

Burrsville Infants - Newsletter

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February 2nd 2018

<u>Clubs</u>

<u>Monday</u> Film - Years 1 & 2 <u>Tuesday</u> Cooking – year 1 Skipping – Years 1 & 2 Glee – years 1 & 2 Gardening – 1 & 2 <u>Wednesday</u> Headers & Volleys-1 & 2 Reading club-by invitation only Money 1 & 2 Global voices 1 & 2

Music – 1 & 2

Holiday dates 2017/18

Feb Half term 12 Feb – 16 Feb

Easter break Non pupil day 29 Mar 30 Mar – 13 Apr Children back 16 Apr

Summer Half Term 28 May – 1 Jun Non pupil day 4 Jun Children back 5 Jun

Last day of school year 20 July 2018

> Dinner Menu Week beginning 5 Feb menu Week 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday I travelled to one of our partner Reach2 schools in Lowestoft for our school progress meeting. These rigorous meetings hold me to account on the school's data and look closely at how we are performing against the national picture. I then, in turn, hold pupil progress meetings with every class teacher and look at each child in detail and discuss their progress. In year 2 we are continuing to work hard to improve reading and writing standards. It has been great to see so many children who have been invited to attend booster classes – sadly some children haven't been able to join us yet. If your child received an invitation at the beginning of term and they have not attended yet, please do encourage them to stay on a Thursday. We really are doing everything we can to ensure all children are getting as many opportunities as possible to develop their literacy skills. We have also been trialling an online programme called Lexia. This intervention develops all aspects of children's reading from phonic decoding to reading comprehension skills. As I have said before, reading unlocks so many great learning opportunities, so please enjoy sharing a book together over the weekend.

On Wednesday we had a visit from our Deputy Chief Executive of Reach2, Cathie Paine. I was so proud as I showed her around – the school looked amazing and the children were delightful, really embodying our Burrsville Values. Miss Poole has been working hard with our School Ambassadors, and as we entered each classroom, two representatives jumped out of their chairs to come and speak to Cathie about their learning. I felt a little redundant – but so proud! Cathie said the school had retained all of the good features she had seen on her previous visit, but now there were even more great things. Thank you to everyone who makes Burrsville what it is – from all our fabulous children to our dedicated and hardworking staff.

Also on Wednesday Miss Poole and Mrs Green took a group of 10 children to our R2 East Anglia Dance Festival. As always, the children's behaviour was impeccable and they were a credit to you. The video is now on the school website if you would like to take a look. Well done, team, and you to Miss Poole and Mrs Green for providing our children with this great opportunity.

Maple class shared their learning during their fantastic class assembly on Wednesday. Our EYFS children have already come so far since starting school in September and it was great to hear highlights from their learning journey. Keep up the super work, Maple class! Unfortunately I have been informed that a parent was spotted filming the assembly. This is a serious safeguarding matter because, as I have previously informed you, one of the reasons we have banned mobile phones is because there are some children whose photographs can not be shared. This is to protect their safety and security. So, if this was you, please press delete now and think about the safety of all of our children. Many thanks in advance. Next week it is the turn of Willow class!

Unfortunately I have some sad news to share with you now. Miss Saint will sadly be leaving us at half term as she is relocating to the south coast – I did look into how long it would take her to commute but unfortunately she'd spend longer in the car than she would at school! Miss Saint has been with us for 4 years and has worked with many of our children during their first few years of school life. I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Saint all the very best for the future and a very big thank you from your Burrsville family for all your hard work and dedication to the children. We will miss you! I am pleased to share with you that Mrs Green will be increasing her hours and joining the year 2 team full time.

Don't forget we are holding our E-Safety event next Thursday from 7-9pm. Please let us know if you are coming along and if you need any spaces in the crèche.

Have a lovely weekend, and good luck to Jack and Josie Firkins who will be cycling between Clacton and Walton piers to raise money for Cancer research. If you would like to sponsor them and raise money for this very worthy cause, please visit their fundraising page. https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/debbies-giving-page-40

Miss Siggery

New Headers & Volleys- EYF\$

Please remember to return your booking form and £20.00 to secure your child's place. 7 sessions 3.00pm – 4.15pm – Thursday, after the Easter holidays.



<u>Open Mornings/ Assemblies, Wednesday,</u> <u>9.00am.</u> 7th February – Willow assembly <u>2nd Half-Term</u>

21st February – Year 2 Open Morning 28th February – Elder assembly 7th March – Oak assembly 14th March – Rowan assembly 21st March – Cedar assembly

Dates for your diary

Thursday 8th February, 7pm – E-Safety evening event, 7.00pm.

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day.



Well done to the following children who have been selected this week, by the Mid-Day Assistants, for their exemplary behaviour at lunchtime:

Rowan - **Isabella Everitt** for always playing nicely with friends.

Maple – Roman Lilley for always being happy and smiley. Cedar – Kieron Crayson for always doing the right thing. Cherry – Harry Johns for lovely manners.

Oak - Evie Lawrence for having a cheeky smile.

Elder – Emily Munden for always being kind and polite. Willow – Annabel Green for amazing skipping skills. Sycamore – Mia Jarrett for super lining up.

The Golden Book

Well done to the following children who were in the Golden Book last week:

Rowan

Oliver Cole for sharing fantastic information about planets. Isabella Everitt for super writing in all areas of EYFS. Maple

Connor Willoughby for being independent and staying on green all week.

Sophia Clark for hard work in literacy and always doing the right thing.

<u>Oak</u>

Connor Evans for always being resilient in his work.

Abigail Bird for fantastic work upskilling her writing. Cedar

Roxy Marshall for fantastic writing in English.

Mylo Burrell for being the first person to give anything a go and giving 100%.

<u>Cherry</u>

Rhys Howe for developing his writing skills and uplevelling his work.

Harry Johns for fantastic descriptive writing.

Elder

Brooke Yallop for always trying her best and not giving up. **Albie Burch** for his attitude towards his learning and focus on a given task.

<u>Willow</u>

Jack Skinner for excellent effort in maths.

Emmie Smith for great work in English writing. **Sycamore**

Tyler Dhaine for great contribution to class discussions. **Jack Welstead** for great work in maths counting in 10s.

Last week's Reading Race

Maple	18
Rowan	17
Cedar	16
Oak	8
Cherry	11
Sycamore	20
Elder	9
Willow	11

Well done Sycamore class.

This week's Attendance

Rowan	98.00%
Maple	94.84%
Cedar	95.17%
Oak	97.14%
Cherry	91.72%
Sycamore	97.33%
Elder	95.67%
Willow	99.67%

Well done Willow class.



This year our whole school focus is on writing. To ensure we keep this focus high profile, each week we will share a special piece of written work. This week the special work is from: Harry Johns in Cherry class.

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