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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to last weeks' STARS (Success, Teamwork, Aspiration, Resilience, Respect and Responsibility) of the week from each class. The class teacher chooses one child each week who has demonstrated one or more of our core values. Last week's winners were:

Little Owl	Savannah
Kestrel	Ivy
Sparrowhawk	Oscar
Buzzard	Harry

Strike Action

I am sure the majority of you will have now read/heard about the potential strike action for schools in England. **Please note there are different votes for other UK countries.**

Wednesday February 1: all eligible members in England

Thursday March 2: London, south east and south west regions

Wednesday March 15: all eligible members in England

Thursday March 16: all eligible members in England

At present, the strikes only affect teaching staff and only those who belong to the NEU. Staff do not have to tell me if they intend to strike, this is their decision to make and they can save that decision until the day of the announced strikes (all listed above). Teaching staff are permitted to change union membership. The NEU have announced an increase in membership of 10,000 since the ballot results were announced. The other major unions (NASUWT and NAHT) are currently looking into re-balloting members as they believe the postal strikes significantly affected their return of papers.

As it stands, we will remain open to all children on the strike days. If this changes, you will be notified as soon as is possible, but it is important to stress that this could be as late as the morning of the strikes. You will be contacted via the usual communication channels **if required**.

I would urge you to make contingencies as, as stated, teacher's individual membership of specific unions can change as can their choice as to whether to strike or not.



Lego

FOBS would like to say thank you for all of your wonderful fundraising efforts of the autumn term by providing the children with a special Lego experience day. Each class will spend an hour working on some special challenges with 'Brilliant Bricks' on February 3rd.

Parents are very welcome to join their children in the building process. The timings for each class are as follows:

Bury School Lego Workshop

Friday, 3rd February

9am – 10am

Reception, Year 5 and Year 6 – 25 children (Little Owls and Buzzards)

Fiendish Fables

10:30-11:30am

Year 1 and Year 2 – 26 children (Kestrels)

Marvellous Minibeasts

2pm – 3pm

Year 3 and Year 4 – 23 children (Sparrowhawks)

Monster Mayhem

SPLASH

Unfortunately, we will be unable to welcome parents to our SPLASH assembly on Wednesday this week.

INSET

Don't forget, this Friday is our final INSET day of the year and school is therefore closed to the children.



Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn. The exception can be found on the NHS website [here](#).

PE and Bury Rangers from September 2022

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. Those days are as follows*:

	Bury Rangers	PE
Monday		Buzzards Buzzards and Sparrowhawks will have an additional football session throughout the spring term
Tuesday	Kestrels	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Little Owls
Thursday	Little Owls	Kestrels
Friday	Buzzards	Sparrowhawks

*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. Unfortunately, much of what we had planned for this term is currently under review. As we are able to confirm additional things we will let you know.

Please keep checking these dates and times as I will update them every week.

Monday 9 th January	Football coaching for Buzzards and Sparrowhawks starts
Wednesday 25 th January	SPLASH Assembly

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Friday 27 th January	INSET
Monday 6 th February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 th February	Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 nd March	Author Visit - AF Harold
Wednesday 15 th March	SPLASH Assembly
Tuesday 21 st March	Full Governing Body meeting
Thursday 30 th March	Sparrowhawks' Easter Production 9:30 and 14:00
Week beginning 17 th April	Buzzard Class Bikeability
Wednesday 26 th April	Fr Peter – final assembly
Week beginning 8 th May	Yr 6 SATs week
Monday 22 nd May	Sports' Morning
Week beginning 12 th June	Phonics Check week for children in Yrs 1 and 2
Tuesday 4 th July	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition Day (Yr 6 to new schools)
Tuesday 11 th July	Buzzard Class production 14:00 and 18:00
Thursday 13 th July	Diversity Awareness Day
Monday 20 th November	Artist working with whole school
Tuesday 21 st November	Artist working with Buzzards

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 have the right to withdraw that consent.

Thank you for your continued support.

Thomas Moore,
Headteacher