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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to last week's 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:

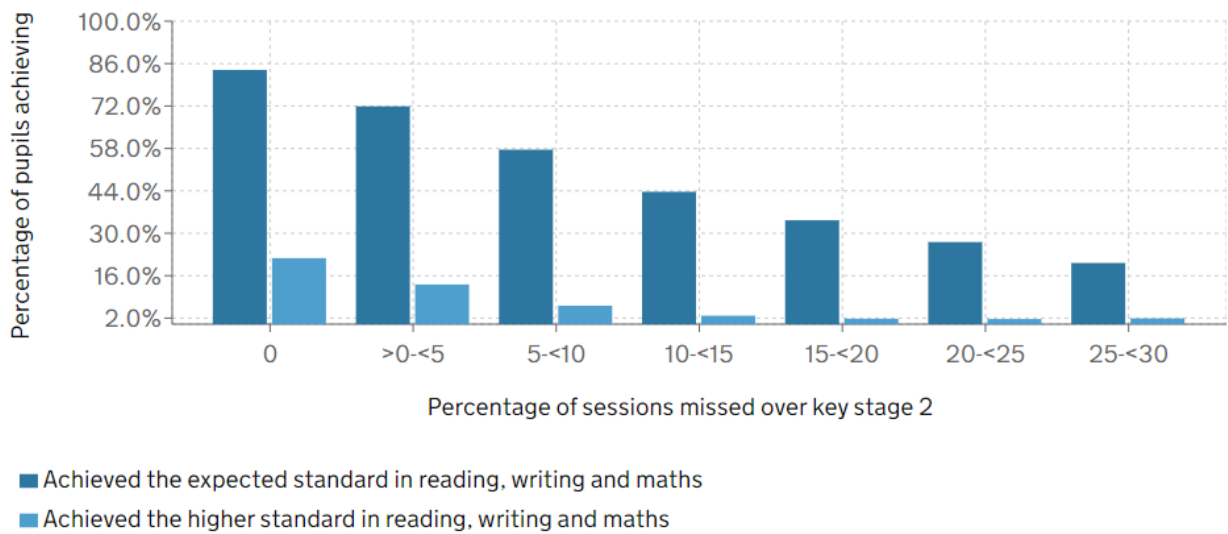
Kestrel	Zena and Teddy
Sparrowhawk	Silva and Arthur
Buzzard	Bella and Daisy

Last week the government published 'The Link Between Absence and Attainment at the end of Key Stage 2 (Yr 6)'. Covid has significantly hit our own whole-school attendance this year, which, through no fault of their own, means attendance at school is even more important for those children who were most affected in terms of meeting the government expectations for secondary readiness. The following are the key headlines for children at Key Stage 2.

- Pupils with higher attainment at KS2 and KS4 had lower levels of absence over the key stage compared to those with lower attainment.
- Pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths in 2019 had an overall absence rate of 4.7% over the key stage, compared with 3.5% among pupils who achieved the expected standard and 2.7% among those who achieved the higher standard.
- Generally, the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the key stage at KS2 and KS4, the lower the level of attainment at the end of the key stage.
- Among pupils with no missed sessions over KS2, 83.9% achieved the expected standard compared to 40.2% of pupils who were persistently absent.



Figure 2: Overall attainment in reading, writing and maths at the end of KS2 by percentage of sessions missed over KS2



The correlation between attendance and attainment is quite clear at a national level. The data used was taken from pre-pandemic information.

National Assessments

KS2 assessments (SATs) take place this week for Yr 6 – please ensure you arrive on school at time so that these can be started promptly. Monday and Tuesday is writing and reading, Wednesday and Thursday is Maths

Save the Date - Saturday 2nd July

FOBS are busy working behind the scenes to hold a fete on Saturday 2nd July. After two years without them, this will be a chance to bring everyone back together and hopefully raise some funds in the process.

More to follow from FOBS.

Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn.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

PE and Bury Rangers

One positive from last year has been coming into school in PE kit throughout the last year and

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half has really helped with ensuring the children get more time being active and less time changing – it has also helped with children not forgetting kit. **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.

We will therefore be continuing with attending school in PE kit or Bury Rangers clothes for the relevant days. Those days are as follows*:

	Bury Rangers	PE
Monday	Kestrels	Buzzards
Tuesday	Buzzards	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Kestrels
Thursday		
Friday		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 May – 13 th May	SATs Week for KS2
Tuesday 17 th May	Buzzard Trip to Amberley with local historian
Friday 20 th May	Buzzards visit to Moncrieff-Bray Gallery followed by working with an artist back at school
Wednesday 25 th May	Little Lifesavers teaching Buzzards emergency first aid
Thursday 26 th May	Jubilee Day
Monday 6 th June	School Photos
Thursday 9 th June	Yr 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Dorset House begin (more to follow)
Monday 13 th June	Sports Morning
Thursday 16 th June	Sussex Day – Folk Festival (more to follow)
Monday 27 th June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral
Saturday 2 nd July	School Fete
Thursday 7 th July	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 21 st July	INSET
Friday 22 nd July	Additional Holiday in lieu of Queen's Anniversary



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,
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