

Burnham Market School Library Appeal – you can help!

“There’s something about books. You can imagine the story in your own head. There are no distractions in the library. They are all in one room and it means you have more reading time.”

Christopher Wayland Age 10

Staff and teachers, parents, pupils, grandparents, governors, the Friends of Burnham School and people from the Burnhams and surrounding villages, have been pulling together to raise £15,000 to transform Burnham Market Primary School’s library and they’re already over halfway towards their target.

Sarah Baldry joined as Senior Teacher and Head of Literacy last September. She says: “The library used to be in the foyer and hallway, and we recognised it needed an organised, dedicated space where children could browse the books.

“Headmistress Mrs Stroulger, myself, local author and President of the School Library Association, Kevin Crossley-Holland, our Chair

of Governors, Rosalie Monbiot and parent Flora Mims, met and decided what we wanted to achieve. The overall cost to set up a school library is estimated to be £15,000 which is in line with national figures.

“Mrs Stroulger dedicated some money from the school funds. People have made an amazing effort and the local community have been very generous, there have been some great fundraising events.”

The library now has its own dedicated room, and around £6,000 worth of new stock has been introduced, with invaluable advice from the Norfolk Children’s Book Centre. A web based cataloguing system is on its way, and the library is a delightful bright, inspiring space, heaven for a budding bookworm!

“But we need to keep raising money to replace the original furniture and shelving, to keep expanding the stock and growing. It’s a lovely space but it could be even better. I’ve got so many ideas ready for September.”

Kevin Crossley-Holland says “The plain truth is that how well we learn to read and write



affects everything – not only our performance at primary and secondary schools, but our confidence and ambition, the sort of jobs we’re likely to get, our sense of curiosity and the richness of our lives.

• Please make a donation. Cheques payable to Burnham Market Primary School and send to BMPS, Friars Lane, Burnham Market, Norfolk, PE31 8JA

PETS

Local dog behaviourist and trainer David Brice shares some of his top tips for enjoying beautiful North Norfolk with your faithful companion

Dog friendly North Norfolk

Taking your dog with you is one of the great pleasures of living or visiting North Norfolk – time together, no kennel fees and lots of healthy walks. There are plenty of dog friendly places, whether it is for an overnight stay, to visit a pub for lunch, for long country walks or for a swim on the beach.

There are however, things to remember and to look out for to ensure an enjoyable and stress free time, both for you, your dog, other animals and people.

- Research dog-friendly pubs such as the Orange Tree in Thornham, they have a dog, as well human menu! The Duck Inn at Stanhoe, allows dogs in the bar and there are several dog friendly dining tables and a nice garden or The Victoria Hotel at Holkham, with their award winning beaches.
- Dogs are welcome on many of our beaches, some have restrictions spring/summer to protect children playing and ground nesting birds. If you are unsure of your dog’s recall ability, keep them on a lead close to bird nesting areas.
- Take plenty of ‘poo bags’ with you and clean up after your dog; please don’t hang them on the nearest bush or fencepost!
- Take fresh water and bowl for your dog to drink from – if you don’t they may drink sea water – not recommended for the dog or the back of your car!
- Carry a towel that you can soak in water to cool your dog should they get too warm.
- Make sure the phone number on your dog’s ID tag is the one for the mobile that you have with you not your home number!
- Some beaches have loose flints on the surface – these can cause nasty cuts to pads if the dog runs over them – best to keep them on lead in these areas.
- Make sure you have the number of the local vets in your phone – just in case.

• David Brice runs a dog behaviour and training company in North Norfolk 07788 857 092/www.db-dogbehaviour.co.uk

