



# 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 the winners were:

Little Owl	Florence
Kestrel	Lochlan
Sparrowhawk	Jaeger
Buzzard	Frida

## Welcome

This morning we welcomed Eve into Kestrel Class. Kestrels (and Mrs Seymour) have done an excellent job helping her to settle into her new class.

## Building Update

Our new classroom building work remains on track for completion at the end of half term. In order to meet this deadline there will be a continued increase in the number of trades on site. We anticipate this is going to have an increased pressure on available parking over the rest of this week and would encourage you to use the parking offered in the wider area, such as Charlie's car park.

Following the conclusion of the modular build, work will then move on to redeveloping some internal areas of school. A lot of this work will be taking place during the half term break to ensure the least disruption to school as is possible. This will also ensure that the increased number of trades on site will reduce significantly once the children return after the half term break.

## Reading

As much as we do all that we can during the hours your children are with us, they are only with us for a fraction of time; what happens outside of these hours is entirely driven by you. A relatively easy way to make a huge difference to your child's learning is through reading, both reading to your child so that they experience a rich vocabulary of language and also daily practise of their own reading books.

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The table below shows you just how much difference you can make in a year.

Time spent reading	Total minutes per year	Total hours per year	Hours across Primary
10mins per night on school days	1900	32	224
10mins per night everyday	3650	60	420
30mins per night on school days	5700	95	665
30mins per night everyday	10950	182.5	1277.5
<b>English lessons (1hr per day)</b>	<b>11400</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>1330</b>

By reading 10mins per night just on school days, your child/ren will have spent an additional 224hrs reading across their entire time in primary school. If you can find 10mins every single day, this total increases to 420hrs of learning gained 420hrs from just 10mins per day.

## 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
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Little Owls, Kestrels Buzzards (until Easter)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	Buzzards (from summer term)	

\*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.

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Please keep checking these dates and times as I will update them every week.

Monday Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	New classroom handover and move in
Monday Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Tuesday Feb 25 <sup>th</sup>	Author visit for KS2
Wednesday Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SPLASH Easter assembly – all welcome
Thursday May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday May 14 <sup>th</sup>	SPLASH assembly
Wednesday May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sports Morning
Monday June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Photos
Week beginning Monday June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bikeability for Buzzard Class
Friday June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sussex Day
Tuesday June 17 <sup>th</sup>	New Starters Morning for new Little Owls
Wednesday June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Leavers at Chichester Cathedral
Wednesday July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Transition Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Camp – more to follow
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	14:00 KS2 production to parents (children welcome)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	18:00 KS2 production to parents (Sparrowhawk Parents)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	18:00 KS2 Production to Parents (Buzzard Parents)
Friday July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Diversity Day
Tuesday July 15 <sup>th</sup>	FOBS Lego Day
Tuesday July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Reports out
Thursday July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Assembly (Yr 6 parents welcome)
Friday July 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Walk
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET 4
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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.

Please do add your views to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. It is incredibly helpful to us for you

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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