



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	Nicholas
Kestrel	Maeve
Sparrowhawk	Ruby
Buzzard	Ata
Mrs Seymour	Declan

South Downs National Park Writing Competition Champions!

On Friday afternoon we received an impromptu visit from Amanda Elmes, Learning, Outreach and Volunteer Lead for the South Downs National Park. Amanda appeared with a gift for the school as a result of Buzzards' writing in the autumn term.

As Amanda explained just how well the children had done, I asked her if she would like to stay for assembly and to tell the whole school. Amanda was very pleased to be able to share the news with everyone and explained the following:

"I am delighted to let you know that your school has won a KS2 prize for the wonderful work that you submitted celebrating the special species of the South Downs National Park.

I am delighted to enclose certificates for the individual pupils who scored the highest (Maisie, Eva, Arabella and Jesse). Please do pass on our congratulations to them and all the other entries which contributed to your winning score.

Thanks to generous funding from the Foyle Foundation and the South Downs National Park Trust we are pleased to award the following prizes:

- A copy of the Lost Words book (enclosed)
- Species Guides to the special habitats of the South Downs National Park (enclosed)
- Pledge and plant cards featuring South Downs wildflower seeds (enclosed)

You have also won a FREE Pollination Station for your school which will be delivered and installed by Sussex Green Living. This wonderful habitat for insects will help to support biodiversity within your school grounds.

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In addition, you are eligible for an Outdoor Learning Grant of £500 to subsidise the cost of coach travel to any outdoor learning setting within the South Downs National Park."

As I am sure you can imagine, the children were absolutely delighted to receive this news and burst into spontaneous cheers and whoops.

Amanda was keen to stress how this competition was voted by professional writing judges who scored different aspects of the pieces of writing before adding up the scores to arrive at the winning entries and the overall winning school.

A massive well done to all of Buzzards whose writing was judged to be the best KS2 writing in the National Park!



Staff Update

A reminder that we look forward to welcoming Mrs Gemma Smith to the school team this week. Mrs Smith will be working in the office on Wednesdays.

Key Stage 2 (Buzzards and Sparrowhawks)

We still have several children whom we have not received payment for the tomorrow's KS2 Children's Concert. The payment forms your consent for your child to attend, without this they will remain at school tomorrow as we do not have your consent to take them out of school.

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Rock Day

It was great to see such enthusiasm from the children, not only for the outfits, but also for their maths on Thursday





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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	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.

Tuesday 13 th January	KS2 Children's Concert at Chichester
Thursday 15 th January	FGB
Wednesday 21 st January	SPLASH Assembly
Thursday 22 nd January	Wassail
Tuesday 10 th February	Lego Day
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day (more to follow)
Wednesday 11 th March	SPLASH Assembly
Monday 16 th March	Parents' Evening

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Wednesday 18 th March	Parents' Evening
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 26 th March	FGB
Thursday 30 th April	FGB
Monday 11 th – 14 th May	KS2 National Assessments
Friday 15 th May	School Walk (TBC)
Wednesday 13 th May	SPLASH Assembly
Wednesday 20 th May	Sports Morning
Monday 1 st June	School Photos
Monday 15 th June	Sussex Day (more to follow)
Friday 26 th June	Provisional KS2 Camp
Monday 29 th June	INSET 4 (25/26)
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Day
Thursday 6 th July	FGB
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. 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

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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