



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	Ludo
Kestrel	Amelie
Sparrowhawk	Jesse
Buzzard	Elsie

Changes to Staffing

Ms Capel is no longer employed at Bury CE Primary. As a result, support staff placement has slightly changed. Mr Gatrell is now based primarily in Sparrowhawks with Ms Rowland supporting in Buzzards. As is always the case, our support staff are used flexibly to best meet needs as they arise and as such, can change on a daily basis.

Mrs Gammon returns from maternity leave today. Mrs Gammon will be based in Kestrels and will be teaching the class with Mrs Seymour. On Friday's INSET, Mrs Gammon and Mrs Seymour will be working together on planning for the rest of the term.

Mrs Barnes will be primarily based in Sparrowhawks. For the next half term, Mrs Barnes will continue to be the class teacher on Fridays and will be teaching with Miss Willett for some mornings.

Mrs Seymour's day working at Slindon will move from Mondays to Fridays from half term.

The teaching arrangements (for a normal week) will look like this:

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Little Owls	Laura Webb	Laura Webb	Laura Webb	PPA Laura Webb	Laura Webb
Kestrels	Rachel Seymour Charlotte Gammon	Rachel Seymour	Rachel Seymour	Rachel Seymour PPA	Charlotte Gammon
Sparrowhawks	Katie Willett	Katie Willett	Katie Willett	Katie Willett PPA	Jo Barnes
Buzzards	Laura Braun	Laura Braun	Laura Braun	PPA Laura Braun	Laura Braun

PPA refers to art and music/computing

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Open Day

Buzzards did an excellent job for our Open Day last week with 17 families shown around the school.

The following dates are for parents to see the work their children have been creating:

Tuesday 22 nd Oct 8:45	Little Owls
Wednesday 23 rd Oct 8:45	Kestrels
Wednesday 23 rd Oct 15:00	Sparrowhawks
Thursday 24 th Oct 8:45	Buzzards

Harvest – Tuesday 22nd 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. **If you would like to join us for Harvest at the church, we will be leaving school at 13:30. Thank you.**

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.

To ensure the children's safety, we are requesting all parents who wish to join us for Harvest do so by walking down to the church with us. We will then all walk back to school, which will reduce the number of vehicles along the narrow lane to the church.

Thank you for the donations already received; please keep these coming so that we can support as many people as possible.

Jewellery

A reminder that and children with pierced ears must only have a simple stud. Specifically for PE, we follow the Association for Physical Education recommendations:

Removal of earrings is best practice.

The teacher has duty of care for the safety of the children.

If earrings are being taped, the teacher must decide if the taping is adequate. Staff are not required to tape earrings.

If taping is not deemed safe, the child will take part in PE on a non-practical level.



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Buzzard Classroom

Following a successful tender process, the school has appointed PH Beck to undertake the new classroom build. We have a meeting with the contractors this week where we will discuss the logistics for the work.

There will undoubtedly be some disruption and changes to normal routines, but the provision of a new, much larger classroom and the positives this brings, will far outweigh the short-term challenges.

We will provide updates regarding the building as we have them.

Chartwells

Please see the attached information from Chartwells re: 'who to contact and website information'.

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:

	Bury Rangers	PE
Monday		
Tuesday	Little Owls, Kestrels	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
Thursday		



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Friday	Buzzards	
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*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 Oct 8 th	Sparrowhawks visit Bignor Roman Villa Postponed until 5th Nov
Tuesday Oct 22 nd	Harvest at Church
Thursday Oct 24 th	Special music event at Champs Hill for Sparrowhawks
Friday 25th October	INSET 2
Monday Nov 4 th	Parents' Evening
Tuesday Nov 5 th	Sparrowhawks visit Bignor Roman Villa
Wednesday Nov 6 th	Parents' Evening
Monday Nov 11 th	Remembrance at Church
Tuesday Nov 12 th	Star Dome in school
Friday Nov 15 th	Children in Need
Thursday Nov 21 st	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday Nov 27 th	SPLASH assembly
Friday Nov 29 th	FOBS Lego Day – parents welcome. Timings to follow
Thursday Dec 12 th	Nativity 9am and 2pm
Monday Dec 16 th	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday Dec 17 th	Singing to the village – children collected from Bury Village Hall
Friday Dec 20 th	14:30 Christingle at Bury Church – children collected from church
Monday 6th Jan	INSET 3
Thursday January 16 th	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday Jan 16 th	Bury Wassail – more to follow
Wednesday Jan 29 th	SPLASH assembly
Monday Feb 24 th	Parents' Evening
Wednesday Feb 26 th	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 20 th	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday April 2 nd	SPLASH Easter assembly – all welcome
Thursday May 8 th	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday May 14 th	SPLASH assembly
Wednesday May 21 st	Sports Morning
Monday June 2 nd	School Photos
Week beginning Monday June 2 nd	Bikeability for Buzzard Class
Friday June 13 th	Sussex Day
Tuesday June 17 th	New Starters Morning for new Little Owls
Wednesday July 2 nd	Transition Day
Friday 4 th July	KS2 Camp – more to follow
Tuesday 8 th July	14:00 KS2 production to parents (children welcome)
Wednesday 9 th July	18:00 KS2 production to parents (Sparrowhawk Parents)
Thursday 10 th July	Full Governing Body Meeting

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Thursday 10 th July	18:00 KS2 Production to Parents (Buzzard Parents)
Friday July 11 th	Diversity Day
Tuesday July 15 th	FOBS Lego Day
Tuesday July 15 th	Reports out
Thursday July 17 th	Leavers' Assembly (Yr 6 parents welcome)
Friday July 18 th	School Walk
Monday 21 st July	INSET 4
Tuesday 22 nd 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 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.

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