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Dear Parents/Carers,

Congratulations to last weeks' stars 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	Amos
Kestrel	Bruno
Sparrowhawk	Belle
Buzzard	Vova

Strike Days

Thank you all for your understanding with the strike days. The National Education Union has agreed not to announce any further strikes for the next two weeks whilst they engage in dialogue with the government. I will update you as and when any additional information is received.

Grounds Maintenance Day and Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March

If you have not done so already, the link for donating your £1 can be found here: [Just Giving Link](#)

It was brilliant to see so many parents at different times throughout the day, thank you. The children from Buzzards and Kestrels also managed to do a huge litter-pick of the car park, field and a stretch of the verge outside school. Please help us to keep on top of this by taking your litter home with you.



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



Pre-loved uniform

Uniform will be available at the end of the day today from the school hall.

Bury Players

Last week we received a visit from the final members of Bury Players, an amateur dramatic group who unfortunately had to wind up recently due to lack of members. The group decided that they would like a proportion of their final monies to go towards our school. Whilst disappointed the group have had to disband, we are of course incredibly grateful for this kind gesture, and following a conversation with Mrs Seymour, we are going to use the funds to set up a theatre visit for all of the children at no cost to parents.

Lambing Live

Next week, we have the excitement of a visit to Lambing Live at the Tupper's Farm. All of the children will get to go at different times during the day. We are being collected from school, taken on the tour and then returned to school all within the space of approximately 75mins. A huge thank you to the Tuppers for kindly providing this opportunity.





Easter Prayer Tree

Following FOBS' excellent grounds maintenance on Friday, we have been able to take some of the willow and create a frame for an Easter Prayer Tree.

Today, your children have come home with a piece of card containing an outline of an egg, a cross and a butterfly. The children are encouraged to choose one (or more) of the templates, write a prayer and decorate it before bringing it back into school to be added to our tree. Hopefully, by Fr Peter's last visit of the term (Wed 29th March) we will have a tree decorated in the children's prayers.

The children can return them as soon as they are complete. Please remind them to write their name on the reverse of the template. The templates are quite small and may need a parent to write the prayer for the child. Alternatively, please use the reverse of the card to create your own with your child.

PE

From half term, the PE sessions with 1:1 Coaching will run slightly differently. In order to provide the opportunity for all of the children to join in, there will be some weeks where the PE session will be with your child's class teacher and others where it will be with 1:1 Coaching. This will provide the opportunity for all children to get to know the coaches before Sports Morning.

Fr Peter

As many of you will be aware, Fr Peter is retiring in a couple of months. We will be having a special final assembly for him on Wednesday 26th April. Knowing that many parents will also want to wish him well and that we will be unable to fit everyone in the hall, we will be holding a secret (from Fr Peter) bonus tea and cake event after school on the same day. Please collect your children as normal at the end of the day and then make your way to the outdoor classroom where cake and a drink will be served.

If you are able to provide cake etc for the event, please contact fobs@bury.school. If you would like to give a donation to Fr Peter's leaving gift, please send money to the office in an envelope marked 'Fr Peter - gift'.

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 Sparrowhawks
Tuesday	Kestrels	
Wednesday	Sparrowhawks	Little Owls
Thursday	Little Owls	Kestrels
Friday	Buzzards	

*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.

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

Tuesday 21 st March	Full Governing Body meeting
Monday 27 th March	Lambing Live At Bignor
Thursday 30 th March	Sparrowhawks' Easter Production 9:30 and 14:00 (all welcome – we have invited villagers to the 9:30 showing)
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 8 th May	Additional Bank Holiday for King's coronation
Wednesday 10 th May	SPLASH Assembly
Monday 22 nd May	Sports' Morning
Monday 5 th June	School Photos
Wednesday 7 th June	Sparrowhawks at Weald and Downland
Week beginning 12 th June	Phonics Check week for children in Yrs 1 and 2
Friday 16 th June	Sussex Day
Monday 26 th June	Yr 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester
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
Friday 21 st July	Leavers' Assembly – Y6 families invited
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