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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had an excellent Bank Holiday and INSET day.

At school yesterday, the teachers were looking at ways to support our new families from Ukraine whilst updating our core texts for the curriculum. We would like to say a huge thank you for the way you as parents have offered support to our new families already. I cannot begin to imagine how difficult it must be for our new families, leaving at incredibly short notice under immense pressure and challenges. Thank you for helping them feel welcome.

We are adding some of the resources we are using with our new families to the website <u>here</u>. Please have a look at them if you would like to learn any key words or phrases with your children.

As a reminder, the entire curriculum planning for all year groups is available on the website for you. All of the resources are there so that you can further support your child at home beyond reading and maths practice. The documents are updated regularly and changed as they are reviewed, but the current ones are always available to you here.

### Toilet/Building Work Update

The new toilet facilities are now up and running for the children. A school is recommended to provide one toilet per 20 children – we now have 8 toilets for the children to use. Below are the new toilets at the rear of the school.



Westburton Lane, Bury, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1HB







## Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evenings last week. If you have not yet made an appointment, please contact the class teachers via their class emails to book in a mutually convenient slot. The updated reports will be shared with you by the end of next week.

#### National Assessments

May is the time when the majority of National Assessments take place. These are the first that have happened since 2019 and will be taking place for various year groups over the next few weeks.

- KS2 assessments (SATs) take place next 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
- KS1 assessments (Yr 2) will happen throughout the month
- Yr 4 will be undertaking a multiplication check towards the end of the month
- The Phonics Check for Yr 1 and Yr 2 takes place immediately after half term

## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Jubilee Day

Celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee take place in half term. We will therefore be celebrating with the children on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May. We will be planting some of the trees that the children started growing with Mr Gatrell a couple of years ago. The original reason for growing the trees came from an idea from one of Bury's villagers, Chris Briggs. Sadly, Chris passed away recently and whilst he may not be here to see the planting come to fruition, it seems fitting to plant many of these trees this year as both a celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, but also as a celebration of Chris's life. The children are invited to wear red, white or blue, or indeed their own national colours as a celebration. More to follow.

#### Jewellery

Please remember only simple gold/silver stud earrings are permitted in school and the children must be able to remove these themselves as required for specific lessons.

Recently, the governing body reviewed the uniform policy and the decision was taken to not permit smart watches to be worn by children in school. The reviewed policy can be found on our Website here.





#### Covid Guidance

Most Covid guidance has now been withdrawn. The exception can be found on the NHS website <a href="here">here</a>.

## PE and Bury Rangers

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

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Artist working with Sparrowhawks all day
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – 13 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week for KS2
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Buzzard Trip to Amberley with local historian
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Buzzards visit to Moncrieff-Bray Gallery followed by working with an artist back at school
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Little Lifesavers teaching Buzzards emergency first aid
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Jubilee Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photos
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Dorset House begin (more to follow)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Morning
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Sussex Day – Folk Festival (more to follow)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <a href="https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/">https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/</a>. 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