Buryfields Infant School
Prospectus

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Modern Values

High Standards

Excellence | Respect | Achievement
Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of our staff, governors and children, I warmly welcome you to Buryfields Infant School. Buryfields is a traditional, well-established school with modern values and high standards. Our beautiful original building dates back to the late Victorian period. Newer additions, including the library, hall, four classrooms and a staffroom, along with our extensive grounds, provide a wonderful setting in which to learn.

The school is situated in historic Odiham, Hampshire, where we enjoy close links with the local community including Mayhill Junior School and Robert May’s Secondary School.

At Buryfields, we put the children at the centre of all we do. The governing body, parents, friends of Buryfields and staff work closely together for the benefit of all; we do our utmost to ensure our children are happy, healthy, motivated and enjoy learning in a caring, supportive and safe environment.

Our school is an inclusive community which actively promotes mutual respect based on recognising and rewarding personal success and high standards of behaviour. At Buryfields you will find a strong and positive ethos based on the values of our school motto, ‘Excellence – Respect – Achievement’, which supports every child towards developing a positive self-image through recognition, challenge, praise and affection.

We want all of the children to enjoy their time here and to make excellent progress both academically and personally. A stimulating and broad curriculum is delivered by an experienced staff of highly committed teachers and teaching assistants. Through this, we aim for all children to feel valued and supported as they grow in confidence and independence whilst developing key knowledge and skills alongside a love of learning.

In order to ensure that we offer the best educational experience for our children, we have a long tradition of involving parents and carers in all aspects of school life. By working in close partnership with you, we believe that we offer an enriching and successful start to your child’s school career.

We hope that you find this prospectus interesting, informative and useful. Please see our website http://www.buryfields.hants.sch.uk/ for more information. We welcome visits and feel that it is important for you to meet us and see our school at work.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office for any further information or to arrange a visit.

Mrs. Jacqui Jennings - Headteacher
Our School

Buryfields Infant School is a warm and caring school that has a well established reputation for providing excellence. The school caters for children between the ages of 4 and 7 years old. We pride ourselves on knowing our community personally and believe that this strong, mutual partnership between home and school is the key to realising your child’s potential during their time with us. We have close links with Mayhill Junior School, Robert May’s Secondary School and other settings in the Hart area. In addition, we have a strong connection to RAF Odiham.

The Vision & Values at Buryfields:

At the heart of our school ethos is our vision that touches all aspects of teaching and learning within the school. Our goal is to create an environment where children will develop a lifelong love of learning through an exciting and enjoyable curriculum.

We firmly believe that every child deserves the very best start in life and have high aspirations for all. Our values are expressed through our school culture which promotes ‘Excellence, Respect, Achievement’.

Parent view – ‘We are very lucky to have such a lovely school in the village with such wonderful people running it.’
School Aims:

In support of our vision and values we aim:

- To challenge and motivate each and every child.
- To ensure that the needs of every child are met appropriately.
- To continue to raise standards and achievement levels.

Through our curriculum, we aim to develop our children’s skills and positive attitudes to learning so that we prepare them well for the opportunities, responsibilities and challenges of later life.
Learning at Buryfields

Children at Buryfields Infant School receive a broad, balanced and stimulating curriculum, based on first-hand experiences, which engages them and challenges their learning. We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and National Curriculum for Key Stage One, which covers Years 1 and 2.

Children study a different theme each half term and individual subjects are woven into the theme to create memorable and purposeful learning experiences and ensure robust academic achievement. We encourage children to develop independence and a range of dispositions and attitudes which will support them in becoming lifelong learners. Children’s achievements are recognised and celebrated in class and in our weekly Celebration Assemblies. This encourages self-esteem and creates a climate of aspiration.

Our aim is to educate the whole child ~ intellectually, spiritually, morally, socially, culturally and physically in order that they may become independent, responsible, caring, confident and considerate members of the community.

We strongly believe in equality of opportunity for all and both respect and celebrate each child’s unique qualities. Our goal is for the children to achieve personal excellence in all aspects of school life.

Excellent behaviour is expected at Buryfields and this is reinforced by praise and reward.

Ofsted’s view - The school is led and managed well. The headteacher is an excellent role model, ably supported by a well-informed governing body, and has high expectations of her staff.
A Day at BuryFields

The school day begins at 8.50am. Children enter school through their own classroom doors from 8.40 am to get organised for the day ahead.

All children receive a 15 minute morning playtime between their first and second lessons. In the Early Years we have continuous provision which includes use of the EYFS dedicated outdoor play area. All other classes make use of our outdoor space regularly as part of the school curriculum.

The children have a one hour lunch break during which they have opportunities to use a range of large scale outdoor equipment for climbing, traversing or construction as well as small equipment such as balls and skipping ropes. Our well-trained Lunchtime Supervisory Team supervise and support the children as well as play games with them. We have a Playground Squad, drawn from our Year 2 pupils, who help and support other children as well as Junior Play Leaders from Mayhill Junior School who visit to help the children to join in games and activities during their lunch break.

The afternoon session finishes at 3:05pm for all learners. Children are collected from their classroom exits though many will stay on to join in one of our many and varied after school clubs.

*Ofsted May 2013 commented that children ‘feel valued, safe and well cared for and behave well’. They describe the school as ‘a welcoming, harmonious and calm place’. 
School Meals & Uniform

School Meals:
A freshly cooked school meal which is nutritionally balanced is now available to all infant pupils free of charge. Children can also choose to have a packed lunch from home if they wish, however these need to give children the right fuel for their afternoon learning and be healthy. They must not include sweets or fizzy drinks as we are a Healthy School. The children eat together in the hall, and in the summer months they can enjoy eating a picnic lunch in our school grounds.

Uniform:
Uniform is worn at Buryfields to develop a sense of pride in being a member of the school community.

- Buryfields Infant School blue crewneck sweatshirt or cardigan
  - Grey long trousers or shorts for boys
- Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers for girls (blue and white dress in the summer)
  - White polo shirt, plain or with the school logo
    - Black sensible school shoes
    - Grey socks for boys
  - White socks or grey tights for girls

(Items carrying our logo may be purchased online from our dedicated supplier)
We are able to offer a wide range of activities and clubs during lunchtime and after school. There is a cost for some of the clubs and some are run on a voluntary basis. However, children are expected to make a regular commitment to the activity and attend regularly. Activities have included: Tag Rugby, Yoga, Street Dance, Football, French, Athletics, Sewing, Art, Cookery and Choir.

Children from our Service families are automatically members of our Buryfields Flyers Club which meets regularly to promote friendships and to support children who experience frequent mobility and deployment.
Buryfields has a strong and active Governing Body which supports and challenges the school leadership ensuring that we offer a first-class educational experience for all our pupils. Governors seek the views of parents / carers and prepare an informative annual update on the school’s achievements and goals.

Our wonderful PTA meet regularly to plan and organise a range of fundraising and social events for our families. Funds raised make a significant difference to the range of experiences we are able to offer to the children, for example, theatre visits, audio visual equipment, and funding for exciting grounds projects.
Here is just a taste of the amazing experiences we have at school.
What the children say....

- When I play outside I love it because I play with my friends and because it's easy to make new friends here. (Kieron age 5)
- Our school has everything you need. We do lots of art and have exciting visitors. (Ella age 6)
- The teachers are so good at teaching us and they're always kind to us. (Lydia age 7)
How to find us

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