



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	Wynter
Kestrel	Ruby
Sparrowhawk	Eva
Buzzard	Daniel

Wednesday Sport Coaches

As we rapidly approach half term it means we are reaching the mid-point of the academic year, this provides a good point to review some of the initiatives we have in place across school. Last week I met with the teachers who are released to work on curriculum development at the time that the sports coaches lead the PE lessons. It was amazing to see how much progress has been made across a variety of subjects in these 1hr sessions each week:

- Miss Willett has been working hard on improving science and design & technology across the school – a particular highlight being the floorbooks that each class create which really captures the life of learning in the subjects.
- Miss Webb has been spending time reading the evidence around effective history learning in primary schools and is in the process of trialling some new plans to further improve our history teaching.
- Mrs Braun has been using the time to get into classes to see English lessons in action. As a response to trying to improve writing outcomes in KS1 we invested in some new resources in the autumn term – Mrs Braun has been monitoring their impact and will continue to do so as the resources become embedded.
- Mrs Seymour has been gaining insight into the children's views of maths lessons. She has also been supporting other staff through training sessions which will continue across the year. Mrs Seymour is currently working on a 'progression in calculation' policy which will be added to our website so that parents can clearly see the next steps in a mathematical operation.

The above is just a snapshot of what has, and continues to be, achieved.

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Rother Valley

In addition to the teaching staff's own subject improvement, last week we were also visited by the headteachers at Camelsdale and Petworth as part of our locality work supporting each other's school. They came to watch phonics and spelling lessons before meeting with children and staff to discuss how they found the lessons. The feedback was very positive with the children being very articulate as to how phonics and spellings helps both their reading and writing. Another positive was how much the children enjoy the sessions and how much they could explain how they have improved.

Lateness

A reminder that our school day starts at 8:40 with work beginning as soon as the children come into class.

We are also finding a pattern of lateness for collecting children at the end of the day. We are always very happy to support families when we are notified of an exceptional circumstance for a late pick up. However, some families are consistently 10+ minutes late without informing us. This causes difficulties as the staff team have specific things planned after the children. The knock-on effect with lateness then negatively affects other people. Please ensure you are on time to collect your children. Thank you to the vast majority of families who are.

Message from FOBS

This Saturday the 3rd February is our first silent disco! If you've booked tickets please come to Bury Village Hall for 4-6pm. Parking is limited in the village so we'd recommend car sharing or parking along West Burton Lane and walking down.

If you haven't booked tickets you still can using this link -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfF3QJXkGT8qIDd3uu_UymYuxQRZx6V0njUd-8rRHI7cXP3Hg/viewform

Please note that we can't have additional children or adults show up on the day which weren't on the tickets to make sure we don't go over the hall capacity.

There will be free squash and a snack for the kids and a small tuck shop you can buy from. There will be free drinks and nibbles for the adults too.

This really is an opportunity to say thank you to the school community for your tremendous support in the last couple of years. We are in a strong position to support one of the projects planned to improve the outdoor spaces at the school. More info will come about this as plans unfold!

Any questions about the disco please ask a member of FOBS or speak to Jess Youngs.

Thanks again for the support!



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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.

Friday 12 th January 2024-Friday 22 nd March	FOBS Lego Workshop
Thursday 7 th March	Jeanne Willis author visit

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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
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