



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 the winners were:

Little Owl	Florence
Kestrel	Sienna
Sparrowhawk	Bruno
Buzzard	Connor

New Starter

Today we welcomed Keira to Kestrel Class. She has settled in very quickly thanks to the warm welcome provided by Kestrels.

SATs Week

Next week our Yr 6 children will be taking part in their National Assessments (often referred to as SATs). For the mornings during the week there is likely to be some variation in support staff in classes whilst we ensure the Yr 6 children are appropriately supported for their tests.

Staff Update

Mrs Braun visited school last week, but is not yet in a position to return to work. In order to provide as much stability as possible I have taken the decision that Mrs Barnes will remain as Buzzards Class teacher until the end of the school year. Wherever possible, Sparrowhawks will have the same teacher each Friday during this period.

A separate letter is going to Buzzard parents with some more class specific detail.

Everybody Read – Little Owls and Kestrels

Everybody Read will return after half term and will take place on Tuesdays. It will move to PM to give those parents who have been unable to attend AM the chance to attend.

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Real Science in Action

It was great to see Little Owls and Buzzards join forces on Friday to undertake some science classification work around our huge pond. This is a real strength of a small school where the staff can quickly jump on an opportunity to work together to combine expertise and knowledge. Lots of Dragonfly Nymphs were found, many of which were beginning to change colour – fingers crossed for another mass emergence of Emperor Dragonflies again soon.



Theatre Visit (left from previous week)

Following the successful visit of 'This Is My Theatre' last year, they are joining us again on the morning of **Friday May 16th**. We need you all to wish for good weather*, as if this is the case we will be inviting parents and family to join us for a special showing of *The Three Musketeers*. 'Doors' will open from 10:15 with the performance starting at 10:30. The show will finish around 12 so that the children are ready for their lunch as normal at 12:15.

If anyone has old picnic blankets they would like to donate to the school, these would be greatly appreciated.

*If the weather is unsuitable for an outside performance, we will be unable to welcome parents to join us due to the physical limitations of the hall space. Fingers crossed it is a very pleasant middle of May!

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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, Kestrels	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
Thursday		
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 May 8 th	Full Governing Body meeting
Monday May 12 th	National Assessment Week for Yr 6 (SATs)
Wednesday May 14 th	SPLASH assembly
Friday May 16 th	Three Musketeers – Theatre Performance
Wednesday May 21 st	Sports Morning
Monday June 2 nd	School Photos
Tuesday June 3 rd	Everybody Read (Kestrels and Little Owls) returns at 3pm
Week beginning Monday June 2 nd	Bikeability for Buzzard Class
Friday June 13 th	Sussex Day
Tuesday June 17 th	New Starters Morning for new Little Owls

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Wednesday June 25 th	Yr 6 Leavers at Chichester Cathedral, 10.30am
Wednesday July 2 nd	Transition Day
Friday 4 th July	KS2 Camp – more to follow
Tuesday 8 th July	14:00 KS2 production to parents (children welcome)
Wednesday 9 th July	18:00 KS2 production to parents (Sparrowhawk Parents)
Thursday 10 th July	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 10 th July	18:00 KS2 Production to Parents (Buzzard Parents)
Friday July 11th	Diversity Day
Tuesday July 15 th	FOBS Lego Day
Tuesday July 15 th	Reports out
Thursday July 17 th	Leavers' Assembly (Yr 6 parents welcome)
Friday July 18 th	School Walk
Monday 21st July	INSET 4
Tuesday 22nd July	INSET 5
Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET 1 (25/26)
Monday 3 rd November	INSET 2 (25/26)
Monday 5 th January	INSET 3 (25/26)
(TBC) Monday 29 th June	INSET 4 (25/26)
Wednesday 22 nd July	INSET 5 (25/26)

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

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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