



# 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 Maisie  
Kestrel Betty  
Sparrowhawk Isabella  
Buzzard Charlie  
Mrs. Seymour Ivy

## **Writers of the Week**

This week we have introduced Writers of the Week. Each week, one child from each class will be chosen for displaying an element of excellent writing. Their work will be displayed in school for all to see.

This week's winners were:

Little Owl Maeve  
Kestrel Florence  
Sparrowhawk Amos  
Buzzard Arthur

## **Little Owls coming in to school**

From Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Little Owls will come into school through the main playground gate in the mornings. Miss Webb will be there to meet them as well as the usual staff on duty.

## **Freckle**

We have been having some trouble with the system we use for homework in Sparrowhawks and Buzzards, but we think it is now fixed, so please be on the lookout for Maths homework on Freckle again.

## **Phonics Parent Workshop**

If your child is in Little Owls or Kestrels (or further up school and you would like a refresher), Miss Willett and Miss Webb are offering a parent workshop to explain how we teach phonics (reading and writing sounds) and how you can help at home by hearing your child read in the same way that we do in school. The session will be from 8.45 - 9.15 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October in the hall. There is no need to book, just stay after drop off.

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## **Harvest**

Our harvest service this year will be at the St. John's Church in Bury on 24<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15pm. More details of this will follow, however we are starting to collect donations for the Pulborough Pantry Foodbank.

If you feel able to, then please send a donation into school from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

-tinned foods

-pasta

-cereals

-chocolate

No fresh produce please

## **Building Work**

Some of you will recall that the original plans for Buzzard Classroom included a new canopy for the rear of school. Unfortunately, the cost of the canopy was more than we had available and so we had to remove this aspect from the project. However, Mrs Clark has since been successful with an additional bid for funding and we are now in a position where we are able to move forward with a canopy which will link the original building with Buzzards new classroom. This will provide a much larger covered outside space that will be used by children during break times and by parents at the end of the day. Rather than waiting for a long holiday period, we are pushing to get this work completed as soon as possible so that we can provide a covered link for the children. The intention is for the work to start on Friday before half term and to finish the week after half term. Whilst I appreciate this is more building work during term time, I believe the benefit of having a dry covered way before the winter is worth the short period of inconvenience.

## **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:

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	<b>Bury Rangers</b>	<b>PE</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Sparrowhawks	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Kestrels, Little Owls	
<b>Wednesday</b>		Everyone
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	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.

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Phonic Workshop 8.45-9.15
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent's Evening
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest – Location and timing to be confirmed
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	INSET 2 (25/26)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance – school and local parishioners (due to space)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Day for prospective parents
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Lego Day – Brilliant Bury Houses (in Lego)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Christmas Carol Theatre Performance to school
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	SPLASH Assembly
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Singing to the village
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET 3 (25/26)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	SPLASH Assembly
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	SPLASH Assembly
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 National Assessments
(TBC) Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET 4 (25/26)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET 5 (25/26)

## 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](#)

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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.

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.

Laura Braun  
Senior Teacher