

Adverse Weather Procedures

During the winter months we may experience adverse weather conditions. School will remain open wherever possible and staff will be expected to attend work as usual. However, where there are adverse road conditions some staff may be late arriving and the start of the school day may be affected. We expect all children to attend school as usual when school is open, even on snowy days.

At the start of the school day: The Headteacher will make a decision based on local conditions as to whether it is safe to open the school. If the school is closed, a message will be posted on the school website as soon as possible. Please check this regularly for further updates. We will use the texting service 'Teachers2Parents' to send all parents a text to inform them of school closure/opening. Please ensure your mobile number is kept up to date.

During the school day: If the weather becomes severe during the day, school may contact parents using the texting service advising them to collect their child early for safety reasons. If parents are delayed due to adverse weather conditions then they should contact the school as soon as possible to give an anticipated arrival time. Children will always continue to be supervised until a parent/carer is able to collect them. Further texts will be sent as required to keep parents up to date.

Please note that DfE policy states that head teachers have to consider all risks, including levels of supervision for children, risks for staff and children of serious injury in school or travelling to school, minor slips and bumps, risks associated with worsening conditions and staff and children being unable to get home etc, against disruption to children's learning.

The council's website www.bury.gov.uk is the single point of reference drawing together the latest and most accurate information on all services affected by snow or severe weather, including school closures.

Thank you for your continued support.



Tesco Bags of Help Thanks

Thank you to everyone that supported our Tesco Bags of Help campaign. We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded £2,000 to spend on outdoor learning as part of the Wide Horizons Project. Watch this space in 2018 for exciting developments.

Children in Need

Thank you for your support. We raised a fantastic £184.

Recent School Activities

Members of the School Council took part in a Cross Phase meeting at Castlebrook High School.

A group of pupils gave a presentation in assembly at East Ward Primary School about Parliament Week, Anti-Bullying Week and Interfaith Week.

A group of Year 5 pupils represented the school at a Maths Day at Hollins Grundy Primary School.

Celebration Assembly Winners

Congratulations to our **Achievement Award Winners:**

Inayah Masood – Reception	Alfie Gill – Y1
Date Sanjuan – Y2	Layla Kemp – Y3
Mahnoor Ayub – Y4	Jack Procter – Y5
Zakir Rashid – Y6	

Well done to **Lunchtime Award Winners:**

Harry Judge - Y1	Imogen Fisher – Y3
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And well done to **B&A Club Award Winner:**

Amy Kennel - Reception



Christmas Fair: Friday 8th December 3.15-5.30pm

We hope you can join us for the Christmas Fair. Each class will have hand-crafted items on sale. If you would like to help out at the fair, please contact the school office. If you or your employer could donate a prize for the Raffle, that would be greatly appreciated.

Vision MAT News Academies Show

The Academies Show took place in Birmingham on 21st November 2018 at the National Exhibition Centre. Each of the Headteachers from Vision Multi Academy Trust, along with the Business Development Manager and the Chair of Trust set off to Birmingham on the early morning train to the conference. The focus of the conference was leadership in a self improving system. There were school leaders at the conference from all over the country who came together to celebrate, find inspiration and discuss the future of education as well as the role they play in enabling all educators and learners to thrive.

Penalty Notice for Unauthorised Absence - Update

If you receive a Penalty Notice for your child's unauthorised absence from school, please note that the local authority are changing the way parents/carers may present their case. **With immediate effect parents will need to write to the local authority, putting forward their case in writing as to why they feel the Penalty Notice should not have been issued to them and provide evidence to support this claim.**

There is no statutory right of appeal once a Penalty Notice has been issued. However, there are some instances when some Penalty Notices do meet the criteria set by the Department for Education for withdrawal. Parents' written contacts will be considered and responded to accordingly.

If you wish to present your case to the local authority in writing, supported by any evidence, please use the following address: **Penalty Notices, School Attendance Team, 3 Knowsley Place, Duke Street, Bury, BL9 0EJ**

PE Kit Reminder

PE is part of the National Curriculum which all children should take part in. Commando Joe's is part of the wider curriculum that we offer our children. Please can we remind parents/carers that children should have their full kit for PE and Commando Joe's sessions every week.

Whitefield Children's Centre Parenting Clinic

Whitefield Children's Centre is holding a weekly Parenting Clinic on Mondays between 1pm-3pm. They offer advice on issues such as potty training, sleep, routines, boundaries, speech & language and behaviour management. Please contact 0161 253 5077 for further information.

Shop for Schools - Can you help?

You can help Sunny Bank Primary whilst you shop at the Millgate Centre in Bury. Until 31st December, for every £1 spent in the Millgate our school could earn one point. All the points collected for participating schools will be added up and the school with the most points per pupil will win £750.

To redeem points for schools, simply visit Customer Services on Minden Parade and show your receipts. We appreciate your support.

Healthy Schools Reminder

Please can we remind parents/carers that as a Healthy School, chocolate bars are not allowed in lunch boxes. We would also encourage you to ask your child to put uneaten items back into their lunch box so you can see which items they are not eating.

Please be mindful that Sunny Bank is also a **nut free school**. We have children with serious nut allergies in our school and so **no nuts or nut products including Nutella** are allowed in school at any time. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6 th December	Whole school visit to the Panto
Thursday 7 th December	Non-Uniform Day – Bottle tombola donations please
Friday 8 th December 9am	Y3 Class Assembly
Friday 8 th December 3.15-5.30pm	Christmas Fair
Thursday 14 th December 9.30am and 2pm	R/Y1/Y2 Nativity performance
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 21 st December	School closes for the holidays at 2.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	School reopens at 8.50am