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	Oliver
Kestrel	Betty
Sparrowhawk	Oscar
Buzzard	Bertie
Support Staff	Sebby

Office Update

Mrs Clark will not be at work for at least the next two weeks. Please be prepared for a longer response time to emails as Mr Moore will be monitoring the Office email during this absence period.

Parents' Evening Reports

Yesterday, you will have received a link to the autumn parents' evening reports. As stated in the email, these are part one of the three-part report you will receive across the year. Whilst they cannot capture everything that was shared with you during the meetings, we hope that you find receiving a copy of your child's specific English and maths next steps useful.

'Capturing our Experiences of Learning in Nature'

Early this year Mr Moore was invited to take part in a national group looking to increase the role of the environment in our decision making. As a result of this day, we were approached to take part in a piece of research being undertaken by Canterbury Christ Church University. The research will look at one class' engagement with the environment as part of their usual curriculum. As this is something that we have done at Bury for several years, it seemed a perfect opportunity for us.

Miss Willett will be leading the work with Kestrel Class. Parents of children in Kestrel Class, please see the separate participant information letter being sent to you. If you are happy for your child to be part of the project, please return the completed form to the office by Tuesday 1st December.



Everybody Sing – Monday 14th December at 14:45

Some of you may recall that last year we had an impromptu singing session instead of Everybody Read. Such was the enthusiasm for this that we are going to hold an Everybody Sing session for all who can make it on 14th December. Mr Mott will lead us all in a selection of Christmas songs. This is your chance to come along and join in with us, in what is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit.

Messages from FOBS

It's that time of year again and FOBS need your help.

We organise a Christmas raffle to raise valuable funds for Bury Primary School. Every year we have some fantastic prizes, from hampers put together by our lovely FOBS volunteers to restaurant vouchers, lunches and even a glider experience last year!

This year, we'd love to make it bigger and better, but we need your help. There are two ways you can get involved:

1. Ask your contacts for a raffle prize

Please have a think about people you know, friends or family who run a business, or businesses you work for. Could you ask them if they'd be willing to donate a prize or voucher for our school raffle?

Ideas include:

Restaurant, pub or café vouchers

Afternoon tea or lunch for two

Beauty treatments, massages or hair appointments

Shop vouchers or gifts

Days out or experiences

Anything a little bit different!

Please use the attached letter when approaching businesses.

We know businesses get lots of requests for donations, especially at this time of year, so a personal connection can make all the difference. All your contacts are invaluable, and we'd be so grateful if you could ask around.

Please send any vouchers or prizes you manage to secure to Mr Moore by Monday 6th December.

The sooner we can get prizes in, the better, as having some great prizes to advertise early will help us sell more raffle tickets.



2. Bring in an item for our Christmas hampers

We will also be holding a non-uniform day on Thursday 3rd December . In exchange for wearing non-uniform, we'd love children to bring in an item to help us put together our Christmas hampers.

Ideas include candles, chocolates, wine, toiletries, toys, festive treats or anything else you think would make a lovely addition.

Please, please do get involved if you can. Whether it's asking a business contact for a voucher or bringing in something for the hampers, every little bit helps.

Raffle tickets will be available to buy at Nativity performances and at drop off (Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th December) and the morning of Tuesday 15th December.

The draw will take place Tuesday 15th December.

Thank you so much for your support. It really does make a difference to what we can raise for the school.

The FOBS Team

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

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

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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 19th November	FGB
Wednesday 25th November	SPLASH
Monday 30th November	A visit from the Wonderdome
Tuesday 1st December	Kestrels Cowslip planting with the National Trust
Thursday 3rd December	Circus Day and Non-uniform for FOBS donations
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
Monday 25th January	The Skipping Ninja Workshop – more to follow
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