



# 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 (a slight delay whilst we clear the hall):

Little Owl	TBC
Kestrel	TBC
Sparrowhawk	TBC
Buzzard	TBC

## Building Work Updates

Our building work is complete... for now.

PHBeck finished all of the work on Friday and we are now in the process of setting up the room for use. I can also finally reveal what the old Buzzard classroom has become. With the new storage space being created in the hall, it has meant that we were able to knock through the old storage cupboard in the classroom and enlarge it into one large room. It now means that Kestrels, Sparrowhawks and (old) Buzzards rooms are all of a similar floor space. New Buzzards is a little larger which still affords us the flexibility of rooms should we have a 'bulge year' at any point in the future.

Therefore, the next stage will be to move the classes through, with Sparrowhawks moving into the redesigned classroom over the next half term. Once Sparrowhawks have vacated their room, we are planning to work with the Diocese to redevelop their old classroom as we move towards becoming one of the first three carbon net-zero schools across the Diocese. Our reliance on oil to heat the school will be removed as we move to air-source heat pumps. As part of this work we are also bidding for solar panels which will negate the additional electricity costs for the pumps. We are also upgrading certain windows to improve insulation - Sparrowhawks current classroom and the link room between Sparrowhawks and Kestrels are two of the areas that will benefit from these upgrades. Once the windows are replaced, we can then move forward with updating the fixtures and fittings in the rooms. The plan is for Kestrels to move into the redecorated room which will allow Little Owls to move into the current Kestrel Classroom. The link room between them will become an Early Years/Key Stage 1 library and intervention space.

All of the above will then provide us with a much-needed intervention/meeting room in the current Little Owls room. This will be easily accessed without disturbing others thanks to the new corridor in the art/DT space.

I do appreciate that the above is hard to visualise without being on the site, but I can assure you it is

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going to make a huge difference to our teaching spaces and the teaching team are very excited about moving into the new locations. Whilst I would love to move forward with this immediately, we are in the position of needing to wait to see just how much the Diocese can support with funding as part of the decarbonisation work. Whilst this may slow progress a little, the more we are financially supported with, the more we can look to improve other areas of the school.

## Funding

Hopefully, you will all have read the letter from our chair of governors referring to voluntary contributions. This is particularly pertinent with the Diocese trying to support us with our decarbonisation aims. If all goes to plan, the Diocese will be providing circa £300k towards the work. As a Voluntary Aided School, there is a required governor contribution of 10% towards these works. Fortunately, the Diocese have successfully accessed funds that mean the full 10% will not be required for all of these works. The total cost of the contribution will be unknown until the full extent of solar panels and window replacements are known – we are currently being advised that it will be between £5k and £9k required.

To be clear, a governor contribution is not a contribution by the governors themselves, they are simply responsible for finding the funding. In most Voluntary Aided Schools this is raised through voluntary contributions by parents. It could also be achieved through donations from local businesses. If you are in any way able to help us achieve our contribution figure, or know of a business who could help us to do so – please let us know. For more information about governor funds, see [here](#)

## Car Park

The car park remains inaccessible until the skip and fencing items are removed later this week. As soon as this is done the 'closed' sign will be removed. I am hoping this will be the case by Wednesday morning.

We have received complaints from neighbours who have reported their driveways being blocked. Please park considerately, both for our neighbours and other road users.

## Drop Off and Pick Up

This morning was our last drop off via the learning garden. At the end of today the children will be collected from the playground. Tomorrow morning the children will return to their usual access point through the main gates. Please note, the gates now open outwards so please ensure space is left for them.

## Splash

Splash are joining us for a special Easter Service on Wednesday at 14:30. Parents are very welcome to join us.

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Some Images of the Internal Work

Old Buzzard Classroom



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## New Library Space



## Easter

Don't forget that Easter Monday is 21<sup>st</sup> April and we return to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

## 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

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<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.

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

Wednesday April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	SPLASH Easter assembly – all welcome
Thursday May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Full Governing Body meeting
Monday May 12 <sup>th</sup>	National Assessment Week for Yr 6 (SATs)
Wednesday May 14 <sup>th</sup>	SPLASH assembly
Friday May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Three Musketeers – Theatre Performance
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 11th	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.



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## [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