



# Bury C.E. Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Welcome and Goodbye

Toby in Buzzard Class finished with us at half term. We wish Toby and his family all the best for the future. We welcome Otto into Buzzard Class.

## Tax-free Before and After School Club

For parents who use the tax-free booking option please note that the sessions should be booked and paid for by the last day of the preceding term as outlined in the Wraparound Care Policy. Eg. Sessions for this half term should have been booked by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. For this half term only we will extend the booking window until Wednesday, thereafter all sessions that are not booked within the timelines will have to be booked through the usual booking system at full price.

## Remembrance

Buzzards will be selling poppies throughout the rest of this week. Please send your child in with a donation if they would like one.

On the 11<sup>th</sup>, our whole school will be visiting St John's to pay our respects. We will be joined by children from Dorset House and St James. Whilst of course anyone is welcome to be part of the service, there is very limited space at St John's so we are not requesting parents to join us.

## Buzzard Classroom

Following a successful building meeting before half term, I am pleased to say that our new classroom project is due to start on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. As per the message sent to Little Owls and Kestrels' parents, Nativity performances have been moved forward one week to avoid disruption.

Mrs Clark and I will be working on changes to our Emergency Plan due to the changes to the site - any updates relevant to parents will be shared as required.

Please note the school car park will be inaccessible throughout the works as this area will be used as the site compound.

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## Star Dome in School – 12<sup>th</sup> November

Next Tuesday we have the star dome returning to school. Whilst primarily this is part of KS2's science curriculum, it is also an opportunity that we like to share with the whole school so everyone from Reception through to Year 6 will be inside the dome throughout the day.

We have also managed to secure a slot for parents to get involved. At 14:45, we will have an opening for a small group of parents to enjoy the dome. There will be limited spaces of 25 offered on a first come first served basis. Please queue at the hall doors if you would like to learn more about the night sky.

## Author Visit for KS2

Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup> will be a very exciting day for KS2 children. We have managed to secure an author visit for the day with an author that we know all of the children will be very excited about. To build the excitement, we are not going to tell you who it is until much closer to the date!

## KS2 Hockey

On the 29<sup>th</sup> October England Hockey sent a safety notice to all schools instructing them to discontinue use of Quicksticks. They are intending to provide an update within 14 days.

In order to ensure the safety of the children and to reduce uncertainty in our curriculum planning, we have chosen to switch KS2 PE with the spring term: Sparrowhawks = football (shin pads required) and Buzzards = tennis

## Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn. The exception can be found on the NHS website [here](#).

## PE and Bury Rangers – changes from October half term 2024

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

Monday Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Tuesday Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sparrowhawks visit Bignor Roman Villa
Wednesday Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
Monday Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance at Church
Tuesday Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Star Dome in school
Friday Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need
Thursday Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	SPLASH assembly
Friday Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	FOBS Lego Day – parents welcome. Timings to follow
<b>Monday Dec 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Building work starts</b>
Thursday Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> (Now Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> )	Nativity 9am and 2pm
Monday Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	Singing to the village – children collected from Bury Village Hall
Friday Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	14:30 Christingle at Bury Church – children collected from church
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>INSET 3</b>
Thursday January 16 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bury Wassail – more to follow
Wednesday Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	SPLASH assembly
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

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Friday June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sussex Day
Tuesday June 17 <sup>th</sup>	New Starters Morning for new Little Owls
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
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET 4</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>INSET 5</b>

## 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.



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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