



# Bury C.E. Primary School



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Dear Parents/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's winners were:

Little Owl	Gabriel
Kestrel	Harley
Sparrowhawk	Toby
Buzzard	George

## Change of Letterhead

Over the past few years we have had the Chartered College of Teaching logo at the top of our letterhead. This was present in our role as the small school hub for CPD. However, in the recent past, our focus has been more on a local level, establishing the Continuing Professional Development foci across the Rother Valley schools of which we are part. In this same time, our role as the (West Sussex) Ambassador School for the South Downs National Park has increased in stature. Our annual Sussex Day is now firmly established as an outreach offer to other schools and Miss Willett is busy working on another project which is likely to see more of our community and other schools visiting in future. In recognition of the work ourselves and Droxford Junior School (our Hampshire equivalent) have been doing, the National Park have created an Ambassador School logo which appears on our headed paper and can be found on the school website.

To find out more about the Ambassador School project, click on the logo to the right:



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## Phonics Workshop

Thank you to Mrs Seymour and Miss Webb for hosting the Phonics workshop this morning and to the parents who were able to attend. The slides used can now be found on our school website [here](#)

Further Phonics information and support can be found under the Learning tab on the website or using this [link](#)

**Next Half Term (don't forget this Friday and the Monday after half term are both INSET days)**

Little Owls have settled in brilliantly and as a result will be joining the rest of the school in entering through the side gate in the mornings.

## Breaktime Snacks

We are starting to get other items brought into school for a breaktime snack. A reminder that a piece of fruit or vegetable is all that should be brought in for breaktime snacks. Thank you.

## Harvest

What an amazing turn out for our Harvest celebration. Thank you all very much for coming.



Thank you for all the amazing donations and to Mr and Mrs Wright and Mr and Mr Scowen-Why for taking all of the donations to Stonepillow on behalf of the school.

**Open Day for prospective parents – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 9:30 – 11:30 and 13:30 – 16:30**

Our open day takes place this week with Buzzard Class getting to take our prospective parents around the school grounds. In order to reduce the strain on everyone visiting on the same day, it would be very helpful if our current parents could attend at the following times:

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Buzzards: 8:45 – 9:15 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Little Owls: 8:45 – 9:15 Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Kestrels: 8:45 – 9:15 Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Sparrowhawks: 8:45 – 9:15 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

## Message from FOBS

Thank you so much for all your support to FOBS this term already.

### FREEZY FRIDAY TURNS TO CAKE RAFFLE

I think we timed the ending of Freezy Friday well! We will be running a weekly cake raffle every Friday starting next half term. You buy raffle tickets on the Friday morning at drop off and then one child wins it during assembly that day.

We can only run this if parents/carers/school community buy or donate a cake! There is a physical rota on the main office entrance door at school. Ps shop bought is absolutely fine! Please note you'll need to provide a slip of paper with all the ingredients for anything home made.

### PUMPKIN RAFFLE - THIS THURSDAY 19th

It's your chance to win an epic pumpkin kindly donated by the Toppers at Bignor Farms! Raffle tickets only available at drop off on Thursday (cash and card) and will be announced during assembly that day. See pic below for inspiration from Anthony Daly carving his!



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(FOBS will also be serving refreshments at the school open day)

**UNIFORM ORDERS** Please let any of the FOBS team know if you have any orders for Preloved uniform.

## SCHOOL TEA TOWELS

We have now collected all the brilliant artwork from the school - you're going to want to see these!! We will be sending around a pre-order form this week for delivery asap before Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

We are going to put on a macramé Christmas craft evening in the run up to Christmas. Look out for a date for this soon!

## PUB QUIZ

Nick and Shannon at the Squire & Horse in Bury have kindly allowed us to run a pub quiz raising funds for the school. Look out for signup instructions after half term and provisional date of Thursday November 16th as a date for your diary!

Thanks from the FOBS team





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## Requests For Absence

A reminder that any request for absence needs completing on the absence request form and returned to school two weeks in advance.

## Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn. The exception can be found on the NHS website [here](#).

## PE and 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		Buzzards & Sparrowhawks
Tuesday	Buzzards	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
Thursday	Kestrels	
Friday	Little Owls	

\*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.

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Please keep checking these dates and times as I will update them every week.

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Air Ambulance online session for KS2
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Eve
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	8:45 – Phonics Workshop for Little Owl and Kestrel parents.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	The Big Education Conversation
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day for prospective parents
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET 2
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET 3
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Everybody Read sessions start up for Little Owls and Kestrels
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance at Church (children only)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	FGB
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	FOBS Lego Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Artist working with whole school
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Artist working with Buzzards
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	SPLASH
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30 and 14:00 Nativity (Little Owls and Kestrels)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	FOBS Lego Workshop
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	FGB
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	SPLASH
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Jeanne Willis author visit
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	FGB
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	SPLASH
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	FGB
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	SPLASH
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Sports Morning
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Photos
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sussex Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	FGB
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET 4
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET 5

## 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.

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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