omar, Accidental Trouble Magnet – Zainab Mian

### **Year 2**

Brittanica First Book Of Why – Sally Simes  
A First Big Book Of Poetry – Pie Corbett  
The Adventures Of Captain Underpants – Dav Pilkey  
Don't Look In This Book – Samuel Langley Swain  
Speak Up – Nathan Byron  
The Dragon Sitter – Josh Lacey

### **Year 1**

A Ticket To Kalamazoo – James Carter  
A Big Book Of Beasts – Yuval Zommer  
Rabbit And Bear – Julian Gough and Jim Field  
Super Duper You – Sophie Henn  
Look Up – Nathan Byron  
Narwhal – Ben Clanton

### **EYFS**

My Village Rhymes From Around The World – Danielle Wright and Mique Moriuchi  
Billy And The Beast – Nadia Shireen  
William Bee's Wonderful Things That Go – William Bee  
You Choose Fairy Tales – Pippa Goodheart and Nick Sharratt  
The Storm Whale – Benji Davis  
The Goat And The Stoat And The Boat – Em Lynas and Matt Hunt

### **Start to the Day**

At Burrough Green we are very much trying to make the absolute most of every school day  
Our school gates open at 8.40am – from 8.45am there will be learning opportunities in all  
classrooms for the children. We would very much like the children into school as soon as possible so

that they do not miss out the early learning opportunities that are provided. Teachers will stop work for a few minutes to take the register at 9am. These 15 minutes a day (8.45am – 9am) equate to 1.25 hours a week, which equates to just over 48 hours every academic year (almost 2 whole school weeks). These numbers – to me anyway – show how important it is that the children take every opportunity they can to develop as learners. Arriving at later than 8.45 will mean children **may** be walking into a formal setting/situation.

There are a few dates upcoming for parents!

**Live Reading Lessons! – PARENT PARTICIPATION!**

**Come and see how your children learn to read, experience a whole class reading session**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – EINSTEIN READING LESSON (9.00am – 9.45am)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January – TERESA READING LESSON (9.00am – 9.45am)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January – MALALA READING LESSON (9.00am – 9.45am)

In case you are wondering, OBAMA had their lesson on the 12<sup>th</sup> (today) and parents were notified by Dojo for this.

That is about all from me this week.

Have a tremendous weekend and see you all next week

To see what's been happening at BGPS, please visit our (brand new) [website](#) and our [Twitter](#) feed.

David Sandford

Click [here](#) to access the booking form for larks and Owls Wrap-Around Care

**Accessing our Parent Portal**

With our new website comes new features. As mentioned, eSchools no longer support our website. To book parents evenings etc, we will need you to set up your account details. An email from noreply@burroughgreen.juniperwebsites.co.uk will have been sent to your email address – please check your junk boxes – inviting you to create a password for your account.

**Logging in**

You can access our Parent Portal at any time using this link:

[Access the Parent Portal](#)

You will be prompted to login by entering your email address and password. If you have not yet set your password, you can request a password reset email by clicking 'Forgot your password'. You should use the email address you have registered with us.

**What will you see?**

Once you are logged in you will be able to access information about your child(ren), communications from the school and other useful information we choose share. When it is time to book parents' evening appointments, you will be able to do this through the portal.

## Next Week's Menu

|                     | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   |
|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Main Meal</b>    | Homemade Chicken Nuggets (G)(MK)(E)  | Carbonara (MK)(E)(G)   | Pizza - Pepperoni (G)(MK)  | Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding (MK)(E)(G)  | Fish finger (G)(F)   |
| <b>Meat Free</b>    | Vegetable Risotto (G)  | Pasta in Tomato Sauce with Cheese topping (MK)(G)  | Pizza – Margarita (G)(MK)  | Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire pudding (MK)(E)(G)   | Spanish omelette - made with egg, potato and onion (E)(MK)   |
| <b>Side dish</b>    | Homemade potato wedges, beans & peas   | Broccoli, Sweetcorn  | Peas, carrots  | Roast potatoes, Cauliflower Cheese(MK) Carrots   | Chips, beans, sweetcorn  |
| <b>Other option</b> | Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna mayo (f)(E), beans, beans &amp; cheese(MK), cheese (MK)</i> | Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna mayo (f)(E), beans, beans &amp; cheese(MK), cheese (MK)</i> | Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna sweetcorn and mayo (f)(E), beans, beans &amp; cheese(MK), cheese (MK)</i> | Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna mayo (f)(E), beans, beans &amp; cheese(MK), cheese (MK)</i> | Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, <i>tuna mayo (f)(E), beans, beans &amp; cheese(MK), cheese (MK)</i> |
|                     | Baguette (G)<br>Choice of, <i>tuna mayo (F)(E), cheese (MK) or ham</i>                                     | Baguette (G)<br>Choice of, <i>tuna mayo (F)(E), egg mayo (E) or ham</i>                                    | Baguette (G)<br>Choice of, <i>tuna mayo (F)(E), cheese (MK) or egg mayo (M)</i>  | <i>No Baguettes</i>  | Baguette (G)<br>Choice of, <i>tuna mayo (F)(E), cheese (MK) or egg mayo (E)</i>                            |
| <b>Dessert</b>      | Flapjack(G)<br>Fruit, yogurt(MK)   | Fudge Tart(G)(MK),<br>Fruit, yogurt(MK)  | Jam sponge pudding and custard(E)(G)(MK),<br>Fruit, yogurt(MK)   | Cookies(G)(E)(MK),<br>Fruit, yogurt(MK)  | <del>Banoffee</del><br>pie(G)(MK)(SO),<br>Fruit, yogurt(MK)  |

1.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   | Archie – Vinnie - Oliver       |
| Einstein Class | Solomon – Tallulah - Eloise    |
| Teresa Class   | Bodhi – Timmy - Lunaire        |
| Obama Class    | Oliver – George – Ben - Sienna |



## 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

Happy New Year to you all!

After a successful and busy Christmas period with activities for the BG children, we have a **PTA Meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm** in the school.

We have lots of ideas and would love to hear what you think or for you to bring more fun and ideas to the table. We would like to see more parents involved and join us with fundraising for our children.

See you there!

**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/#/>

### **Amazon Wish Lists**

A big thank you to parents who have brought items from the wish lists, it is very much appreciated that you are supporting the school. You can find our wish lists here:

Class 1: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3NPNW0VXC5B5L/ref=cm\\_go\\_nav\\_hz](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3NPNW0VXC5B5L/ref=cm_go_nav_hz)

Class 2: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1G7U68RHVFQ87?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1G7U68RHVFQ87?ref=wl_share)

Class 3: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/DT99H5C97OM9?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/DT99H5C97OM9?ref=wl_share)

Class 4: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/IR87MQS5XAYJ?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/IR87MQS5XAYJ?ref=wl_share)

SEND: [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/13UO05HZ9BPYF?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/13UO05HZ9BPYF?ref=wl_share)