



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. The final winners of 23/24 were:

Little Owl	Poppy
Kestrel	Zena
Sparrowhawk	Toby
Buzzard	Marni

Welcome Back

Firstly, a huge thank you from all of the staff for the many gifts and cards from you at the end of last year. I would personally like to thank you for the messages many of you took the time to write in the cards – these are always hugely appreciated.

It was brilliant to see how quickly everyone settled into their classes this morning. Our new Little Owls have very quickly settled in and were all out playing with the whole school at breaktime and lunchtime. The older children did a great job of helping them to settle in.

Lots has been happening throughout summer as various companies have been looking at the space for the new Buzzard Classroom. We will update you all with information about this as soon as we are able.

For the first time in my time here, we are now full in every year group. This is highly unusual for a small school and I would like to express my thanks to all of you who have recommended our school to other families. There is no better recommendation than that of our families.

It was great to see our first children joining the before-school club this morning – they wasted no time in playing with the Lego whilst telling Mrs Maynard all about their holidays.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Burnett to the staff team. Mrs Burnett will primarily be based in Little Owls, but I have no doubt you will see her across the school as happens with all of our staff.

Please see below for diary dates for the year. Please note these are subject to change. More information for specific events will follow.

Communication

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Please ensure any communication regarding absence/illness/injury etc always includes the office@bury.school contact. If you are in any doubt, please send communication to the Office email and Mrs Clark will forward it to the correct person/s.

Bulb Planting for Mrs Everest – 23rd September

As many of you aware, very sadly, one of our parents and ex-pupils, Mrs Everest passed away last year. On September 23rd we will be planting bulbs on the school field to celebrate the life of Mrs Everest. There will be the opportunity for any parent who wishes to plant a bulb to do so on the day. More information will follow. Please note, this information has not been shared with the children yet, I am sharing it with you now so that you are aware of the date.

Naming Items

As always at this time of year, lots of children have new items of clothing, water bottles etc – please ensure these are named. We already had an unnamed jacket found before 9am (luckily, a sibling recognised it).

My Child At School

Can you please check the data we hold in My Child At School is correct. Anything that is inaccurate, please inform Mrs Clark via office@bury.school asap.

Meet The Teachers

In the diary dates at the end of this letter you will see dates and times to meet your child's class teacher. They will provide an overview of what the children are learning and key information about their classes. This information will be available on the school website for those unable to attend.

Visits to Bury Church (St John's)

As part of our Brilliant Bury work, all of the children across school will be learning about Bury Church (St John's) this half term. The children will be visiting the church during school hours – this will not affect lunch times, drop offs or collection. The children will be sharing their learning at our Open Day for prospective parents in October. There will also be time for each class to view their work – dates provided nearer the time.

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:

	Bury Rangers	PE
Monday		
Tuesday	Little Owls	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
Thursday	Kestrels	
Friday	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 2nd September	INSET 1
Tuesday 10 th Sept	8:40 – 9:10 (Buzzards meet the teacher)
Tuesday 10 th Sept	14:45-15:15 (Sparrowhawks meet the teacher)
Thursday 12 th Sept	14:45 – 15:15 (Kestrels meet the teacher)
Thursday 12 th Sept	Full Governing Body meeting
Monday 16 th Sept	Theatre Performance to the school
Monday 23 rd Sept	Bulb planting for Mrs Everest
Wednesday 25 th Sept	SPLASH assembly
Thursday 3 rd Oct	Poet working with Sparrowhawks
Tuesday Oct 8 th	Sparrowhawks visit Bignor Roman Villa
Thursday Oct 17 th	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Tuesday Oct 22 nd	Harvest at Church – more to follow
Thursday Oct 24 th	Special music event at Champs Hill for Sparrowhawks

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Friday 25th October	INSET 2
Monday Nov 4 th	Parents' Evening
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
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
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 21st July	INSET 4
Tuesday 22nd 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,

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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.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher