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	Rory
Kestrel	Imogen
Sparrowhawk	Maggie
Buzzard	Eva
Support Staff	Imogen H

Monday 2nd November

Don't forget that it is school photos on the first day back after half term. All children to attend in school uniform please.

Attendance

The government is having a huge focus on attendance at present. At the time of writing, National attendance is 95.9% with the Local Authority at 96%. Our own attendance is 97.9% which is excellent. We currently have the 3rd highest attendance of the 225 schools in West Sussex.

Screen Use at Bury

Following some of the parent feedback in the survey at the end of last year and correspondence from two parents this term, I have been auditing the screen use at Bury. Please see the separate document for a parent overview of the findings – 'Screen use at Bury'.

Everybody Read (Kestrels and Little Owls)

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

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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.

Thursday 22nd October	Recycling and Waste Prevention with Dennis Eagle Classroom Vehicle
Friday 23rd October	INSET
Monday 2nd November	School Photos (all in school uniform please)
Tuesday 3rd November	Open Day for prospective parents
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance at St John's – all welcome
Wednesday 19th November	SPLASH
Thursday 3rd December	Circus Day! More to follow.



Tuesday 8th December	9:30 Nativity performance
Wednesday 9th December	9:30 Nativity performance
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