



# 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	Eleanor
Kestrel	Damian
Sparrowhawk	Amelie
Buzzard	Leo

## Phonics Workshop

On the 15<sup>th</sup> October, Miss Webb and Mrs Seymour will be running a phonics workshop for parents. This is primarily aimed at Little Owls and Kestrel Parents, but is open to all. It will run from 8:45 to approximately 9:15. No need to book, just wait by the hall doors on the day.

More information about the session content is available [here](#)

## Teacher CPD

As part of our work to continually improve our own practice, several of the teaching team are currently undertaking National Professional Qualifications (NPQs). Alongside this we are working closely with Durrington Research School to further improve the quality of our curriculum – this year the focus work with Durrington is looking at Geography, Science and English. Whilst a lot of the training for both of these key areas has been facilitated through in-house cover, there will be times over the rest of this year where this is not possible and you will see additional teachers in class. Fortunately for us, some of these training days fall on days when we can employ known staff, but this is not always possible. I am sure that these occasional changes for the children will be of significant long-term benefit to the overall quality of education we are able to provide.

## Poetry

This week we look forward to welcoming poet, Antosh Wojcik care of Arts Society West Sussex. Antosh will be working with Sparrowhawks. This year our theme will be 'Voices in Nature' which follows the National Poetry Day's theme of 'Counting' but with an emphasis on every voice counts in nature. We look forward to sharing some of the children's poetry with you over the next few

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weeks. Thank you to the Arts Society for funding and providing such a great opportunity.

## Harvest – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

We are very pleased to be holding our Harvest Festival in the church this year. Our service will start at 2pm with the whole school walking to St John's after lunch and then all walking back to school after we finish. Parents are very welcome to join us, but please note there will be limited seating available at church so you are likely to be standing.

Pulborough Food Bank are very keen to receive our donations and have particularly requested the following items if at all possible: tinned food, pasta, cereals and chocolate.

## Message from FOBS

Firstly we at FOBS would like to welcome all new parents and children to Bury School, we do hope that you have all settled in well.

We are the Friends of Bury School. In a nutshell, our role is to support the school by assisting with fundraising, providing refreshments at school events and help organise various activities. More details on what we do and if anyone is interested in joining will appear in our separate newsletter which will be sent out later this week.

## Autumn Fair

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding an Autumn Fair after school. There will be sideshows including a children's book tombola, tin can ally, guess the weight of the pumpkin, and other activities. There will also be a gift and craft stall, raffle and an art competition for the children (details to follow).

If anyone has anything they would like to donate for either the gift stall or raffle we would be so grateful, all monies raised will go towards our children's enrichment at school.

Liz Leggett

(Co-Chair FoBS)

## Covid Guidance

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

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**PE and Bury Rangers – these remain the same for 24/25**

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:

	<b>Bury Rangers</b>	<b>PE</b>
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	Little Owls	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
<b>Thursday</b>	Kestrels	
<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 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Bulb planting for Mrs Everest
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	SPLASH assembly
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Poet working with Sparrowhawks
Tuesday Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sparrowhawks visit Bignor Roman Villa
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics workshop for parents (aimed at Little Owls and Kestrel Parents)
Thursday Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Tuesday Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Harvest at Church – more to follow
Thursday Oct 24 <sup>th</sup>	Special music event at Champs Hill for Sparrowhawks
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET 2</b>
Monday Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parents’ Evening
Wednesday Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents’ Evening
Monday Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance at Church

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Tuesday Nov 12th	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
Thursday Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity 9am and 2pm
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 16th	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
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 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.

[Birthday Book wish list](#)

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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