

The BuGle

July 17

Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends,

In thinking about what to write in my final BuGle I fell upon another TED Talk, this time about the visionary Elon Musk. He is just the sort of person that feels threatening to some people's sense of certainty with a radically altered world view. Visionaries (some may call them prophets) do that kind of thing. If anything should be learned about recent political events it is that there are a large number of people who don't like what their world has become and see any radical change as confusing and disorientating; something unlikely to have their best interests at heart and something they fundamentally don't understand.

But consider this. If nothing changes we all lose. There are big problems that need big solutions: people-centred solutions and Elon Musk might just be someone who can help to find them.

If you haven't heard of Elon Musk he is the person that brought us PayPal, SpaceX and Tesla. He brought us the rocket that could land and a new generation of electric supercars. He is a pioneer of sustainable technologies, and while governments and fossil fuel cranks argue about climate change he is part of a larger movement of designers, industrialists and entrepreneurs working to overcome threats to our very existence. Thank God, I say.

Although none of us are likely to afford a Tesla any time soon that would be to miss the point. The research and development of these new technologies is where the potential lies

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for the evolution of cheaper versions in future. Research into electricity storage and supply is also pushing back at the boundaries of affordable implementation of these technologies. There is hope in innovation of this sort, so don't despair.

Musk himself was asked about why he dreamed these incredible dreams and took such big risks with the wealth he had built up from his various enterprises. In a disarmingly humble way he admitted to having no good answer to the question, but that he worked hard. Perhaps more usefully for this short article, he also alluded to the fact that he is not afraid of the future, but embraces its opportunities. He is excited by the different challenges our existence presents and wants more people to look forward and not back.

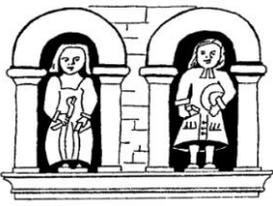
Read that as you will, but I just want to say I'm with Elon Musk in this sense. Just as I celebrate the visionaries of the past that have helped bring us all to this point in history I am excited about the possibilities of the future.

And now for something completely different.

School Lunches – Meal Price from September 2017

Please note that the price of a paid school meal will increase by 5p (to £2.30) from September (with all children in Reception and KS1 still entitled to a free meal).

Our popular school lunches remain excellent value for money and help improve children's concentration in the afternoon. This modest office@burroughgreen.cambs.sch.uk



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increase is the first for two years and helps the school to operate a viable, safe and well managed catering service, whilst maintaining good quality ingredients and healthy menus.

If your child has a medical condition and has special dietary needs, our Caterer, CCS, is able to help. Please visit their website www.cambridgeshireccs.co.uk.

School Choir

I am very grateful to one of our Governors, Anthea Kenna, for getting the school choir off the ground this year, after many years without one. Choir members will be aware of the letter she sent out to their parents thanking them for their participation, but I think it would be fitting to share this with you all.

“Having completed our choir rehearsals for this term, I just wished to say how much I have enjoyed working with the children during the academic year. It has been a pleasure to see the choir develop a balanced sound with improved tone and diction. There are many beautiful voices within the membership, which were evident in the wonderful performance at the concert in Dullingham. I received many positive comments about the choir’s performance and those who had heard the choir at the Carol Service remarked how much progress had been made.

May I thank you for your support and wish you all a restful holiday. I look forward to resuming the rehearsals in September.”

Diary Dates

4-5.9.17 Professional Days: school closed
6.9.17 School Re opens for autumn term.

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Final Words

It has been a tremendous opportunity for me to do something really worthwhile over the last 9 years. To say I enjoyed every moment of it would be wrong, but I have gained so much from the experience and it has been incredibly fulfilling, both personally and professionally. A lot of words have been said over that time, but the simplest and truest of these would be, “Thank you: I wish you all the best.”

From myself, Miss Atherton, Mrs England all the Year 6 pupils and anyone else who’s leaving, have a lovely summer!

Finally: something to think about. The importance of this week’s value, Forgiveness, to our well-being is suitably summarised by these wise words.

“Forgiveness liberates the soul. It removes fear. That’s why it is such a powerful weapon.” Nelson Mandela.

“If you forgive others for the things they do wrong, then your Father in heaven will also forgive you for the things you do wrong.”
Matthew 6:14

And my personal favourite:

“Love is patient; love is kind; love envies no-one; love does not boast; it is not quick to take offence; it keeps no score of wrongs...It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” 1 Corinthians 13: 4-5;7

Remember this.

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