

# The BuGle

Oct 11

Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends,

What an amazing evening we had on Tuesday night. I believe one younger member of the school was disappointed that the Pope didn't turn up, but that aside, it was fabulous to see so many people there, especially those from the village of Burrough Green, who were faced with the yellow hoardings for so long. It was a particular honour to meet Doreen Osbourn, who started school here in 1932, and many more familiar faces besides.

My thanks go to Bishop David Thomson for agreeing to come and bless the new building, the PTA for the fantastic spread and decorations, staff and governors for their daily contribution to life at school, and the help of one of our youngest pupils, Callum Addison, to cut the ribbon. We hope you all enjoyed it.

## A Good Childhood Conversation - 29.9.11

This was a really interesting evening which allowed us to reflect on what our children say, what we think, and what we can do to support a good childhood.

From our small straw poll a few themes emerged. Amongst the things that children love; family and friends, pets, school, good food, health, and love and care were popular choices. What they don't like are chores, and losing. Some also report quite a heightened sense of anxiety about criticism, illness, appearance, and threats such as bullying. What they wish for includes more time with their families, elimination of the things they worry about, better places to play, and more attention. However, many said they wouldn't change a thing, because they loved their life as it is.

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The conversation picked up on the idea of how, as a community, we could dispel the anxieties and build greater trust. Some of the ideas posted included:

- Allowing more time and space to talk and not be judged.
- Adults showing more trust in children by allowing them freedom to have time on their own with friends, and by trusting them with more responsibility.
- Adults being careful about what they say about themselves, and avoiding our tendency to put ourselves down.
- Developing opportunities for children to direct their own learning.
- Developing a more adventurous playground.
- Respecting and supporting children's choices.

As far as school is concerned we have begun, with the School Council, to think about how we can develop our grounds, and how our curriculum can offer opportunities for pupil directed learning. The relationships we foster, and the way we work also continues to be shaped by our values, as we strive to live up to them every day.

If you would like to find out more about the 'Good Conversation' and the Children's Society go to [www.childrensociety.org.uk/conversations](http://www.childrensociety.org.uk/conversations)

## House Captains

This year's House Captains are:

Cage – Katie Foote, Jack England

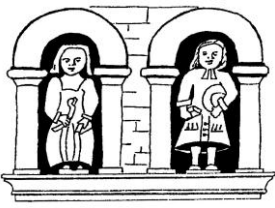
Watson – Isabella Osborn, Christian Smith

Knight – Marim Elnmroti, Ben Pratley

March - Lauren Young, Dominic Brophy

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## School Council

This year the council is being coordinated by Mrs. Nicholson. The children have had their first meeting and started to think about what they would like the new outside space to become. This year we have decided to keep the members of the council the same as last year to create some continuity for the team, but to add an additional Y6 member to balance the numbers. So this year's School Council members are:

Y3 – Olivia Clarke, Jorge Aguilar-Agon

Y4 – Georgia England, Hugh Dow

Y5 – Grace Fallon, David Dow

Y6 – Isabella Osborn, Megan Davies, Christian Smith, Andrew Brewin.

Congratulations to all the children above for being selected to represent and lead others.

## Museum

This term's topic, Underfoot, has got off to a good start with some exciting visits to Angelsey Abbey, Burwell, Ely Cathedral and Sutton Hoo. As in previous terms we would like to include an opportunity for you to come and look at what children have been up to, so we propose to open our 'Digging Deep Museum' on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm: admission free! Please bring any friends or family along with you who may be interested to see the school. Please find a copy of the curriculum map for your child/children attached.

## Do you have any concerns?

From time to time things do not go according to plan. With the best will in the world children and adults make mistakes. If you do

have any concerns please come and talk to us. Appointments with teachers, or myself, can be made through the office.

## Dates

31.10.11 – School reopens

8.11.11 – Y5/6 Football and Netball Tournaments at LVC

11.11.11 – Remembrance Service in Church, 9.15am start.

18.11.11 – Children in Need Day

22.11.11 – House competitions

22.11.11 – PTA meeting 7pm

28.11.11 – Sponsored Treasure Hunt for the PTA at school

1.12.11 – Advent Service at Church with John Beer, Archdeacon of Cambridge, 9.15am start.

5.12.11 – Meeting of Full Governing Body, 6.30pm

6.12.11 – PTA Christmas Parties, 6.30-7.30pm  
KS1 with parents in attendance, 7.30-8.30pm  
KS2 £2 per child

9.12.11 – Christingle for pupils and staff

13.12.11 – Christmas meal

15.12.11 – Nativity Performance, 2-3pm and 6-7pm in the hall.

16.12.11 – Carol Service in the Church, 9.15am start.

16.12.11 – Class parties and visit of Father Christmas in the afternoon. Christmas holidays begin.

3.1.12 – Teacher,s development day

4.1.12 – School reopens.

From all of us at school, have a lovely half-term!

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