



# Burrowmoor News

Week ending 25.11.22

*Opening up the world for our children and families.*

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week at school, we have continued to focus on improving the provision for our children at lunchtimes. We have introduced zones on the Key Stage Two playground to ensure that the activities that we are providing for children are well-organised and safe. We have introduced a quiet zone to the playground where children can read or colour in a calm atmosphere and the feedback from children on this zone has been very positive. It is now proving to be a popular area on the playground and, due to this, we are considering how we can introduce a lunchtime club for children who would like to read, colour or draw in a calm, quiet environment.

In Year One, the children have completed their second phonics screening of the year having taken the first one in September. We are pleased to report that the children have made some fantastic progress in this area and that they are developing great confidence with their reading. Well done to Year One and to the adults working with the children to secure this great progress.

With Christmas fast approaching, as you will see below, there are lots of seasonal events taking place in school over the next three weeks so please do check the dates at the end of the newsletter for these.

We hope that you enjoy the March Christmas light switch on this weekend if you attend.

Miss. Candish

Head of School

## **Christmas Cracker**

The children in Year 5 and 6 are extremely busy preparing for the school's Christmas Cracker event. This will be held in the main hall on Wednesday 14th December. It will run from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm with many games, stalls, treats, food and competitions. This year there will also be a raffle which has a main prize of £200!

If you have any donations for this event such as bric-a-brac, chocolate for the chocolate tombola, raffle prizes or cakes (not before the day before please if homemade!) could you please send them in with your child.

## **Santa Dash**

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, we will be taking part in Santa Dash! The children are invited to run for a period of 10 minutes to encourage them to be involved in physical activity whilst also spreading a bit of Christmas cheer! If the children have a Santa hat, they can wear this whilst they are dashing!



## Tag Rugby

Last Friday, the children in Year 5 and 6 attended a Tag Rugby competition held at Cromwell Community College in Chatteris. The children took part with a great team spirit and were wonderful representatives for our school behaving exceptionally throughout the tournament. The children came third in their group competition which is a great achievement. Well done to all involved.

## Book Fair

Just a quick reminder that next week, we will be holding our book fair every day after school (except for Monday) in the library at 3.20 – 4.15. Come along and buy some of those much needed Christmas presents. For all books purchased, a percentage of money is given to the school to go towards books that we can buy for our school library and book corners.



## 2R Class Assembly

Yesterday, 2R put on their first ever class assembly. The children displayed great confidence when sharing their lines and put on quite a show displaying their many skills including singing, story writing and even their ball skills. Well done, 2R!

## March Christmas Market

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, our school choir will be singing at the March Christmas Market. They will be singing from 10.55 until 11.15. It would be great if as many people as possible could pop along to watch them perform. If you wish to attend, please arrive by 10.40am on the Market Place.



### Phonics Information Session for Parents

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, we will be holding a phonics information session for parents and carers. This session is designed to support you to understand the way in which phonics is delivered in our school, how you can best support your child with phonics at home and any other questions about phonics and early reading that you would like answering. The session will take place in 1D classroom at 9.00am and will be delivered by Mrs. Kent. Please speak to the office to sign up for this event.

### School Librarians

Our Parliament and School Council have been busy over the past few weeks as they have been writing job descriptions for school librarians. The children in Parliament and the Council felt that they wanted school librarians to have the following skills and attributes:

- o A good knowledge of books and the ability to give recommendations.
- o An understanding of how systems in the library work.
- o Kindness, helpfulness and patience.
- o A good understanding of where everything is in the library.

They have taken these job descriptions out to classes now and the children who are interested in a role in the library have been invited to write a job application. These applications will then be reviewed and considered by the Parliament and Council and librarians will be appointed based on their applications. This whole process has also been overseen by our reading minister, Poppy and Miss. Lorraine. Thank you to both of them for creating this great opportunity for our children.

### Year One Craft Club

In Craft Club, the children have been designing their own Christmas baubles. Last week the children designed them and this week we gave them a base coat. The children cannot wait to add the finishing touches and details to them next week, including lots of glitter and sparkles! As you can see from the picture below, the baubles already look very impressive and will be a fantastic addition to your trees at home!



