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	Maverick
Kestrel	Maeve
Sparrowhawk	Rowan
Buzzard	Imogen
Support Staff	Cosmo

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.

Sports Update from PE lead, Mrs Gammon

Sparrowhawks and Buzzards have begun their hockey lessons with Joe and are developing their skills and confidence on the pitch. Please don't forget to send your child in with their shinpads and mouth guard otherwise they will be unable to participate in these lessons.

On Wednesday 2nd December, we will be welcoming Midhurst C of E Primary School for a series of hockey fixtures against our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils. Approximately ten children will take part in a round-robin tournament, giving them a fantastic opportunity to put their skills into practice.

We have also been fortunate enough to receive an invitation to take part in an area hockey tournament at The Weald School on Monday 7th December. Further details will be shared with the selected children who will be representing our school as part of a squad of six.

Meanwhile, Little Owls and Kestrels have been thoroughly enjoying their multi-sport lessons. These sessions play a vital role in developing and embedding fundamental sporting skills.

We have lots more fixtures and competitions planned throughout the year, and we look forward to sharing all the exciting opportunities and successes with you.

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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

Wraparound Provision (as shared previously - the questionnaire will close on Friday 20th at 9am)

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

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

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
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