



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	Betty
Kestrel	Poppy
Sparrowhawk	Marianne
Buzzard	Tristan

Start and End of the School Day

We have received a report that at the end of the day on Friday a middle-aged man shouted at one of our children before getting into a large, dark car. At this stage, this is the only information we have. I would therefore ask you to be especially vigilant at the start and end of the day and ensure your children are always close with you. If anyone has any more information, please contact the office.

National Assessments

Over the next week, Yr 4 children will complete the national multiplication check and Yr 1 children will complete the Phonics Check.

Sport Morning

As is always the case, Sports Day is weather dependent – it will take place on Wednesday 11th June unless we send you a message to the contrary. Please see Friday's letter from Mrs Gammon for more details.

Sussex Day (Friday 13th June)

Please see the message below from Mr Mott (also sent directly to you today):

Dear Parents.

We are very excited about this year's Sussex Day celebrations which will be taking place next Friday, the 13th of June.

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We will be turning our attention to the hidden biodiversity right on our doorstep with a visit from Sussex Underwater, who work to promote the protection and celebration of Sussex's underwater environment. Visit their website for more information about them and their work: <https://sussexunderwater.uk/>

We are also delighted to have two return visitors to the school. The excellent Sompting Morris, including one familiar face: our very own Mr Gattrell, will be teaching the children a traditional Morris dance. The wonderful storyteller Michael O'Leary is also returning, and he will be giving a watery flavour to his storytelling this year in honour of our Sussex Underwater theme.

At 2:30pm you are warmly invited to a celebration of the day's events, including traditional Sussex songs that the children will have learnt during the day, a display of Morris dancing, and I'm sure we'll be able to coax one last story out of Michael O'Leary. Refreshments will be provided by FOBS, but please bring along your own seating.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes,

Jonny Mott

KS2 Production

Like Sports Morning, productions offer children the opportunity to shine in areas they may not get to display on a day-to-day basis. Last year we took the decision to change our traditional Buzzard Class production to be a KS2 production instead. Whilst this was partly led by our small Yr 6 cohort, it was also about being able to offer different shows due to the limited number available for smaller ensembles. Most school productions are designed for 2-form entry schools where Yr 6 alone would total 60 children. Having worked in these larger schools for many years, I know first-hand how challenging it is to get the right balance in ensuring all those who want a part get one, and in supporting those children who do not think they want a part who suddenly have a growth in confidence and find this is an area they can excel.

Such was the positive response to increasing to all of KS2 last year; we made the decision to change to this format moving forwards. This does mean that the percentage of children with leading parts is reduced, but it also means that the children will have four opportunities to be part of a big production. We will review this again at the end of this year.

Whilst your child may not have individual lines in this year's production, their role is still integral. Without all of the roles working together, the production quickly ceases to have impact. Not only do the productions provide opportunities for children to share their talents, it also helps to build teamwork and supporting each other, showing that by working together the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Bikeability - FOBS

I would like to thanks FOBS who continue to support our children through funding Bikeability which ensures children in Yrs 5 and 6 develop skills for cycling on single-lane roads and are taught

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core functions for safe and responsible cycling.

Everybody Read

It was great to welcome Little Owls and Kestrel parents back to Everybody Read last week. What is particularly pleasing is seeing just how excited the children get at having the opportunity to read with their parents. We do appreciate that not everyone can make the end of day timeslot, but if you can, please do join us.

Reading aloud to your child will have a huge effect on your child's reading age. 'Just Reading' research from the University of Sussex has found that regular reading of a challenging text (beyond the child's reading age) to children has significant gains in the child's reading comprehension. The research found 8.5months progress, with a surprising 16months progress for pupils identified as 'poorer' readers.

Diversity Day update (14th July)

As part of our Diversity Day on 14th July, our pianists will be sharing a piano performance - 'Everyone is Unique-enjoy being you!' at 14:30 to the whole school. Pianist Parents are warmly invited to join us.

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		

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Friday	Buzzards	
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*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 May 21st June 11 th	Sports Morning
Tuesday June 3 rd	Everybody Read (Kestrels and Little Owls) returns at 3pm
Friday June 13 th	Sussex Day
Tuesday June 17 th	New Starters Morning for new Little Owls
Wednesday June 25 th	Yr 6 Leavers at Chichester Cathedral, 10.30am
Friday June 27 th 5-7pm	FOBS Kestrels and Little Owls Movie Night
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 11 th Monday 14 th July	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 21 st July	INSET 4
Tuesday 22 nd July	INSET 5
Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET 1 (25/26)
Thursday 4 th September	Children return to school
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





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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.

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