



Bury C.E. Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to our Star of the Week winners from each class. The class teacher chooses one child each week who has demonstrated one or more of our core values of: courage, humility, wisdom, compassion and perseverance. Last week's winners were:

Little Owl	Oscar
Kestrel	Declan
Sparrowhawk	Isobel
Buzzard	Belle

Wassail

This year sees the return of our school Wassail. This year the Wassail will be celebrated by the children from each class. We hope to use this year to see if it is possible to invite parents to part of it in future years, but this will not be possible this year as we work through the logistics. We will of course take lots of photos and will share these with you after the event.

South Downs National Park funding

The school was recently successful in bidding for funding to extend our classroom space. Now that we have received confirmation of the funding, we will be working with our surveyor to look at all available options to us.

FOBS and School Fund

This morning, Mrs Clark and I met with Mrs Whitely and Mrs Youngs to discuss some projects following the excellent fundraising that FOBS has been doing over the past couple of years, and of course continues to do. We are in agreement to pool some resources and redevelop some of our outside spaces into some amazing new areas for the children. This, coupled with the National Park funding mentioned above, should bring some really positive environment changes for the children in the future. Watch this space!

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Requests For Absence

A reminder that any request for absence needs completing on the absence request form and returned to school two weeks in advance.

Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn. The exception can be found on the NHS website [here](#).

PE and Bury Rangers

Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies or outdoor boots that can be worn just for the Bury Rangers session – they will need another pair of shoes for the rest of the day.

A reminder of what children should be wearing for PE Kit:

PE Kit:

Green Bury T-shirt, black shorts (tracksuits may be worn for outside lessons), plimsolls or trainers. Plus shin pads and mouth-guards for Sparrowhawks and Buzzards

Children to attend school in PE kit or Bury Rangers clothes for the relevant days* as follows:

	Bury Rangers	PE
Monday		
Tuesday	Little Owls	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
Thursday	Kestrels	
Friday	Buzzards	

*There will of course be times when these days need to change and we will give as much notice as possible

Diary Dates

I will try to give you as much notice as possible about forthcoming events at school. We will try not to change dates and times, but sometimes we do need to due to circumstances beyond our control.

Please keep checking these dates and times as I will update them every week.

Thursday 11 th January 2024	Wassail 2- 3.15 pm in school
Friday 12 th January 2024-Friday 22 nd March	FOBS Lego Workshop
Tuesday 16 th January	FGB
Wednesday 24 th January	SPLASH

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Thursday 7 th March	Jeanne Willis author visit
Tuesday 12 th March	FGB
Wednesday 20 th March	SPLASH
Friday 22 nd March	FOBS Lego Workshop
Tuesday 7 th May	FGB
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	KS2 SATs
Wednesday 15 th May	SPLASH
Wednesday 22 nd May	Sports Morning
Monday 3 rd June	School Photos
Friday 14 th June	Sussex Day
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day
Tuesday 9 th July	FGB
Monday 22 nd July	INSET 4
Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET 5

Birthdays

Children can wear their own clothes for the day (or a day either side of the holiday) when it is their birthday. Please do not send the children in with cakes or sweets to share. In its place, we thought that instead of sweets it would be a good idea to buy a book for the school/class. The children then present the book to the school in assembly before placing it in our school library (although most ask for it to be shared in their class first). Please do inscribe a message in the book so that it keeps reminding the child of their birthday every time either they, or a friend, borrow the book. The link below is an Amazon wish list where the staff and children have selected some books that they would like for school.

[Birthday Book wish list](#)

Please do not feel constrained by the list, nor feel you have to get them through Amazon –locally we have great bookshops in Arundel and Petworth both of which have a very good selection of children's books. It is also great to receive a book chosen by your child because it is something they are particularly interested in.

Please do add your views to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. It is incredibly helpful to us for you to share the positives of what is going on at Bury CE Primary; if you have the time and would like to share the good work we are doing then please do add your feedback.

Excerpt below taken from ParentView website.

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected.

We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when.

Click 'Give your views' to register and complete a survey to help your child's school improve.

It is parents' responsibility to inform the school of any changes to consent to administer medicine.

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It is parents' responsibility to keep us informed of changes to your personal data and where the school process personal data solely on the basis that you have consented to the processing, you have the right to withdraw that consent.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher