



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	Johnny
Kestrel	Jack P
Sparrowhawk	Teddy
Buzzard	Connor

Lego Day

A great variety of Nativity and other Christmas themes created for Lego Day. Thank you FOBS for organising the day and thank you to all of the parents who were able to join us. Another thank you for the very kind donations – they will make for some excellent raffle prizes.



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Splash and Fr Tim

Last week we were joined by Splash on Wednesday who led us in an excellent Advent-themed assembly. In addition, on Thursday we were joined by Fr Tim who is supporting us whilst we remain without a local vicar.



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Christmas Lunch

Please get your orders in for Christmas Lunch which is taking place on Monday 16th December. The **deadline for ordering is 5th December**. All bookings and payments to be made through Parentpay in the usual way.

Nativity Performances

This Thursday will see Little Owls and Kestrels sharing their very special version of the Nativity. There are two showings, 9am and 2pm. FOBS will be selling raffle tickets at both shows. There is also a dress rehearsal taking place tomorrow where a couple of our local nurseries will join us.

Building work – running notes (sort of FAQs). These will be updated as needs/questions arise.

Car Parking from 9th December – additional space courtesy of Charlie's Farm Shop in the mornings.

Start of day routine – start of the day remains the same with the gates opening at 8:35, however all children will be coming in through Little Owls garden at the gates opposite the school office.

End of day routine – Kestrels and Little Owls will be leaving via the same gate as the new morning routines. Sparrowhawks and Buzzards will be leaving via the hall doors.

Duration of works – due to complete just after February half term

Building deliveries – informed to not take place around the starts and end of the school day

Disruption to school routines – a small section of the playground will be fenced off as a new soak-away is installed. School staff to monitor impact on playtimes and alter systems as required

What happens in the event of a fire – children's usual entrance/exit point will be unavailable.

Practise fire alarm to take place week commencing 2nd December to undertake new escape routes

A positive addition to the work is that we have been approved additional funding to get the whole playground resurfaced (due to take place in the February half term). It would therefore be fantastic if we could work with FOBS to get new markings on the new playground.

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

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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		
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 Dec 9th	Building work starts
Thursday Dec 12 th (Now Dec 5th)	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
Tuesday Feb 25 th	Author visit for KS2
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

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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 11th	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.

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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