



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	Rowan
Kestrel	Harper
Sparrowhawk	Rosie
Buzzard	Freddie H

Sparrowhawks

Today is Mrs Gammon's last day before starting her maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best.

Mrs Barnes, who is covering in Mrs Gammon's absence, has already started with us to ensure the best handover possible for the children.

Message from FOBS

What a fantastic silent disco turnout we had! We were so thrilled that so many of you came and enjoyed it this weekend. We really wanted to put on an event that was purely lots of fun for the children and to give back and say thank you for all the ways in which the school families support FOBS.

We have completely forgotten to publicly thank Mike from Sussex Arbor Pro for doing a Christmas tree collection service in January in aid of FOBS. We really appreciate your time and effort in this.

We are also grateful for Nick and Shannon at The Squire and Horse supporting us with the monthly FOBS pub quiz. The next quiz is on the 21st February at 7pm, and it's £10 for a quiz and meal. Please ring The Squire directly to book your ticket on 01798 831343.

FOBS is calling a remote Extraordinary General Meeting on Wednesday 28th February at 8pm. Jess Youngs is stepping down as Co-Chair. If you are interested in standing, it would be helpful if you could submit your name in advance to fobs@bury.school. We will also be formally accepting and signing a pre-prepared constitution to allow us to seek charitable status, which will help us raise funds from outside the parent community at school.

Thank you for your ongoing support, FOBS Team

I would like to add my own thanks to Mrs Youngs for her efforts in the role of co-chair. Many new initiatives have been started in her time in the role – bringing in both much needed funds, but also

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opportunities such as the silent disco.

The role is a significant one in having a huge positive effect on the whole school community. Anyone wishing to put themselves forward will undoubtedly be supported by an excellent wider team.

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



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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.

Friday 12 th January 2024-Friday 22 nd March	FOBS Lego Workshop
Thursday 7 th March	Jeanne Willis author visit
Tuesday 12 th March	FGB
Tuesday 19 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th March	SPLASH
Friday 22 nd March	FOBS Lego Workshop
Friday 29 th March	Bank Holiday
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
Wednesday 10 th July – square brackets = evening show only	KS2 Production (2pm and 6pm [Sparrowhawk Parents])
Thursday 11 th July – as above	KS2 Production (9am and 6pm [Buzzard Parents])
Tuesday 16 th July	Bee Day (more info from Miss Willett to follow)
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

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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.

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