

Bury C.E. Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to our STARs (Success, Teamwork, Aspiration, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility) of the week from each class. The class teacher chooses one child each week who has demonstrated one or more of our core values. The last week's winners were:

Kestrel Jayden

Sparrowhawk Flynn

Buzzard Alex

We had a maths theme for our winners in the previous week and all of last week's winners were to do with writing.

175 Years of Bury

A really big thank you to FOBS and governors for doing sterling work providing refreshments for all of our visitors. We had well over 100 people coming to see the children's work about the last 175 years. The visitors included current parents, prospective new families, ex-pupils, ex-staff and a visit from the diocese. All were blown away by the children's work and also the confidence of the children who were showing people around. The work is still on display and I will be making a point of showing it to our MP, Nick Herbert who is visiting next week.

Harvest

Well done to the families who have already brought in cans and dried goods this morning. Please keep it coming over the next couple of days so that we can pass on a good donation to Fr Peter to take to Stone Pillow. Our Harvest service starts at 14:30 on Wednesday and each class will be sharing something with you all.

#HelloYellow

A charity that supports children and young people's mental health. We have had to change the date due to the South Downs National Park coming to work with Buzzards and Sparrowhawks on Friday afternoon. The children will be trialling some of their dark sky games for the SDNP and being photographed (where we have permissions) to be part of the South Downs publicity. Therefore, to avoid children missing out by forgetting their uniform on Friday, on Thursday 18th October we are asking everyone to come to school wearing yellow and to give £1 (or whatever you can afford) for the cause.



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Small Schools Consultation

The local authority (LA) is currently consulting on the 'Proposed Reorganisation of Rural and Small Schools in West Sussex'. Five schools have been identified by the LA and form part of the consultation: Clapham and Patching CE Primary, Compton & Up Marden CE Primary, Rumboldswhyke CE Infant, Stedham Primary and Warninglid Primary. The LA have requested that schools in the wider area share this consultation with their families so that a wider view is sought.

https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/strategic-planning-and-place/rural-and-small-schools/

Whilst I think you will find it very hard to comment on the specific schools in question, there is an email address which you can share your views on small schools and the many strengths they have. If you would like to share your views, please do so by emailing: schoolconsultations@westsussex.gov.uk

Cake!

An absolutely fantastic first Friday cake raffle, a huge thank you to Maisie's mum for being our first baker. Tristan in Year 1 was our first winner and he was delighted. It was great to see so many of the children celebrating with him. You all raised over £35 for the children, a great start, thank you.

Birthdays

For our new parents. Children can wear their own clothes for the day (or a day either side of the holiday) when it is their birthday. Historically, lots of sweets such as small bags of Haribo have been brought in to give out at the end of the day. The sweets invariably produce a huge amount of rubbish and are gone within seconds. 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. If there was a message inscribed it would keep 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 don't 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.

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





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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.

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.

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. New dates added are in bold.

Date	Event
Wednesday 16 th October	Harvest Celebration 14:30
Thursday 17 th	#HelloYellow
Tuesday 22 nd and Wednesday 23 rd	Parents' Evenings
Friday 25 th	INSET
Monday November 4 th	School Photos
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd	Buzzard Class Residential to Hindleap
Thursday 21 st	14:45 Kestrel Class music performance to parents
Wednesday 27 th	Splash Assembly – All welcome
Tuesday December 10 th PM (14:00)	Kestrel's Nativity
Tuesday 10 th	Children's Christmas Craft Enterprise (more to
	follow)
Wednesday 11 th AM (9:30)	Kestrel's Nativity
Thursday 12 th	Singing to the village at the annual village lunch – all
	children collected from village hall
Thursday 19 th	Christingle at Church 14:30
Monday 6 th January	INSET
Thursday March 5 th	Author Visit
Friday May 22 nd	Sports Morning
Monday July 20 th	INSET

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore, Headteacher