



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	Elliot
Sparrowhawk	Erin
Buzzard	Esmee

End of the Day

A reminder that children should not be using the school equipment at the end of the day. The playground is needed for clubs on most days, so please ensure you leave the playground promptly once you have collected your child/ren, thank you.

Little Owls Trip to the Farm



Little Owls had a fantastic first school trip as they visited the Tupper's farm.

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New Starters for September 2024

We had a lot of interest in school places for September 2024 and now have a waiting list. If you are a current parent, please ensure you have returned the acceptance paperwork by Friday 3rd May to ensure you get your place.

As you may already know, our Published Admission Number is 10 which means we can admit 10 children into our new Reception Classroom. However, since changing our structure to have a Reception-only classroom, our classroom has space (according to DfE guidelines) for 13.6 children. Therefore, if those families that have not been offered a place choose to appeal, it is likely that an appeals panel will increase our intake to 13 children.

Building Work

As many of you will know, the school has grown considerably in size over the past few years, from a low-point of 40 children on roll to the current 79 (which will be 80 next week when a new Yr 5 child fills the last space in that year group). Whilst this is fantastic for the long-term viability of the school, it does present us with a longer-term challenge with space for our eldest children and for overall storage space across the school. We have known this for some time and it is a regular part of our governing body meetings where we look at the strategic direction of the school. A key point in time is as our current Yr 3 children reach Year 5 – September 2025.

Over the past couple of years, Mrs Clark has been successful in bidding for funding from the National Park for an extension to Buzzard's existing classroom. We have spent significant time looking into the best way to increase the classroom space and this has ultimately led to an application for a new modular classroom to be built on the school site. This has the least negative impact on day-to-day teaching and learning at school and gains us the most additional space for our finances, which therefore offers the best outcome for the children.

I will make clear, the building work is not looking to increase the capacity of the school, it is to meet the needs of our current children as our larger year groups move through the school. We have historically had volatile year group numbers and as such have always had additional classroom capacity available. As our Yr 6 cohort leaves, this will no longer be the case and so Buzzard Classroom needs to be increased to be in-line with Sparrowhawk and Kestrel rooms.

The planning application for this will be going in very shortly and we will update you as we have more news.

Specialist Equipment

Please do not send your children in with additional items of clothing/special educational needs resources unless this has been agreed in advance with our Special Educational Needs Coordinator, Mrs Seymour.



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Read for Good

A fantastic final total of £1425 raised for good causes and just over £280 for school to spend on new books for the library. As a surprise to Mrs Braun even, our top fundraisers received a book token to spend on a book for themselves. Well done to Elliot and Sienna for being our top fundraisers. A fabulous job from everyone – well done all.

Ambassador School

In recognition of our work as the West Sussex Ambassador School for the South Downs National Park, Amanda Elmes (Education Lead for the Park) delivered our new sign for the front of school.



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Persistent Absence

Further to last week's email, the government has announced it is providing guidance videos in May

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regarding new attendance expectations. I will therefore update you all once I have taken part in these. I will hold off from sharing the letters regarding current absence levels until after this training.

e-Safety

On Monday 22nd April at 5pm, Dorset House are hosting an e-Safety talk and welcoming parents from local schools. No need to book, just turn up at 5pm if you would like to attend.

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

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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.

Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7 th May	FGB
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May	KS2 SATs
Wednesday 15 th May	SPLASH
Tuesday 21 st May	Ambassador School Day – Bees (more to follow from Miss Willett)
Wednesday 22 nd May	Sports Morning
Monday 3 rd June	School Photos
Friday 14 th June	Sussex Day
Tuesday 18 th June	Transition meeting for new Yr R parents
Wednesday 3 rd July	Transition Day (including new starters visiting the school)
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 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

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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