



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	Cosmo
Kestrel	Alice
Sparrowhawk	Erin
Buzzard	Freddie

Building Update

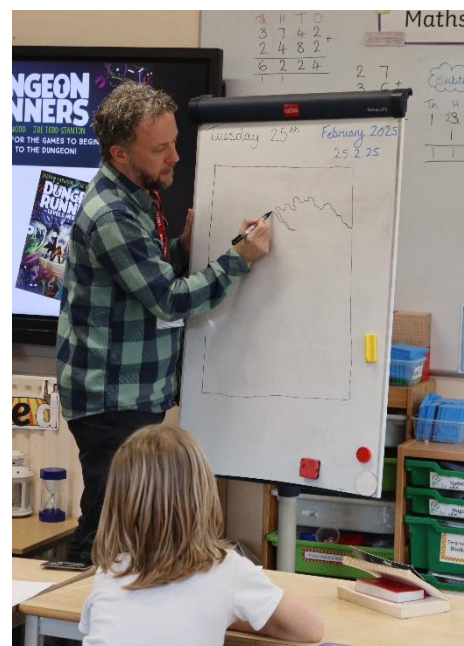
As many of you will have noticed from last week's parents' evenings, work has quickly moved on to some internal redesign. Some much needed storage space has been created in the hall via the addition of a new wall and a redesign of the library area. Over the next few weeks, the old library space will be shelved out in such a way that we will lose very little space and will gain book storage through having our own bespoke sizings.

A new corridor has been built in the art/DT space at the very front of school. Once completed, this will allow for a private space that can be used for small groups, meetings, external visitor sessions etc.

Unfortunately, whilst all of the internal work is taking place, we will have to reduce some of our usual movement around school. As such, there will be no Everybody Read for Kestrels and Little Owls until after Easter.

KS2 Author Visit

The children in KS2 were awestruck when we welcomed Kieran Larwood to Bury last week. Kieran spent an hour with each of our KS2 classes and then another hour answering questions from the whole school. The detail in the questions from KS2 really impressed Kieran – the children demonstrated a superb knowledge of Podkin One-Ear and other books in the series. Kieran also provided some tips for how to get better at writing – quite simply, practise and read as much as possible.



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For more exciting author opportunities, do have a look at the two fliers from Arundel Museum for events taking place this weekend. Use the QR codes below or head to www.arundelmuseum.org for more information



Staffing Updates

Mrs Maynard has decided to reduce her hours and will be finishing her roles as caretaker and cleaner from Easter. She will continue in her before school club and midday meals roles.

We will shortly be advertising for the caretaker and cleaner roles which could be through one person as Mrs Maynard has done for many years, or could be two people. If you think of anyone who might be interested, please do ask them to keep an eye out for the adverts or ask them to get in touch for more information.

Mrs Braun continues to recover from her eye surgery. At this point, we are unsure of an exact return date, but positively, Mrs Barnes has agreed to continue in the role.

Unfortunately, Mrs Gammon will not be returning until later this month and so we have secured Mr McCann (who has covered recently) for the foreseeable Fridays.

Easter Services for the Parish – image below provided by the Church Wardens

Easter Services

Mundy Thursday, 17th April,
St Botolph's, Hardham at 7pm,
led by Canon John Bundock

Good Friday, 18th April
St Giles, Coldwaltham at 12 noon
St Nicholas, Houghton at 2pm
both services led by Fr. Russell Dewhurst

Easter Sunday, 20th April
St Botolph's, Hardham at 9.15am
St John's, Bury at 10.30am
led by Fr. Russell Dewhurst

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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
Monday		
Tuesday	Little Owls, Kestrels Buzzards (until Easter)	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Everyone
Thursday		
Friday	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.

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 June 25 th	Yr 6 Leavers at Chichester Cathedral
Wednesday July 2 nd	Transition Day
Friday 4 th July	KS2 Camp – more to follow

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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 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

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have the right to withdraw that consent.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
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