

Dear Parents and Carers

During the last half term there have been lots of sporting events (athletics, running, cricket and sports day) and the children have been enjoying their swimming lessons. The choir sang beautifully at the church in Stetchworth and at the village fete. Y6 have had hoodies, a camp-out and a leaver's ceremony. I think the children are looking forward to their summer break almost as much as the teachers are!

As we say farewell to some cherished members of the school community, we can reflect on the challenges of facing change in our lives. When the time came for Jesus to leave his friends, he asked them to remember what they had learned from him and share it with others. He said, "Remember, I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20) I hope that those leaving us today will take the values of our school out into the world as they make their next steps; that they will remember us; and that a part of them will forever be Burrough Green School.

School opens again on Thursday 6th September. Have an enjoyable and restful break.

Anna Hayesmore and staff

News and Dates

School Motto Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered. There were some fantastic suggestions, and the governors and I had an emotional meeting to narrow down the list to two possibilities. The final choice was left to the school council who chose Luke's entry – "Working together to discover and learn". Well done Luke! We also very impressed by Bella's suggestion of "Shaping the heart and future of the Community" and so this also will form part of the new signage at the front of the school.

Morning routine

In September, in order to encourage a calm start to the day, we will be changing our morning routine to more closely mirror the home-time routine. Children in Classes 2, 3 and 4 should come into school through the entrance from which Classes 3 and 4 are currently dismissed at the end of the day. Class 1 children should come in through the side door (from where they are normally collected). These doors will be opened at 8:45 and remain open until 8:55. Parents/carers should bring their child onto school premises between 8:45 and 8:55 (a rolling start) and accompany them to the appropriate door. All children should be in their seats and ready to work by 9:00, when the register will be called. Children should not be at school before 8:45, when the doors open. Initially, parents of reception children may come into school to help their children with their bags. There will be a teacher or TA at each door if you have messages for class teachers (such as alternative home-time arrangements). Anyone arriving after 8:55 will be marked as late, and should go to the office. Ms Nicholson kindly volunteers her time to run a walking bus that meets on the green. This will continue in September, meeting at 8:35 to leave at 8:40.

Lunches

From September we will be using TnS for our catering. Hopefully some of you had the opportunity to take menus after school yesterday. TnS were chosen to provide our meals following the announced closure of CCS. I am sure that the quality of the new provision will be better, and the children will enjoy the fresh ingredients used. I know that I am looking forward to some tasty menus next year. Attached to this newsletter is a menu for next term.

A reminder that if your child is moving from Year 2 into Year 3 you will lose the Universal Infant Free School Meals grant and therefore will need to pay for meals that your child takes. Currently this is £2.30 per day.

Can all parents of junior children, please ensure that you check your Sims Agora account and top up your account for meals during the holidays. Thank you.

Snack time/Milk

KS1 (Reception/Year 1/Year 2) children will continue to receive a piece of fruit at snack time. KS2 children (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6) can bring in a piece of fruit to have at break time if you so wish.

All children under 5 years of age will receive a free carton of milk. If your child is over 5 and you wish them to have a carton of milk please apply to www.coolmilk.com

Are you interested in sport/ physical activity? Would you like to help run a sports activity/club? Do you hold a sports coaching qualification or would you like to gain a sports coaching qualification?

We are looking for adults to help run sports activities/clubs for our pupils. This could be in anything from tag rugby, tennis, netball, running, football, dance or cricket for example. Activities may take place either before school, at lunchtimes or after-school and could run for just 4-6 weeks or longer.

So, if you have an interest in sport, hold a sports coaching qualification or would just be interested in helping out we would like to hear from you. Please get in touch with Miss Leggett or Ms Hayesmore through the school office.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 6th September: School reopens