

Burrough Green Church of England Primary School

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Dear parents and carers

As I write this morning the fog is swirling around the car park and I am reminded of the passage I read last Friday during collective worship,

'There is a right time for everything. Everything on earth has its special season.' Ecclesiastes 3.1.

Autumn has definitely arrived and this week the children have enjoyed playing in the fallen leaves during one warm, sunny, lunchtime followed the next day by a rainy lunchtime session indoors. On Monday afternoon we were all treated to an unusually dark red sky as the children made their way home.

As a school we all enjoyed our annual Harvest Festival celebration at St Augustine's two weeks ago. Thank you to all of you who came to join us and to everyone who donated items for Jimmy's Cambridge. It was lovely to meet our new Vicar, the Rev Nicky Mann and I think you'll agree that the children's singing was great.

I was lucky enough to be able to accompany Miss Pledger and Class 4 to Ely Cathedral this half-term. The theme was India and St Thomas who travelled there. All our children were involved in learning some Indian dance and some were involved in the drama that was presented to the 500 children



there during the lively presentation from Bishop Stephen. It was a very enjoyable day and our children



behaved really well throughout the day. It was also lovely for staff to catch up with a previous Burrough Green Head, Stephen Dennington who has volunteered regularly at the Cathedral ever since his retirement.



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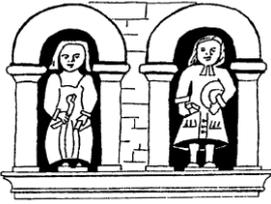
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Class 3 have been working hard on their Stone Age topic and have been enjoying reading the book *Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. They have then gone on to write some fantastic stories of their own set in the Stone Age. Class 3 have also been learning how to dance interpretively during their Friday PE session with Mrs Sheldrake, as they listen to music conveying the atmosphere of 'Cold Places.' There have been some lovely 'penguins' and 'snowflakes' waddling and gliding respectively around the hall!



In Class 2 I have seen some fantastic work going on this half-term. I have enjoyed looking at a range of Maths books from across the school and was particularly impressed with the quality and standard of the work produced by children in Class 2. It is lovely to see children developing their confidence as the term goes on and I have just had a lovely chat with some children who were telling me all about their Science topic, Materials, and how they have been putting different materials in water to see which are waterproof.

Last week I spent an afternoon in Class 1 and enjoyed singing with the children as well as supporting them in their learning. They too were looking at waterproof materials and we spent time immersing different types of footwear in water and discussing which were best at keeping our feet dry! Class 1 have also been developing their cooking skills and I was treated to some delightful cheese straws last Friday.



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Below is a list of upcoming events for the next half-term. Can I draw your attention particularly to the dates for Parent Consultations in November –this will be a time for you to discuss the learning attitude of your child and how they are progressing in class. Also the Christmas Shoe Boxes for the Operation Christmas Child (see letter) from Miss Leggett and accompanying leaflet need to be in school by 3rd November. Gathering items for this box and talking through the reasons why it is good to support a charity would be an excellent half-term activity for you and your family. Having done it with my own children in the past, I do recommend you make the older children cover the shoebox with wrapping paper themselves. Present wrapping is an excellent 'life-skill.'

In closing I would also like to say that staff and governors at Burrough Green are consistently reviewing our Safeguarding and Health and Safety procedures, to ensure that safeguarding remains a priority.

All in all the children at Burrough Green have made an excellent start to the academic year and they should be proud of the effort they put into their learning. I hope you all have a restful and relaxing half-term enjoying the seasonal delights autumn has to offer.

Yours etc.

(Madeline Vosper)



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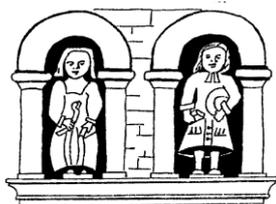
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Dates for your diary

Monday, 30th October - school opens

Thursday, 2nd November, 3.15–5.30 p.m. – High 5's Netball Tournament, LVC

Monday, 6th November, 3.45-6pm – Parent Consultations

Wednesday, 8th November – Individual/siblings photographs

Wednesday, 8th November, 3.45-6pm – Parent Consultations

Friday, 10th November 9.15am – Remembrance Service, Burrough Green Church

Monday, 13th November – Vision testing (Reception children only)

Wednesday, 22nd November – Flu vaccinations (Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Friday, 24th November, 2pm-3.45pm – School Open Afternoon

Friday, 1st December 9.15am – Advent Service – Burrough Green Church

Monday, 4th December – Thursday 7th December – Bikeability (registered year 5's)

Friday, 8th December – No celebration assembly

Friday, 8th December – Christingle Service (children only)

Wednesday, 13th December, 2pm & 6pm – KS1 Nativity

Thursday, 14th December – Christmas Lunch

Monday, 18th December – Class parties

Tuesday, 19th December 2pm – Carol Service, Burrough Green Church

Wednesday, 20th December – Tuesday, 2nd January, 2018 Christmas Holidays

Wednesday, 3rd January – School Closed – Staff Training

Thursday, 4th January – School Opens

