



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:

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| Little Owl | Lochlan |
| Kestrel | Isabella |
| Sparrowhawk | Charlie J |
| Buzzard | Freddie H |

Welcome Back

We hope you have all had a good extended half term and managed to enjoy some of the breaks in the showers.

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.

Open Day for prospective parents – Thursday 19th October

Buzzards did an amazing job showing around lots of visitors on our recent Open Day. A big well done to the children and a huge thank you to Miss Holmes, Mrs Tupper and Mrs Youngs for providing refreshments and for offering a parent perspective for our visitors.

The following is left as a reminder from the previous newsletter '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:

Buzzards: 8:45 – 9:15 Thursday 19th October

Little Owls: 8:45 – 9:15 Tuesday 31st October

Kestrels: 8:45 – 9:15 Wednesday 1st November

Sparrowhawks: 8:45 – 9:15 Thursday 2nd November'

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Big Education Conversation

In a busy end to the half term, we were also visited by Ed Finch who worked with a group of Buzzard Class to support them in leading a 'Big Education Conversation' with members of the wider community. In addition to Buzzard Class, we were joined by parents, governors (past and present) and a collection of people from Bury and the wider parish. It was brilliant to bring the range of people together to discuss some big questions around what education is, was and should be. Ariana, Connor, Freddie, Frida and Silva all did a superb job leading the session and bringing everyone back on track when needed. They also did not let Ed Finch get away easily by asking for a special report just for our school. Once we receive this, we will of course share it with you all.



Maths Homework

Following some feedback at the recent parents' evenings there appears to be some confusion as to the purpose of the maths sheets that are sent home. Beyond reading, number bonds and multiplication table practise, the evidence in support of homework at primary schools is weak. The reason we introduced the additional maths sheets was in response to parents wanting a clearer understanding of what their child was being taught. You are provided with a few questions which provides a retrieval opportunity for the children as it is based on what has been just been taught. The answers are provided so that you can look at these with your children. The sheets are not intended for the children to complete alone, they are provided for you to look at with your children and share what they have been recently learning.



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Buttons

A possibly odd request, but if anyone has any containers of old buttons that they no longer need, they would be very greatly received at school. Please drop them off at the office for Mr Moore.

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 |
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| 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



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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.

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| Friday 3 rd November | Everybody Read sessions start up for Little Owls and Kestrels |
| Friday 10 th November | Remembrance at Church (children only) |
| Tuesday 14 th November | FGB |
| Friday 17 th November-New date – 1 st December | FOBS Lego Day |
| Monday 20 th November | Artist working with whole school |
| Tuesday 21 st November | Artist working with Buzzards |
| Wednesday 6 th December | SPLASH |
| Tuesday 12 th December | 9:30 and 14:00 Nativity (Little Owls and Kestrels) |
| Friday 12 th January 2024 | FOBS Lego Workshop |
| Tuesday 16 th January | FGB |
| Wednesday 24 th January | SPLASH |
| Thursday 7 th March | Jeanne Willis author visit |
| Tuesday 12 th March | FGB |
| Wednesday 20 th March | SPLASH |
| Tuesday 7 th May | FGB |
| Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May | KS2 SATs |
| Wednesday 15 th May | SPLASH |
| Wednesday 22 nd May | Sports Morning |
| Monday 3 rd June | School Photos |
| Friday 14 th June | Sussex Day |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | Transition Day |
| Tuesday 9 th July | FGB |
| Monday 22 nd July | INSET 4 |
| Tuesday 23 rd 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