



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	Archie
Kestrel	Alma
Sparrowhawk	Bodhi
Buzzard	Erin
Support Staff	Teddy

Staff Update

Over the past few weeks some of our staff have had a change in circumstances that has resulted in some changes to the staffing team.

Firstly, after 37 years supporting Bury CE Primary, Mrs Maynard has taken the decision to retire so that she can care for her husband. This will be a huge change for all of us – Mrs Maynard has given so much to Bury over all these years and will be missed by everyone here. Some of you reading this will have been supported by Mrs Maynard yourselves when you were in school and I am sure will all join me in wishing her every happiness in her very well-earned retirement. Mrs Maynard has requested a low-key event to mark her retirement – more to follow in a separate letter.

Mrs Smith is also leaving us as she moves to take on a full-time position in another school. We thank her for her time with us and wish her every success for the future. We are delighted that we have secured a new admin assistant who will be joining us shortly.

Miss Webb will start her maternity leave on 9 November. For the rest of the autumn half term, Mr Mott and Mrs Seymour will be the main class teachers in Little Owls.

Although we had already put plans in place for Miss Webb's maternity leave, I have continued to work with Mrs Clark and the governing board to look at whether we could improve those arrangements further. An opportunity has emerged which I believe could give us an even stronger model, not just for Little Owls, but for children across the school.

We are therefore going to advertise for a 0.8 maternity-cover teacher to work alongside Mr Mott in Little Owls from January until the end of the academic year.

If we find the right person, this would allow Mr Mott to return to teaching music and computing

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across the school on Tuesdays and enable Mrs Seymour to continue her work supporting children with Special Educational Needs. It would also give us an experienced teacher on site from Wednesday to Friday who already knows our children and can provide cover when staff are absent, wherever possible.

There is, of course, no guarantee that we will appoint. I would much rather retain the arrangement of Mr Mott and Mrs Seymour than appoint someone who we do not believe is right for our children. Unfortunately, West Sussex is currently changing its jobs pages, so our advert has not yet gone live. I will let families know the outcome once the appointment process is complete.

For the rest of this term, Little Owls and Kestrels will increasingly come together for music as they work towards their nativity performances.

From January, Mrs Gammon will move from Kestrels to Buzzards on Monday afternoons, allowing Mrs Braun additional leadership time and supporting Mr Mott's return to teaching music and computing across the school.

I appreciate that this is a considerable amount of change part-way through an academic year, particularly when we had previously communicated a different plan. We would not make that change without good reason. Having looked carefully at the opportunities it creates, I believe the benefits across the school are significant:

- greater consistency in staffing;
- additional leadership capacity at an important time for curriculum development;
- increased protected time for supporting children with Special Educational Needs;
- an experienced teacher available on site for cover from Wednesday to Friday;
- specialist music, computing and art teaching available to children across the school; and
- the opportunity for a new member of staff to bring fresh ideas and experience to our team.

Ultimately, this change is about making the best possible use of our staff so that we can provide the strongest teaching, support and opportunities for all our children.

Harvest

Unfortunately, with the forecast of thunderstorms for Friday, Harvest will be unable to take place at St John's. It will move to the school hall. We are keen to still welcome parents, but please be aware this will be standing only to safely accommodate you all.

Thank you for the many donations received already. Please do keep these coming in for the rest of the week.

We will be making a collection for the Pulborough Pantry foodbank again this year and they have a real need for the items below. Please do not send anything fresh.

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Please send your child with any donations from Monday 5th October.

Any non-perishable item

- pasta
- rice
- soup
- tins of fruit
- pasta sauce

Phonics Workshop – postponed due to internet issues on 6th October. **Rescheduled to 20th October at 8:50**

Little Owls (and any Kestrels who would like a refresher) – Miss Webb and Miss Willett will be leading a Phonics workshop. Please just come to the hall doors. It will be approximately 30mins.

Exciting Upcoming Events

Following an application in the summer term, we were lucky to be chosen for one of a select number of schools to be visited by 'Dennis to the Rescue' on Thursday 22nd October. Dennis is a mobile classroom that has been transformed from a refuse collection vehicle into an educational hub. Dennis will arrive at 9am and the car park will be inaccessible from this point to ensure the children's safety.

On December 3rd we are going to have a circus day – kindly funded by FOBS. This is an opportunity that has only presented itself this week with very limited spaces, so my thanks to FOBS for being able to agree to support it quickly which has allowed us to secure the day.

Nativity performances – 8th and 9th December at 9:30.

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:

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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.

Friday 9 th October	14:30 Harvest at St John's
Monday 12 th October	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 13 th October	Emily Nash – colour workshops with KS2
Wednesday 14 th October	Parents' Evening
Tuesday-6 th 20 th October	Phonics Workshop for parents (aimed at Little Owls and Kestrels Parents 8:50 in the School Hall)
Thursday 22 nd October	Recycling and Waste Prevention with Dennis Eagle Classroom Vehicle
Friday 23rd October	INSET
Monday 2 nd November	School Photos (all in school uniform please)
Tuesday 3 rd November	Open Day for prospective parents
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance at St John's – all welcome
Wednesday 19 th November	SPLASH
Thursday 3 rd December	Circus Day! More to follow.
Tuesday 8 th December	9:30 Nativity performance
Wednesday 9 th December	9:30 Nativity performance
Monday 4th January 2027	INSET
Thursday 14 th January	FGB
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

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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 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.

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