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Welcome back to 25/26.



Firstly, some very sad news. Rob Hook, dad to Freddie and grandad to Harley, sadly died in August. All of us here at Bury send our condolences to the whole family and friends of Rob. We of course are especially thinking about Freddie as he starts at secondary school today and know he is being really well supported by his family and friends.

Welcome

We would like to say a big welcome to our 14 new Little Owls and the many new families who have joined the school. It was great to hear how quickly Little Owls were through the gate and into their new classroom. I say 'hear' as by the time I had made it round from welcoming at the main gates everyone was already in the classroom. The children have wasted no time in getting to know their new environment, exploring their role-play and reading house – thank you to our premises manager, Mr Cox for making some alterations to this space which has made it even better than before.

We also welcome some new children and families to other year groups. We have Ottilie who has joined Sparrowhawks and Jack who has joined Kestrels. It was great to see how quickly they were supported by their classmates and have quickly settled into school.







Communication

In an effort to ensure messages reach the appropriate person, this year the class emails will no longer be active. Please send any questions relating to classes to <u>office@bury.school</u> and it will then be passed on to the most appropriate person/s for a response.

Please check your My Child At School (MCAS) on the data collection form to ensure the information we hold is correct.

End of Day pick up

A reminder that the children should not be playing on the equipment at the end of the school day. Our first aiders are involved in after school clubs and the playground is required for these clubs Monday to Thursday (including setting up). Whilst we appreciate that many of you will want to chat etc at the end of the day, please remember that we still have children on site and therefore need to secure the main gates as soon as possible after collection to ensure the children's safety. We would appreciate your cooperation in exiting the site as soon as possible once your child/ren are collected so that Mr Cox can secure the site.

Thank you.

Meet the Teachers

As previously shared, Buzzards 'Meet the Teacher' is next Monday. This will include all the information required for the upcoming Hindleap residential. The other class meet the teacher dates are as follows:

Monday 15 th September	15:00 – Kestrels meet the teacher
Tuesday 16 th September	8:40 – Sparrowhawks meet the teacher
Tuesday 16 th September	15:00 – Little Owls meet the teacher (and new
	classroom)

All information shared will be made available on the school website at the end of the day after the meeting takes place.

Opportunities to get involved in school

We will shortly be looking for volunteers to help with our Brilliant Bury whole school topic. The children will be improving their pottery skills and would welcome some additional support. You do not need experience of pottery to get involved, just a willingness to have a go and follow instructions. If you would like to help with this, please email lbraun@bury.school with the subject 'pottery'.

Bury Rangers

In a change to previously communicated days, the following are the Bury Rangers days (starting next week).







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	Kestrels, Little Owls	
Wednesday		Everyone
Thursday		
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.

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Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET 1 (25/26)
Thursday 4 th September	Children return to school
Monday 8 th September	8:40 – Buzzards meet the teacher – Hindleap update
Monday 15 th September	15:00 – Kestrels meet the teacher
Tuesday 16 th September	8:40 – Sparrowhawks meet the teacher
Tuesday 16 th September	15:00 – Little Owls meet the teacher (and new
	classroom)
Wednesday 17 th September	SPLASH assembly
22 nd – 26 th September	Buzzards Hindleap Residential
Monday 20 th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parent's Evening
Friday 24 th October	Harvest – Location and timing to be confirmed
Monday 3 rd November	INSET 2 (25/26)
Friday 21st November	Christmas Carol Theatre Performance to school
Wednesday 26 th November	SPLASH Assembly
Tuesday 16 th December	Singing to the village
Monday 5 th January	INSET 3 (25/26)
Wednesday 21st January	SPLASH Assembly
Wednesday 11 th March	SPLASH Assembly





Monday 11 th – 14 th May	KS2 National Assessments
(TBC) Monday 29 th June	INSET 4 (25/26)
Wednesday 22 nd 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

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.

Thomas Moore, Headteacher

