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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back.

We hope you have all had a brilliant summer holiday. It has been brilliant to see how quickly the children have all settled back into their new classes. Little Owls have settled in superbly already and have been busy exploring their brand new classroom with all of its new resources. Miss Webb has done a superb job getting it ready throughout the summer.

Kestrel Class has also had a little makeover with mezzanine area turned into a writing den and reading area. Over the summer an electrician has installed new lighting to the lower half so that it is a better level of brightness for the children. We also ordered some new desks as we predicted some of our Year 2 children would be getting that little bit taller. Unfortunately, the delivery of the desks have been held up slightly, but they should be here in the next few weeks.

A change in staff support means Sparrowhawks now have Ms Capel supporting the class for the majority of the time. They also have Mrs Cork providing additional intervention support on Mondays.

The changes do not stop there with Buzzard Class also benefitting from a visit from the electrician. The board in their room has changed locations and has made the room feel significantly larger.

Over the summer we had applications for some of the last spaces we have in school. Over the next couple of weeks these places will be filled as people move in to the wider area. Once these places are taken, as it stands, it will leave us with space only in Yr 5.

### Sticks

Prior to Covid, each new starter brought a stick from somewhere special to them and this was then added to our cross in the entrance hall. With restrictions now largely lifted, could everyone in Kestrels, Little Owls and any other new starters over the last couple of years please bring a stick from somewhere special to them by next Monday. We will then collect these together and add them to our entrance cross.

### Coats/Uniform

Please ensure your child has their coat with them - we go outside in the majority of weathers.

It was great to see the children returning with named water bottles. The reception children were

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also very proud of their new bags with their names on.

Please ensure all jumpers etc are named.

**Parent Feedback (the survey is anonymous – please add your name if you are happy to be contacted)**

As with last year, we would very much appreciate your feedback by completing [this short survey](#)

I shared this link at the end of last term. Unfortunately, we have only had 5 forms completed which makes it incredibly difficult to look for patterns in the responses. If you can spare a few minutes to complete the form it would be really helpful as we look at ways to further improve the school.

At the end of last year, our sporting achievements were recognised with the School Games Mark – **Gold Award**. Not resting on her laurels, Mrs Gammon has been busy overhauling the PE curriculum over the last few weeks of term so that we have an even better offer for the new year. Many of you may not know this, but Mrs Gammon is a former England international hockey player at under 18 level – we would therefore be mad not to tap into this expertise and so hockey will be seeing a higher profile on our invasion games taught.

Please see the following from Mrs Gammon:

From September children in Buzzard and Sparrowhawk class will be learning how to play hockey. All KS2 children will be taught how to play Quicksticks.

‘Quicksticks is designed to introduce young people to the game of hockey. It is 4-a-side, can be played on any surface, and uses a larger, lighter and safer ball. It is a fun, fast, safe and exciting game.’

It is strongly advised that participating children wear protective clothing/equipment. Therefore, all KS2 children will be required to have a mouth-guard and shin pads in order for them to participate. Mouth-guards can be bought fairly cheaply from local sports shops or online retailers. Ideally mouth-guards should be kept in trays during the term that hockey is being taught. We have a limited supply of spare shin pads, however we cannot provide spare mouth-guards. Children will not be able to participate without the correct safety equipment.

Quicksticks will be taught from Year 3 until Year 6 and therefore this equipment will be needed every year.

With football also needing shin pads, they are sure to get a lot of use. As many of you will know, we also play a lot of Tag Rugby. Although Tag Rugby is non-contact, the use of a gum shield (mouth-guard) is optional in case of accidental collisions. Sparrowhawks and Buzzards will need both from September.

## Covid Guidance

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

## After School Provision

With more of your children signed up to the after-school provision this term, we will shortly be advertising for an additional person to support Ms Rowland. If you know someone who might be interested in this, please let them know. More details will follow.

## Before School Provision

As new cohorts of children and families join us, the needs of those families also change. With this in mind, we will shortly be seeking feedback as to whether there is a 'Before School Provision' needed.

## 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
<b>Monday</b>		Buzzards
<b>Tuesday</b>	Buzzards	Kestrels
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sparrowhawks	Little Owls
<b>Thursday</b>	Little Owls	
<b>Friday</b>	Kestrels	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

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you know.

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

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Full Governing Body
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Drama Workshops for: Little Owls, Kestrels and Sparrowhawks
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Interfaith Morning for Buzzards at Easebourne – see Buzzard Class letter
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Yr 6 Experience Day at MRC
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	SPLASH assembly – all welcome 14:45 in hall
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Assembly – led by Sparrowhawks Whole School (Sparrowhawks will be leading an Easter Production)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day for Prospective Parents
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	SPLASH assembly
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Little Owls and Kestrel Class Nativity 9:30 and 14:00
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	INSET
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	SPLASH Assembly
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	SPLASH Assembly
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Full Governing Body meeting
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Sparrowhawks' Easter Production 9:30 and 14:00
Week beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Buzzard Class Bikeability
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Fr Peter – final assembly
Week beginning 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 6 SATs week
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Sports' Morning
Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Check week for children in Yrs 1 and 2
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Full Governing Body meeting
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day (Yr 6 to new schools)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Buzzard Class production 14:00 and 18:00
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Diversity Awareness Day
TBC	Final INSET

## 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 –

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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