



NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to another academic year at Burwell Village College. We trust that you all had an excellent summer and were ready to send the children back to school.

You may have noticed that during the holidays there have been some major structural changes taking place. The open plan classrooms in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been divided with bespoke glass and wood partitions. These have already proved their worth reducing the volume levels between the classrooms improving the working conditions for staff and pupils alike.

We would also like to welcome and congratulate the following members of staff:

- Miss Kirsty Leach who is covering Year 5 for Mrs Parrett's maternity leave.
- Ms Shawna Anderson, from Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, who is taking part in the Commonwealth Exchange Programme. She will be taking Mrs Hughes' Reception class for the year.
- The marriage of Mrs Potschul (nee Lewin)
- The marriage of Mrs Milton (nee Selby)

What's happening this year? The following will give you a flavour of what we intend to do in the next year:

- Continue with the emphasis on pupils reading every day.
- Develop an emphasis on writing.
- The development of an outside learning area for the Reception pupils.
- To explore new and creative ways of teaching including Thinking Skills, Art Start, Philosophy for Children (F4C) and Mantle of the Expert.

And finally:

I dreaded having to write this but – I made a promise to Chloe Saunders currently in year 5 who was diagnosed with cancer last year and has gone through vast amounts of treatment with great fortitude and a smile always on her face. When she had no hair I made the rash promise to shave mine off for a charity of her choice. This I will do **if we raise enough money** on Friday 23rd October. Between now & then we would like the children to raise as much money, get families & friends to commit and donate as much money as possible so that it makes it worth while being bald & cold for some weeks. This is a once in a lifetime offer and after all it is not every day that you get the opportunity to see a bald head's head! If anyone is brave enough (parents, other local heads, staff or Governors) then they are most welcome to join me – the more the merrier! The challenge has well & truly been set.

Dinner Money for the Autumn Term 2009

Dinner money is £2.00 per day and all payments must be made by cheque.

Whole term (3.9.09-18.12.09) £144.00

1st ½ term (3.9.09-23.10.09) £74.00

2nd ½ term (2.11.09-18.12.09) £70.00

Coffee & Co

Is continuing on a Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in the Phoenix Room at Burwell VC. It is open to parents of children at or going to be at BVC. There is no need to book please just turn up.

Fenland Music Academy

Please note that Music lessons start as follows:

Guitar lessons start on 21st September

Brass, Drum & Woodwind lessons start on 24th September

Piano Lessons

There is an opportunity for pupils in Year 3 to start piano lessons with visiting piano teacher Celia Waterhouse. Please email or ring her for information – 01638 604667, info@waterhouse-music.co.uk

School Nurse

The school nurse will hold drop-in sessions at school on 16th & 30th September from 9.15 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Burwell Family Project

The AGM for Burwell Family Project will be held on Tuesday 29th September 2009 at 10.45 a.m. at Burwell Village College (Primary) School.

Congratulations

Congratulation to the following pupils who have recently passed their music exams: Jade Atkinson Grade 3 Flute (Merit), Lucy Butler-Fenn & Jamie Gooding Grade 1 Clarinet, Elizabeth Ogilvie Grade 1 Clarinet (Merit) Congratulations to Burwell Swallows U11 boys who won the Willingham football tournament beating Bottisham 6 – 4 in the final. Well done Alex Hindle Smith, Alex Hubbard, Thomas Knowles and Alex Cornwell.

Numeracy Workshop for Parents

This is a 5 week course starting on Tuesday 15th September 2009 from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Please contact Claire Lawrence for further details or to book a place (telephone 01638 613103 option 4 or email clawrence@burwellvillage.cambs.sch.uk).

Creche places may be available.

1-2-3 Magic Parenting Course



A 2 week course, Tuesday 29th September and Tuesday 6th October, 7.00 p.m. to 9.00p.m. at Burwell Village College. Please contact Claire Lawrence for further details or to book a place.

Lunchtime and After-School Clubs



There are still places available on a number of the lunchtime and after-school clubs. Please contact Claire Lawrence for further information and to book a place.

Raising Children Course

A free 10 week course being run by Pauline Finnerty at Fordham Congregational Church commencing on 24th September (9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.). Free Creche available. To book your place ring Pauline on 0791 756 1929.

	School Meal Menu w/c 14th September 2009		
Date	Main	Dessert	
Monday 14th September 2009	Penne Pasta Bolognese with carrots Or Cheesy Sweetcorn Quiche with herby bread & seasonal salad	Apple Eve's Pudding & Custard, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Medley	
Tuesday 15th September 2009	Country Chicken Casserole with mashed potatoes & seasonal vegetables Or Vegetable Pasta Bake with crusty bread and seasonal salad	Fruit Jelly Cup, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Medley	
Wednesday 16th September 2009	Suffolk Pork Sausages & Gravy with new potatoes & peas Or Creamy Cauliflower Cheese with Jacket Potato & Peas	Gingerbread Person & cool milk, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Medley	
Thursday 17th September 2009	Roast Topside of Beef, Yorkshire Pudding & gravy with roast or creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables Or Cheese filled Baked Potato with Garlic Bread & Seasonal Salad	Oaty Plum Crunch & Custard, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Medley	
Friday 18th September 2009	Golden Fishcake with Jacket Wedges & Baked Beans Or Quorn Tortilla Wrap with Crusty Bread & Seasonal Salad	Ice Cream & Goopy Chocolate Sauce, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Medley	

Available Daily: Freshly Baked Bread Salad Bar (as a vegetable)... Fresh Fruit Medley is served with Fruit Juice or Fresh Milk. Fresh water available.

	School Meal Menu w/c 21st September 2009		
Date	Main	Dessert	
Monday 21st September 2009	Pork Sausage Casserole with new potatoes & seasonal vegetables Or Creamy Macaroni Cheese with Herby Bread & Seasonal Salad	Fruity Apple Crumble & Custard, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Medley	
Tuesday 22nd September 2009	Local Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread & Sweetcorn Niblets Or Baked Potato filled with melted cheese with baked beans & sweetcorn niblets	Fruit Iced Smoothie, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Medley	
Wednesday 23rd September 2009	Margarita Pizza with jacket potato & baked beans Or Tuna & Pasta Bake with herby bread & seasonal salad	Blueberry Muffin & Fruit Juice, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Medley	
Thursday 24th September 2009	Roast Leg of Suffolk Pork, apple sauce & gravy with roast or creamed potatoes & seasonal vegetables Or Cheese & Onion Quiche with french bread & seasonal salad	Crunchy Choc Ice, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Medley	
Friday 25th September 2009	Breaded Fish with tomato sauce, potato waffles & peas Or Pasta Neapolitan with crusty bread & peas	Apple Crisp & Custard, Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit Medley	