### Children in Need

As you will already know, last Friday, we took part in Children in Need. Children arrived at school dressed in spotty clothing and gave a small donation. I am pleased to let you know that we raised a grand total of £180 which will go towards helping children all over the UK thrive and be the best that they can be. Thank you to you all for your generosity with this.



# Awards and Celebrations

## Stars of the Week

Well done to the following children:

- Nursery 1 Harlee S.
- Nursery 2 Ivy S.
- RB Selin C
- 1D Bethany B.
- 1L Paige S.
- 2M Eliza P.
- 2R Fletcher S.
- 3O Maia S.
- 3S Matthew L.
- 4BW Francesca S.
- 4O Harry G.
- 5D Ellen C.
- 5W Charlie M.
- 6AR Emily D.
- 6S Jacob S.

## Resilience Rocks

Well done to the following children:

- RB Sandra P.
- 1D Reggie W.
- 1L Barkley B.
- 2M David C.
- 2R Autumn R.
- 3O Isabelle W.
- 3S Nellie M.
- 4BW Isabel W.
- 4O Scarlett U.
- 5D Xien-Han T.
- 5W Miley C.
- 6AR Lola-May B.
- 6S Elizabeth S.

## House Points

The overall winners for this week's house point competition is **the Normans**. Well done!

**Saxons**

**348**

**Danes**

**154**



**Vikings**

**296**

**Normans**

**355**

				
Mrs. Kate Coates Executive Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Person	Miss. Paula Candish Head of School Member of the Safeguarding Team	Ms. Marie Lucca Deputy Headteacher Behaviour Designated Safeguarding Person	Miss. Gemma Angier <b>Designated Safeguarding Leader</b>	Miss. Rachel Green <b>Safeguarding Lead for Early Years</b>

# Diary Dates

New dates will be added weekly so please do read this section each week.

## Autumn Term Dates

### November

- 28<sup>th</sup> November – Book Fayre Week
- 28<sup>th</sup> November – Story Telling Magic Event for Nursery
- 28<sup>th</sup> November – Early Help Meeting 1.00 – 3.00

### December

- 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Year 3 Visit to Flag Fen
- 7<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 and 2 Nativity 9.30am and 2.00pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> December – Phonics Workshop for Parents
- 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash
- 9<sup>th</sup> December – Reception and Nursery Christmas Sing Along
- 12<sup>th</sup> December – Ely Christingle Virtual Service
- 12<sup>th</sup> December - Early Help Meeting 1.00 – 3.00
- 13<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 / 6 Panto - Snow White
- 14<sup>th</sup> December—Christmas Fayre
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Church Service for KS2 2pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 - End of Term

## Spring Term Dates

### January

- 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023 - Staff Training Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> January – 10<sup>th</sup> February - Term starts
- 19<sup>th</sup> January - 4O Class Assembly
- 9<sup>th</sup> January – Early Help Meeting 1.00 – 3.00
- 26<sup>th</sup> January - 2M Class Assembly

### February

- 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February - 5D Class Assembly
- 6<sup>th</sup> February - Early Help Meeting 1.00 – 3.00
- 20<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 31 March 2023 - Term starts

### March

- 2<sup>nd</sup> March - 6AR Class Assembly
- 6<sup>th</sup> March - Early Help Meeting 1.00 – 3.00
- 9<sup>th</sup> March - 1D Class Assembly
- 16<sup>th</sup> March - 5W Class Assembly

## Summer Term Dates

### April

- 17<sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - Term starts
- 18<sup>th</sup> April - Early Help Meeting 1.00 – 3.00

### May

- 11<sup>th</sup> May - 3O Class Assembly
- 16<sup>th</sup> May - Early Help Meeting 1.00 – 3.00
- 18<sup>th</sup> May - 1L Class Assembly
- 25<sup>th</sup> May - 3S Class Assembly
- 26<sup>th</sup> Friday May - Staff Training Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Half Term

### June

- 5<sup>th</sup> June – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - Term starts
- 14<sup>th</sup> June - Early Help Meeting 1.00 – 3.00
- 15<sup>th</sup> June - RB Class Assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Sky Arts Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June - N1 and N2 Class Assembly

### July

- 7<sup>th</sup> July - Staff Training Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> July - Early Help Meeting 1.00 – 3.00