Bury C.E. Primary School



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Dear parents and 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	June
Kestrel	Florence
Sparrowhawk	Nanci
Buzzard	Charlie
Support Staff	Joshua

Open Day

Thank you to the members of FOBS and governors who supported our Open Day for prospective new families yesterday. The feedback on both the quality of work and the enthusiasm and confidence of our Buzzard tour guides was excellent. If you know of any families that are looking for a place and were unable to attend the Open Day, please ask them to contact the school office to arrange a visit.

Brilliant Bury

Please join us at 8.45 am for the opportunity to see the children's Brilliant Bury work focused on farming. If you are dropping off for Before School Club, please pop in then with your children.

Little Owls	Friday 6th
Kestrels	Monday 9th
Sparrowhawks	Tuesday 10th
Buzzards	Wednesday 11th

If these times do not work for you, just let us know and we will sort something.



Little Owls

We wish Miss Webb all the best as she starts her maternity leave at the end of this week. For the rest of this half term Little Owls will be taught primarily by Mr Mott and Mrs Seymour. The children will also be taught by Mrs Crunden on some occasions. Mrs Seymour will be overseeing the planning for the class and will be your main point of contact if needed.

Duke of Burgundy – Cowslips

Last year we were visited by the then Lead Ranger for South Downs Central, Katie Archer, who talked to the children about an exciting project to provide habitat for the rare Duke of Burgundy butterfly in Bignor. At the end of the talk, the children were provided with Cowslip seeds to grow at home ready to be planted as part of the project. The new Lead Ranger, Gabby Crisp, has been in contact and is now asking for any successful plants to be returned to their Slindon Office ready for planting.

"Please drop any cowslips to us at the office: National Trust Estate Office, Top Road, Slindon, BN18 0RG.

Please note from next week (w/c 9th Nov), we will have a new entrance to our yard. It is located just beyond the entrance to the college, on the left-hand side, what3words location: resorting.songbook.comment. Please note our office hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm. If you are outside of these hours, then please do leave the cowslips neatly beside the new entrance gateways for us. If anyone needs any help with locating us, they can call us on 01243 814730 or email southdownscentral@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Thanks,

Gabby"

If you are unable to drop them off directly, please bring them to school and Mr Moore will drop them off.

Please return any plants by 27th November at the latest.

Remembrance

Poppies etc will be available from tomorrow morning at the school entrance. Please note it is cash donations only.

The whole school will be attending St John's for the village act of remembrance. We will be leaving school at 10:20. In a change to previous years, all parents are invited to join the service. If you would like to help with road crossings on the journey to and from the church, please let us know.

Message From FOBS



This half term sees the return of our ever-popular Cake Raffle.

Recommencing this coming Friday (6th November), tickets will be available for £1 per ticket at school drop off every Friday morning and drawn during afternoon assembly.

In order to provide a variety of lovely cakes we need your help. If any of you are keen bakers or know a place that produces lovely cakes please consider putting your name down on our cake rota. This rota will be inside the reception area at school with available dates.

If you are able to help, we ask that you provide a list of ingredients with your cake and drop off no later than 8:20am on the morning of the raffle.

Thank you for your continued support,

The FOBS Team

Message From Miss Willett

I am excited to share with you that we now have a brand new design on our **Bury Rangers hoodies**. The children were set the challenge of designing a new logo for the back of the hoodies last year. The previous design was selected almost 9 years ago and so we decided it was time for a fresh look. The children had so many wonderful ideas and the new design actually incorporates elements from four children's designs. There is no requirement to own a Bury Rangers hoody, or to replace the old one with the new design. However, if anyone would like to purchase the new hoody, please visit website of our uniform provider https://www.monkhouse.com/school/bury-c-e-aided-primary-school-urn-126022 to place your order. Keep an eye out for staff modelling the new hoodies soon! Please note that the old style hoodies are also still available on the website at half price, but in limited sizes.

Thank you for your support,

Miss Willett

West Sussex – Worth Less than other Local Authorities

Several of you may have seen an article in the local news that was later picked up by the national press here regarding funding inequalities across local authorities. As the secretary for the primary headteachers in West Sussex, this is something that I am now working on with secondary colleagues with the aim of getting MPs involved.

To be clear, the issue is not about funding in schools not being enough, it is about the fact that schools in West Sussex are funded significantly lower than their geographical neighbours, simply due to the use of a 13-year-old formula that has never been reviewed. In very simple terms, if our exact school, with the same children was located in Hampshire or Surrey, it would receive significantly more funding – enough to almost fund a full-time member of support staff. For a large secondary school this difference can be multiple hundreds of thousands.

Historically, on average, Hampshire and Surrey have achieved greater average outcomes for their

children at end of primary and secondary assessments – these outcomes directly correlate with the amount of funding received (Surrey is highest funded and achieves the highest outcomes [averaged across all schools]). We are therefore asking MPs if they are happy that this is fair for the children in their constituency.

I am sharing this now in case my name or Bury's becomes attached to the headlines. This is not directly a Bury issue, this is a West Sussex issue and is one that is growing every year the formula continues to be applied.

Everybody Read (Kestrels and Little Owls)

Please note that Everybody Read will start back on 11th November next half term.

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	
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Everyone
Thursday	Kestrels, Little Owls	
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.

Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance at St John's – all welcome
Thursday 19th November	FGB
Wednesday 25th November	SPLASH
Monday 30th November	A visit from the Wonderdome – more to follow
Thursday 3rd December	Circus Day! More to follow.
Tuesday 8th December	9:30 Nativity performance
Wednesday 9th December	9:30 Nativity performance
Thursday 10th December	FOBS Lego Day (TBC)
Tuesday 15th December	Whole School singing at the villagers' Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th December	Christingle at St John's – more to follow
Monday 4th January 2027	INSET
Thursday 14th January	FGB
Wednesday 20th January	SPLASH
Wednesday 17th March	SPLASH
Thursday 25th March	FGB
Week Beginning 12th April	Bikeability for Buzzards
Thursday 6th May	FGB
Friday 28th May 2027	INSET
Thursday 8th 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 afriend, 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. 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