



Bury C.E. Primary School



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Dear parents and carers,

Academic Year 26/27

Welcome back. We hope you have all had a great Summer. It was brilliant to see so many smiling faces coming into school this morning. Not only did we welcome 14 new Little Owls into school, we also welcomed Ziggy into Kestrels and Indigo and Grace into Sparrowhawks. The children have wasted no time in settling all of the new children into school which has been lovely to see.

To Stand and Stare

Many of you will recognise the line above from the poem, Leisure by William Henry Davies. So often in school, as in life, we can be very quick to move onto the next thing and not stop and appreciate the now. We are good at putting these opportunities in for the children at school, but are not always as good as doing it as a staff team. Yesterday, we used part of our INSET to stop, reflect on where we are and then look to the areas we need to improve.

Our key drivers for the review of where we are involved using our statutory assessments results and the data and prose you provided in your survey feedback. As many of you will know from previous correspondence, a small school's statutory data fluctuates significantly each year. The chance of us meeting National expectations is most often mathematically impossible (if the average is 65% and each child is worth 10%, we can never be 'in-line with National'). However, our most recent KS2 data was so significantly above the National averages that there was no issue with needing to explain the maths behind the headlines.

From an outside perspective, this could be seen as the impact of the changes to teaching across KS2 (Mrs Barnes teaching Math and Mrs Braun teaching English), it could be down to the consistency in staffing across the year, it could be how we have targeted support when support staff absences have occurred, it could be the consistent staff team that has been in place here for several years. In reality, it is all of these along with the most significant factor of all, the specific cohort of children.

The table below shows you how our Yr 6 children achieved compared with National data:



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Assessment	Statistic	School Result	National Result	School Percentile Rank
KS2 Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	% achieving the expected standard	82%	63%	91 st
KS2 Reading, Writing and Maths Combined	% achieving the higher standard	18%	8%	90 th

What is particularly pleasing here is that we are in a similar percentile for both 'expected standard' and 'higher standard', demonstrating that our higher attaining children are being stretched to a really strong standard.

Key Stage 2 (Sparrowhawks and Buzzards) Camp

Our rescheduled camp takes place next Friday at 6pm with collection at 8am on Saturday morning. Our new Yr 3 children are very welcome to join us. Please sign up via MCAS by Tuesday 8th September at 9am if you would like your child to be part of the camp. The previously sent camp letter has been re-sent to you.

IT

We have had a complete change in our IT systems over the summer. Please bear with us if it takes slightly longer to get back to you whilst our technicians iron out some of the minor issues.

Lunchtimes

All parents should now have received their log in for the new food ordering app, please let us know if you have not.

We are aware that there may still be a problem for our new children not getting the full menu choices. Please can you let us know if this is affecting you. If you can only see jacket potatoes as an option and do not want a jacket potato, please don't order, we have enough food that your child will get fed and hopefully will have a better choice.

We apologise for the issues that you may be experiencing – this is a new food service provider who has migrated all West Sussex schools over the summer and we are just one of the many schools experiencing 'teething problems'.

All of our existing parents should now have received an invitation to sign up, we would encourage you to do so, so that you can arrange lunch at the school gate in the event of a forgotten lunchbox or for ordering Christmas lunch in a few months.

The children did brilliantly with the new lunchtime arrangements. They were all very positive about the changes in terms of how the new food tastes.

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Behaviour System

Our previous Good To Be Green behaviour system is changing to Bury Choice Champions. Whilst the old policy has served us well for several years, we have updated the policy to make it more beneficial to all of us moving forward. A document explaining the new policy will be shared with you shortly. The children will be told about the changes in Friday's assembly. The main changes are around the language we use with children around 'choices'.

Everybody Read (Little Owls and Kestrels)

From Wednesday 23rd September, parents of children in Little Owls and Kestrels are invited to join their children for the final 15 minutes of the day with Everybody Read. A selection of books will be around the classroom for you to come and read with your child/ren. Please wait at the hall doors where a member of staff will meet you. For Wednesdays where we have SPLASH assemblies, you are very welcome to join us for these instead.

Links to Individual Class Pages

[Little Owls](#)

[Kestrels](#)

[Sparrowhawks](#)

[Buzzards](#)

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	Sparrowhawks	

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Tuesday	Kestrels, Little Owls	
Wednesday		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.

Tuesday 1st September	INSET 1 (26/27)
Wednesday 2 nd September	All return to school – please note this is a PE day
Thursday 10 th September	FGB
Friday 11 th September	KS2 Camp
Wednesday 16 th September	SPLASH
Wednesday 23 rd September	Everybody Read starts. 15:00 for Little Owls and Kestrel parents
Friday 2 nd October	14:30 Harvest at St John's
Tuesday 6 th October	Phonics Workshop for parents
Friday 23rd October	INSET
Wednesday 19 th November	SPLASH
Monday 4th January 2027	INSET
Thursday 14 th January	SPLASH
Wednesday 20 th January	SPLASH
Wednesday 17 th March	SPLASH
Thursday 25 th March	FGB
Week Beginning 12 th April	Bikeability for Buzzards
Thursday 6 th May	FGB
Friday 28th May 2027	INSET
Thursday 8 th July	FGB
Wednesday 21st July 2027	INSET

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

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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. James at The Crow Road Books in Arundel will give you 10% discount if you show him this letter. If you are looking for something that is tricky to find, please email James in advance and he will do his best to help you

james@thecrowroadbooks.co.uk

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.

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