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	Freddie
Kestrel	Freddie
Sparrowhawk	Indigo
Buzzard	Gabe
Support Staff	Lenny

Remembrance

The whole school attended today's Remembrance Service at St John's. The silence was impeccably observed by everyone. Eva, Amelie and Ottilie did an excellent job with their respective readings.



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Children in Need – Friday 13th November

The children can wear their own clothes to school, if they would like to, in exchange for a donation to the charity. Donations can be made online by following this link https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/

TTRockstars

Some of you may be aware of the recent media coverage regarding educational apps such as TTRockstars. While concerns have been raised about children's screen time, it is important to understand why schools use platforms of this kind. All Year 4 pupils in England are required to undertake the statutory Multiplication Tables Check, which is a timed online assessment. Developing rapid recall of multiplication facts is therefore an important part of the curriculum, and TT Rock Stars provides an engaging way for children to practise this key skill. As with all digital tools, we encourage sensible and balanced use at home.

We recognise that many families are navigating questions around children's use of technology at home. While the school teaches online safety and responsible digital citizenship as part of our curriculum, decisions about the use of personal devices, parental controls, screen time and online access remain matters for individual families. We would encourage parents to make use of the parental control tools available on their devices and to maintain regular conversations with children about safe and balanced technology use.

Families looking for practical advice may find the following resources helpful:

- **NSPCC** Online Safety Hub: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/
- **NSPCC** guide to parental controls: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/

As with many aspects of parenting, there is no one-size-fits-all approach to technology use. We encourage families to consider what is appropriate for their own child and circumstances, whilst ensuring that children enjoy a healthy balance of online and offline activities.

Wraparound Provision

I recently met with a parent who was keen to learn a little more about the wraparound provision at school. As a result, we are looking to gather feedback from parents about the school's current after-school club provision and explore whether there are any opportunities to develop or expand the activities available to children. This is an opportunity to tell us what you value about the current arrangements, anything you feel could be improved, and whether there are additional activities you would like to see offered. There are no predetermined plans to make changes. We are simply keen to understand parents' views and establish whether there is interest in exploring any new possibilities. Please share your thoughts by responding to this

After School Club Questionnaire – Fill in form



Parking

Please ensure you are considerate of other parked cars at drop-off and pick-up times.

Wonder Dome Mobile Planetarium

On Monday 30th November, The Wonder Dome Mobile Planetarium will be visiting us and setting up station at Bury Village Hall (our school hall is not big enough to accommodate the dome!) Children from all classes will have the opportunity to visit the star dome throughout the day. They will bring the universe to our school with an immersive, presenter-led planetarium show. Each session is tailored to each year group and designed to inspire curiosity and make learning unforgettable. This learning experience is being funded by FOBS, so a big thank you to them.

Miss Willett

Messages from FOBS

FOBS Quiz request

Next Wednesday we have our ever-popular Quiz at The Squire and Horse and we need some questions ...from your little ones!

We are hoping to do a round of questions set by children from school. There is no criteria, it can be a topic they are doing at school, a hobby or subject they enjoy. You can submit as many questions as you like.

If you can help, please send your questions (and answers) with a note of which class they are in (no names required) to Liz on 07825332383 by this coming Monday (16th November)

Thank you

LEGO Day – Thursday 10 December

Our popular FOBS LEGO Day is back! Parents, carers and younger siblings are warmly invited to join the children for some LEGO fun. Sparrowhawks 9-10am. Kestrels 10.45-11.45 and Little Owls and Buzzards 1.45-2.45.

Fundraising Pub Quiz – Wednesday 18 November

Join us next Wednesday evening for a fun fundraising pub quiz, kindly hosted by **The Squire and Horse**! Please contact the pub directly to book your team or place.

Friday Cake Raffle



Our cake raffle now continues every Friday! Buy your tickets before school on Friday mornings, with the lucky winner drawn in assembly. Please sign up to bring a cake (shop bought is fine!) at the sign up at reception.

Christmas Raffle

More details of our Christmas raffle coming soon! Please let us know if you can provide a prize.

Thank you all for supporting FOBS and helping us make lovely things happen for our school community!

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.

Everybody Read (Kestrels and Little Owls)

There will be no Everybody Read on 25th November due to our visit from Splash

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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
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



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