



Bury C.E. Primary School



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Dear parents and carers,

Friday 25th September – ‘Positive Communication’ Parent Workshop

The Early Help Dedicated Schools Team has been working hard to respond to schools’ requests for additional support for parents. As part of this, they have developed a series of workshops that they hope to deliver to parents in schools across the Rother Valley.

The workshops are designed to be relaxed and informal, providing an opportunity to learn, share ideas and ask questions following the presentation.

Last year, Bury was able to host several workshops on a range of different themes. Parents told us how valuable they found these sessions, particularly the practical advice and strategies they were able to take away and use at home.

 Friday 25th September

 9.00am

 School Hall – please enter via the fire exit doors

This workshop will explore the different ways we communicate with our children, including both verbal and non-verbal communication. It will also look at the important role that play can have in helping us connect and communicate with our children.

We will consider what we say, how we say it, and the importance of truly listening to our children. The session will also explore how communication can be affected when children are feeling overwhelmed and how we can support them during these times.

We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to welcoming you into school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Seymour

Harvest

Please note, we have had to move Harvest back a week – it will take place on 9th October (not the 2nd as shared in last week’s diary dates) at 14:30 at St John’s Church in the village. Further information will follow, but most importantly, all are welcome to join us.

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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.

SPLASH

Next Wednesday, SPLASH will be joining us to lead assembly at 14:45. Parents are very welcome to join us for this. Splash for Schools and Communities is a Christian charity based in West Sussex. They visit schools to deliver faith-based assemblies that promote positive values and behaviour in children and young people. These are very popular assemblies with our children.

Lunchtimes

Lunchtimes are continuing to get faster in terms of hot meals provided with today being the fastest to date as everyone becomes familiar with the new processes. Thank you all for your patience and understanding with this.

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:

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	Bury Rangers	PE
Monday	Sparrowhawks	
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 25 th September	Positive Communication workshop for Parents
Friday 9 th 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

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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. 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