



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to an exciting New Year, I hope that you all had an enjoyable and restful break. Thank you for all the kind wishes that have been passed to me in my new role and for making me feel so welcome in your school. I really do consider it a privilege to be Head Teacher of such a friendly and welcoming school.

As I have begun to meet the children they have greeted me with enthusiasm and keenness as they have talked about their learning, friends and school (and of course their Christmas holidays!). I have already seen some fantastic teaching and some very enthusiastic singing of the song 'Magic Penny' on my first day!

My vision for education is very much about the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum, which is underpinned with rich experiences and activities that motivate and inspire children. I feel strongly that Burton Green CofE Primary School already offers this and I only want to continue to develop and enhance this good work.

I hope to continue working with the whole school community to build on your successes and retain the special feel the school already has. I look forward to meeting you all as the term develops.

Andrew Morris

**There will be no celebration assembly this week due to a demonstration being run by 'Cooking Club'. I look forward to celebrating your children's successes next week in this very special assembly.**

## **Class Highlights of the Week:**

**Maple Class:** We are very excited by our new dinosaur topic and have discovered a mysterious egg! We are busy exploring what could be inside it!

**Cedar Class:** We have enjoyed reading stories with the same illustrator and using our imagination to write our own.

**Damson Class:** We have been learning about what rainforests are and where in the world they are. In literacy, we have been listening to short mystery stories.

**Oak Class:** We have started to recognise the importance of flashbacks in films and books - by analysing the Harry Potter series. In RE we are thinking about choices we make.

## **Newsletter Delivery.**

The newsletter goes out every Wednesday. We try to publish before lunch so that you are aware if your child has any awards and you wish to attend 'Achievement Assembly' at 9.05 on Thursday.

This is sent out by email. Please ensure we have your current email address. If you would like a paper copy instead please let us know.

## **A COUPLE OF REMINDERS**

### **Reading**

We would appreciate it if you would encourage your child to read for a short time each evening. This is an important and essential aspect of their homework that impacts directly on their progress.

It is essential that the children bring their reading books back to school each day along with their reading diary.

### **Mathletics**

The use of Mathletics by many children has been particularly successful over the past year. We have noticed that children who regularly access 'Mathletics Live' develop quicker and more confident recall of essential basic skills and grow in confidence as mathematicians.

### **Volunteers in School**

We appreciate parents volunteering to help in the classroom in all sorts of ways from hearing children read, supporting swimming and trips, and sharing your skills on special days. Please contact your class teacher if you are able to get involved.

This year, as part of our safeguarding responsibilities, we need to ask you to complete an application form, read our safeguarding policies and complete a Disclosure and Barring application.

All parents offering lifts for trips including sports fixtures to children other than their own must complete a volunteer driver form.

### **Fruit at Break times**

Fruit is available to all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. Any children in the other years that wish to have a snack will need to bring one from home.

### **Burton Green Bonus**

**Contact Mrs Caz Thompson 07580 253402 between 7am and 7pm daily.**

Burton Green Bonus is activity-based provision which we believe offers a wide range of variety and whilst we endeavour to give as much notice as possible if a club is cancelled sometimes circumstances beyond our control do occur and we apologise for any inconvenience. Some activities are subject to 'Supply and Demand' pressures and clubs where less than 6 people have booked will not run.

Mrs Thompson is available by email on [thompson.c2@welearn365.com](mailto:thompson.c2@welearn365.com) or via the school telephone number 024 7646 4130 or send a text on the mobile number above.

### **Burton Green Bonus - Booking and Payment**

We continue to have ever increasing demands for Before and After School Activities. This means that places for all clubs need to be booked in advance and school notified if your child is not attending a club when they are expected. Should you need to collect your child from a club earlier than the normal finish time please let Mrs Thompson know beforehand so arrangements can be made.

Booking forms are always sent out a few weeks before the end of term to allow plenty of time for booking. If you know that you need an activity on a particular evening it is essential that you book a place immediately by sending the completed form back to Mrs Thompson via the school office. We cannot guarantee places if you do not do this as we arrange staffing to certain adult-child ratios dependent on activities.

### **Friends of Burton Green Making a difference!**

The next meeting of the Friends of Burton Green School is **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 8pm at the Virgins and Castle, Kenilworth.**

**All welcome to come along and input fundraising ideas!**

## School dates for your diary...

January	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Cookery Assembly, no Celebration assembly today
17 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming starts again for Damson Class 8:00pm - Friends of Burton Green School meeting, Virgins and Castle, Kenilworth - All welcome!
18 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Art day
February	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Last swim for Damson Class
16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Drama Assembly "Digital Dilemma" <b>Break up for half term</b>
<i>Half Term</i>	
26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Children return to School</b>
28 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming time trials for Oak Class
March	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Experience at Coventry Cathedral, Year 2, (Joint Green Leek trip)
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - Dance Assembly
28 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Art day
29 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am - Easter Assembly 10:30am - 1:30pm Easter Eggstravaganza (Parents Welcome) <b>Break up for Easter</b>
<i>Easter Holiday</i>	
April	
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Children return to School</b>